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Commissioners Present:

Gladys Brown Dutrieuille, Chairman
Stephen M. DeFrank, Vice Chairman
Ralph V. Yanora
Kathryn L. Zerfuss, Statement
John F. Coleman, Jr.

Initiative to Review and Revise the Existing Low-
Income Usage Reduction Program (LIURP) Regulations
at 52 Pa. Code §§ 58.1—58.18

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ERRATA NOTICE

A Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Order (NOPR), consisting of a Preamble and an Annex, was entered on May 18, 2023, in the above-captioned proceeding. This Errata Notice is to advise all parties of record that the Public Utility Commission (PUC) is making three edits to the NOPR Annex as follows:

On page 3 of the Annex, in § 58.2. Definitions: The extraneous “to” will be deleted from the proposed definition of “dwelling.”

On page 18 of the Annex, in § 58.14(a)(3). Program measure installation: The formatting will reflect underlining and bolding to show the proposed changes.

On page 21 of the Annex, in § 58.14c(c). Inter-utility coordination: “LIURP measures” will be changed to “program measures.”

Accordingly, pages 3, 18, and 21 of the May 18, 2023 NOPR Annex at this docket will be replaced by:

Dwelling—A structure being supplied with residential utility service such as a house, apartment, mobile home or single meter multiunit under 52 Pa. Code § 56.2 (relating definitions).

EDC—Electric distribution company—A public utility providing jurisdictional electric distribution service as defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 2803 (relating to definitions). This term is synonymous with electric distribution utility (EDU), as defined in 66 Pa.C.S. § 1403.

ESP—Energy service provider—An organization, contractor, subcontractor, or public utility representative responsible for providing program services on behalf of a public utility.

Eligible customer—A [low income or special needs customer who is a residential space heating customer, or a residential water heating customer, or a residential high use electric baseload customer of a covered utility] space-heating, water-heating, or electric baseload low-income or special needs residential customer who meets the usage threshold and other criteria for a public utility’s LIURP, as specified in its USECP.

Energy [survey] audit—[An onsite inspection of a residential building for the purpose of determining the most appropriate usage reduction measures.] An initial assessment of a dwelling performed by an ESP to determine the energy usage and appropriate program services.

Energy conservation education—A presentation, workshop, training or instruction in which energy conservation objectives and techniques are explained or presented to a group or an individual.

FPIG—Federal Poverty Income Guidelines—The income levels published annually in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services. This term is synonymous with “federal poverty level.”

Hardship Fund—A universal service program, as approved by the Commission, that provides cash assistance to help eligible customers pay public utility debt, restore public utility service or stop a termination of public utility service.

Health and safety measure—A program measure or repair necessary to maintain and protect the physical well-being and comfort of an occupant of a dwelling or an ESP, or both.

(ii) Installation, repair, or replacement of water heater insulation and pipe insulation.

(iii) Installation of devices reducing the flow of hot water in showers, faucets or other equipment.

(3) For residential baseload customers, applicable program measures may include lighting efficiency modifications, refrigeration replacements or efficiency improvements, **repairing or replacing water heaters which do not provide primary heating for the dwelling**, air conditioner **installations or** replacements or efficiency improvements and other major appliance replacements, retrofits or efficiency improvements.

(b) [*Quality control.* A covered utility shall establish effective quality control guidelines and procedures for the installation of program measures. When a contractor is utilized, the covered utility shall schedule post-installation inspections and require a warranty covering workmanship.] **(Reserved).**

(c) [*Inter-utility coordination.* Customers of covered gas utilities and covered electric utilities shall have coordinated provision of comprehensive program services.

(1) When providing program services a covered gas utility shall address usage of electricity provided by a covered utility through the provision of electric usage reduction education, the installation of efficient lightbulbs, where appropriate, the installation of electric water heater and hot water pipe insulation where the equipment is in unheated areas and the installation of devices to reduce the flow of hot water in showers and faucets.

(2) When providing program services, a covered electric utility shall address usage of gas provided by a covered utility through the provision of gas usage reduction education, the installation of gas water heater and hot water pipe insulation where the equipment is in unheated areas and the installation of devices to reduce the flow of hot water in showers and faucets.

(3) Covered electric utilities should arrange for the bulk purchase of efficient lightbulbs at their own expense and the distribution of the lightbulbs to covered gas utilities or the gas utilities' program contractors that are providing program services in the electric utility service territory.

(4) A covered utility may choose to absorb in its program budget the labor and materials cost for the water heating treatments they provide under this section. An electric utility choosing not to absorb the costs may choose to bill the covered gas

(d) A public utility may prioritize contracting with CBOs that meet its ESP qualifications.

§ 58.14c. Inter-utility coordination.

(a) A public utility shall pursue coordination of its program-related services, trainings, outreach and resources with other public utilities LIURPs and with other energy assistance programs.

(b) Coordinated program services may include an energy audit and post-installation inspection.

(c) Inter-utility billing arrangements must be stated in a contract between coordinating public utilities. The contract must specify costs to be covered and program measures to be installed under this section. A public utility may choose to absorb in its LIURP budget the labor and materials cost for the coordinated program measures it provides.

(d) Costs associated with inter-utility trainings and coordinated trainings or outreach may not exceed 1% of the public utility's total LIURP budget, annually.

§ 58.15. [Program] LIURP reporting and evaluation.

[A covered utility shall be responsible for the ongoing evaluation of its program. Evaluation shall include establishing procedures for monitoring program results and evaluating program effectiveness. Procedures shall include the following:

- (1) Compiling statistical data concerning:**
 - (i) The number of homes weatherized.**
 - (ii) The itemized cost of conservation measures installed.**
 - (iii) The total cost per home in terms of materials and labor.**
 - (iv) The types of housing structures weatherized**
 - (v) Energy consumption.**
 - (vi) Program recipient demographics.**
 - (vii) Program recipient utility bills and account balances.**
 - (viii) Program recipient utility payments.**
- (2) Evaluating the energy savings and load management impacts of program services; changes in customer bills, payment behavior and account**