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Ms. Janet M Fox, Director
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370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20447

Dear Ms. Fox:

This letter concerns Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIEHEAP) funding for Oklahoma tribes for FY 1999 and until further notice.

(1) Re the Miami Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma:

It is acceptable to the State of Oklahoma if the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) deducts (offsets) the direct LIHEAP allotment of the Miami Tribe of Indians from the LIHEAP allotment of the State of Oklahoma.

It is acceptable to the State of Oklahoma if HHS uses the estimate of 100 LIHEAP eligible Miami Tribe households, in a Miami tribal LIHEAP service area of Ottawa and Craig counties, when calculating the Miami Tribe's LIHEAP allotment for FY 1999 and until a different number is adopted following future consultation among HHS, the tribe, and the State.

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## (2) Re all direct tribal LIHEAP grantees in Oklahoma:

In cases where Oklahoma tribes have not submitted applications for direct federal LIHEAP funding for a fiscal year by September 1 preceding the start of the fiscal year, the State of Oklahoma concurs with acceptance of these tribes' applications if the Office of Community Service receives the applications by the first working day of December of the fiscal year.

Regular tribal LIHEAP allotments that are under \$3,000, when calculated as requested in my correspondence to you of December 1993, should be increased to \$3,000 in order to allow for increases in LIHEAP-eligible households in the service populations of these small tribes.

Sincerely,

Raymond Haddock, Division Administrator Family Support Services division

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