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Mr. Nick St. Angelo, LIHEAP Director Division of Energy Assistance Office of Community Services/ACF/HHS 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW Washington, D.C. 20447

Dear Mr. St. Angelo,

This letter concerns LIHEAP funding for Oklahoma tribes for FFY 2010 and until further notice. In addition to tribes already receiving LIHEAP grants, the Delaware Tribe of Indians and Ft. Sill Apache Tribe have requested LIHEAP grants effective FFY10. The agreement as outline below will be effective until further notice.

(1) Re: Delaware Tribe of Indians

It is acceptable to the State of Oklahoma for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to deduct the direct LIHEAP allotment of the Delaware Tribe of Indians from the LIHEAP allotment for the State of Oklahoma.

It is acceptable to the State of Oklahoma if HHS uses the estimate of 326 LIHEAP eligible households. This estimate is based on the tribe's previous participation in LIHEAP.

(2) Re: Ft. Sill Apache Tribe

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It is acceptable to the State of Oklahoma for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to deduct the direct LIHEAP allotment of the Ft. Sill Apache Tribe from the LIHEAP allotment for the State of Oklahoma.

It is acceptable to the State of Oklahoma if HHS uses the estimate of 40 LIHEAP eligible households. This estimate is based on the tribe's previous participation in LIHEAP.

(3) Re: all direct tribal LIHEAP grantees in Oklahoma

Regular tribal LIHEAP allotments that are under \$4,000 when calculated using designated formula should be increased to \$4,000 in order to allow for increases in LIHEAP eligible households in the service populations of these smaller tribes.

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Sincerely,

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Mary Stalnaker, Division Administrator Family Support Services Division