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**Division of Family and Children
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Linda Hill, Acting Director
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Washington, D.C. 20447

Dear Ms. Hill:

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Division of Family and Children (DFC), requests that the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services award Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Dollars (\$9,900) per year from each of the State of Indiana's federal fiscal years 2002 through 2005, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) allotment under Section 2604(a) of the Low Income Energy Assistance Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 8623(a)), to provide LIHEAP assistance to eligible households in which one or more adults are members of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians (Pokagon Band), in the Indiana Counties of LaPorte, St. Joseph, Elkhart, Starke, Marshall, and Kosciusko.

DFC acknowledges that should the Pokagon Band have insufficient LIHEAP or related funds to serve its eligible households in the specified counties, DFC shall serve, to the extent possible, under DFC's eligibility guidelines and service policies, eligible Pokagon Band households unable to be served by the Pokagon Band through its LIHEAP funding.

DFC believes that by agreeing to the award of LIHEAP funds in this manner, both the State of Indiana and the Pokagon Band will benefit. To contract directly with the tribe would require a lengthy contract process and inclusion of additional contract provisions required by state law.

Should you have any questions concerning this correspondence or anything related to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Tom Scott, Energy Program Specialist, at (317) 232-7015.

Sincerely,

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Division of Family and Children

