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MEMORANDUM

To: State of Vermont Joint Fiscal Committee
From: Richard Moffi, Fuel Assistance Program Chief
Subject: LIHEAP Seasonal Fuel Assistance Projections for FFY2012
Date: November 8, 2011

LIHEAP Funding Proposals and Average Full Season SF Benefit

Table with 4 columns: Budget Type, National Funding, Vermont Funding, and Avg. Benefit. Rows include Obama Budget, House Budget, Senate Budget, and VT Wx Loan.

“What If” ... Additional Block Grant Funding

If House Budget: Return \$2.5 million to Wx Trust Fund, Issue Fuel Liability Bonus Benefit of \$220, Total Benefit = \$694
If Senate Budget: Return \$2.5 million to Wx Trust Fund, Issue Fuel Liability Bonus Benefit of \$276, Total Benefit = \$750

Economic Services Division Fuel Application Processing

Applications and Eligibility. From early July to close-of-business November 1, 2011:
ESD had received 39,498 applications (now receiving about 900 per week)
Processed 36,870 (93%) (now processing over 1,100 per week)
Eligible 31,234 (85%)
Denied 5,636 (15%)
Pending 2,628

November Benefit Issuance

The Fuel Office will issue benefits to fuel suppliers Tuesday night November 15. An estimated 21,000+ households will receive a benefit in that run. Client lists are mailed to dealers Wed Nov 16 and benefit letters are mailed to the clients two days later.

11/8/2011

R.Moffi ESD Fuel Office
November 7, 2011

Representative Heath Asked: *How much is needed under the various Washington budget scenarios to get the average benefit to last year's amount of \$866?*

Obama Budget - need \$11.7 million

House Budget - need \$4.0 million

Senate Budget - need \$2.7 million

Follow-Up Question by Fuel Chief Moffi: *How much is needed to equal the "purchasing power" of last year's average benefit?*

\$866 average benefit in the winter of 2010-2011 purchased 262 gallons
Average winter price per gallon was \$3.30 after 5 cent discount

\$1,022 average benefit for the winter of 2011-2012 to purchase 262 gallons
Average winter price per gallon projected at \$3.90 after 10 cent discount

Obama Budget - need \$14.9 million

House Budget - need \$7.8 million

Senate Budget - need \$6.4 million