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Mr. David Danner, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P.O. Box 47250 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW Olympia, WA 98504-7250

RE: Low-income Conservation Program Inquiry, Docket U-101973

Dear Mr. Danner:

The NW Energy Coalition appreciates and supports the Commission's intent to initiate a broader review of electric utility expenditures on and achievement of low-income conservation programs. We do not have direct access to the specific data requested in the Commission's December 21, 2010 Notice of Opportunity to File Response to Information Request. We do, however, plan on participating in the workshop on February 1, and we would appreciate continuing to receive information about this inquiry.

We look forward to working with the Commission, the investor-owned utilities, The Energy Project, and other stakeholders to examine issues related to funding and implementation of low-income energy conservation programs. In particular, we are interested in addressing barriers to conservation achievement, and seeking opportunities for consistency among the utilities in their low-income programs.

Sincerely,

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