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Policies & Procedures

WAP updates 200% of Federal Poverty Income Eligibility Guidelines

The US Department of Energy has released updated income limits for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) household income eligibility determination. The income limits have increased for all household sizes and are in effect immediately.

Eligibility guidelines have been updated in eHEAT and are posted on the [WAP section of the Department of Commerce's website](#). All versions of the *Instructions for completing 2015-2016 Minnesota Energy Programs Application* on the [Commerce website](#) and available through eHEAT have also been updated. English and Spanish versions of the *Instructions for completing 2015-2016 Minnesota Energy Programs Application* are attached to the email conveying this *The Energizer*. Please make these new income guideline updates to all Energy Assistance Program forms, websites and information available locally.

Weatherization Assistance Income Eligibility Guidelines

You may be eligible for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) even if your household's income is higher than the EAP limits. WAP is an energy efficiency program provided at no cost to you. For WAP, your household income cannot be more than these income guidelines for three months.

* For each additional household member, add \$2,080 to the three-month eligibility income.

* Guidelines are subject to change based on federal adjustments.

Household	
Size	Income
1	\$ 5,987
2	\$ 8,010
3	\$10,045
4	\$12,150
5	\$14,220
6	\$16,290
7	\$18,365
8	\$20,445

Notices

The PUC forwarded the following for constituents and program counterparts:

Public Utilities Commission (PUC) rate case information

Rate Cases

CenterPoint Energy

- Docket Number G-008/GR-15-424
- August 3, 2015 – CenterPoint Energy request
- October 2, 2015 – Interim rates start
- December 2015 - Public hearings
- June 2016 - Public Utilities Commission written decision

Great Plains Natural Gas

- Docket Number G-004/GR-15-879



The screenshot shows the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission website. The header includes a search bar and navigation links for 'About Us', 'Calendar', and 'Newsroom'. The main navigation bar has links for 'For Consumers', 'For Utilities', 'Resources', and 'Regulation', with an 'Alerts' button. The current page is 'Utility Regulation', which includes a breadcrumb trail 'Home > Regulation' and a sub-menu with 'Regulation', 'Data Practices', and 'Laws Statutes Rules'. The main content area states: 'The Public Utilities Commission (PUC) regulates the rates, services and policies of natural gas, electricity, and telecommunications providers. We also approve the development of large energy facilities.'

- September 30, 2015 – Great Plans Natural Gas request
- January 1, 2016 – Interim rates start
- March 2016 - Public hearings
- August 2016 – Public Utilities Commission written decision

Minnesota Energy Resources Corporation (MERC)

- Docket Number G-011/GR-15-736
- September 30, 2015 – MERC request
- January 1, 2016 – Interim rates start
- March 2016 - Public hearings
- October 2016 – Public Utilities Commission written decision

Xcel Energy Electric

- Docket Number E-002/GR-15-826
- November 2, 2015 - Xcel Energy Electric request
- January 1, 2016 - Interim rates start
- Summer 2016 - Public hearings
- June 2017 - Public Utilities Commission written decision

Otter Tail Power Company

- Docket Number E-017/GR-15-1033
- February 16, 2016 – Otter Tail Power Company request
- To be determined - Interim rates start
- To be determined - Public hearings
- To be determined - Public Utilities Commission written decision

Questions or Comments?

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