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Dear Commissioner Danner:

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I am writing this letter as President of Association of Manufactured Home Owners (AMHO). AMHO is a not-for-profit (IRS section 501(c)(3)) corporation. Our stated purpose is to promote, represent, preserve and enhance the rights and interests of manufactured home owners in the state of Washington through communication, education, negotiation and perpetuation of our communities.

We attended the UTC January BCP Open Meetings to hear updates on how the utilities were addressing the goals set forth in the 7th Plan (to improve delivery of conservation services to the manufactured home customer). None of the utility plans appeared to address this disadvantaged customer or address the Council goals to better address this customer. We were encouraged by your inquiry of PSE at this meeting and asking what could be done this year for the low-income customer in a manufactured home.

Our association represents all manufactured homeowners in Washington State, not just those who qualify as low income. We have reviewed the proposal made by UCONS for a program focused on low-income customers in manufactured home parks and support it. Many of those who live in manufactured homes are elderly on fixed income, veterans, the working poor and single folks. Many have difficulties paying high utility bills. We appreciate the efforts that are being made to reduce these costs by UCONS and the NW Power Planning Council to address the plight of many of our members.

We are pleased to support UCONS effort to propose positive suggestions and hope you will support their efforts as well. I believe we must help our residents to receive conservation programs that will truly help reduce costs in our older manufactured homes. Please let us know if we can be of support in helping reach people in our manufactured home parks and communities.

Sincerely yours

Don M. Carlson

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