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No.	Dated	Topic
1	10/06/20	Next Gen update
1	10/06/20	Employee application clarification
1	10/06/20	Self-employment clarification
1	10/06/20	VIE clarification for CARES Act & LWA
1	10/06/20	Commerce providing A16 exports this week
1	10/06/20	<i>Energy Vendor Audit</i> due November 2
1	10/06/20	<i>Final Closeout Package</i> due November 1
1	10/06/20	<i>Proactive Energy Self-Sufficiency Plans</i>
1	10/06/20	FFY21 PPA assignments
2	10/13/20	Next Gen update
2	10/13/20	Large energy vendor consumption update
2	10/13/20	Self-employment correction
2	10/13/20	Fond du Lac (FDL) Per Capita payments
2	10/13/20	FFY20 A16 Reports due October 15
2	10/13/20	Closeout package due Nov 2
2	10/13/20	Status update slides
2	10/13/20	<i>News Release:</i> Energy Assistance Program and Cold Weather Rule help Minnesotans with fall and winter heating costs
3	10/20/20	Next Gen update
3	10/20/20	FFY21 funding update
3	10/20/20	Update webinar cancelled due to EACA
3	10/20/20	Closeout package due to November 1
3	10/20/20	Energy Vendor Audit due November 2
3	10/20/20	Shut off tools
4	10/27/20	ERR flexibility
4	10/27/20	Employee application reminder
4	10/27/20	FFY21 approach
4	10/27/20	Service Providers can determine benefits
4	10/27/20	FFY20 refunds
4	10/27/20	Closeout package due by November 1
4	10/27/20	Energy Vendor Audit due November 2
4	10/27/20	Update slides from EACA meeting
4	10/27/20	<i>A Spark:</i> Crisis eligibility for past due bills
5	11/03/20	Next Gen update
5	11/03/20	Primary heat payments to energy vendors
6	11/10/20	Next Gen update
6	11/10/20	<i>A Spark:</i> FFY21 Payments Begin
6	11/10/20	<i>A Spark:</i> Commerce received FFY21 HHS LIHEAP grant award
6	11/10/20	Commerce closed Wednesday, November 11 for Veterans Day
7	11/18/20	Next Gen update
7	11/18/20	Mechanical contractor payment guidance

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7	11/18/20	December 1 deadline for FFY20 EAP refunds
7	11/18/20	Admin and A16 funding update
7	11/18/20	Available Assurance 16 by funding category
7	11/18/20	Commerce EAP outreach
7	11/18/20	<i>News Release:</i> Minnesotans receive \$106M in federal funds for heating assistance this winter
8	11/24/20	Next Gen update
8	11/24/20	December 1 deadline for FFY20 EAP refunds
8	11/24/20	Commerce is closed November 26 and 27
8	11/24/20	FFY21 initial program assessments
8	11/24/20	Commerce EAP outreach
8	11/24/20	EAP in the news
9	12/02/20	Denied for insufficient information
9	12/02/20	EAP in the news
9	12/02/20	Commerce EAP MinnCAP presentation
10	12/08/20	Application processing timeline
10	12/08/20	EAP in the news
10	12/08/20	Commerce EAP outreach
10	12/08/20	Other news
11	12/15/20	Next Gen update
11	12/15/20	Updated Social Security worksheet
11	12/15/20	EAP in the news
11	12/15/20	Commerce EAP outreach
12	12/22/20	eHEAT Notifications
12	12/22/20	Service Provider input on denial timing
12	12/22/20	State and Federal stimulus
12	12/22/20	No webinar on December 31
12	12/22/20	Commerce EAP outreach
12	12/22/20	Commerce closed for the holidays
12	12/22/20	EAP in the news
13	1/05/21	Next Gen update
13	1/05/21	New Federal stimulus legislation
13	1/05/21	Reminder to complete NFAs
13	1/05/21	Request for input on denial timing
13	1/05/21	Reminder of updated Social Security worksheet
13	1/05/21	CWR training at January 14 webinar
13	1/05/21	Proactive ESS proposals due by Feb 1
13	1/05/21	Commerce EAP outreach
13	1/05/21	EAP in the news
13	1/05/21	A Spark: NFAs for Administrative funds for Service Providers with unspent FFY20 Admin
14	1/12/21	Next Gen update
14	1/12/21	Updated COVID-19 Policy Statement
14	1/12/21	CSBG report corrected

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14	1/12/21	New 30 day auto-denial threshold
14	1/12/21	Handling ERR rebates
14	1/12/21	Tribal per capita judgement payments
14	1/12/21	Application processing timeline reminder
14	1/12/21	CWR training at January 14 webinar
14	1/12/21	EAP Commerce outreach
14	1/12/21	EAP in the news
14	1/12/21	Commerce is closed on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday January 18
15	1/19/21	Next Gen update
15	1/19/21	Mechanical contractor payments tool
15	1/19/21	Outreach to pre-logged households
15	1/19/21	Dashboards and Tableau Reader
15	1/19/21	Status update slides
15	1/19/21	Commerce EAP outreach
16	1/26/21	Next Gen update
16	1/26/21	Alternative application submission options
16	1/26/21	Minimum fills and Standard Delivery Amount
16	1/26/21	Reminder of Crisis eligibility for past due bills
16	1/26/21	Commerce EAP outreach
16	1/26/21	EAP in the news
17	2/02/21	Next Gen update
17	2/02/21	EAP info on agency websites
17	2/02/21	Monthly dashboard
17	2/02/21	Status update slides
17	2/02/21	EAP in the news
17	2/02/21	<i>News Release:</i> Struggling to pay heating bills? Energy Assistance can help Minnesotans keep your house warm
18	2/09/21	Next Gen update
18	2/09/21	Application versus Household notes
18	2/09/21	Processing timeline in effect Feb 15
18	2/09/21	Update on pre-logged outreach mailing
18	2/09/21	Commerce EAP outreach
18	2/09/21	EAP in the news
18	2/09/21	Commerce closed on President's Day, Monday, February 15
19	2/16/21	Next Gen update
19	2/16/21	Energy Vendor monitoring tools
19	2/16/21	Reports and submissions calendar
19	2/16/21	Commerce EAP outreach
19	2/16/21	EAP in the news
19	2/16/21	<i>A Spark:</i> Reports Feature to add to User Groups
20	2/23/21	Next Gen update
20	2/23/21	People's Prosperity Pilot Program

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20	2/23/21	Pre-logged outreach mailing
20	2/23/21	Commerce EAP outreach
20	2/23/21	EAP in the news
21	3/02/21	Next Gen update
21	3/02/21	Final FFY21 regular award received
21	3/02/21	Tribal COVID-19 relief payments
21	3/02/21	FFY22 contracting dates
21	3/02/21	Pre-logged outreach mailing
21	3/02/21	Monthly dashboard
21	3/02/21	Commerce EAP outreach
21	3/02/21	EAP in the news
21	3/02/21	<i>A Spark</i> : Energy Assistance Program doubles crisis benefits to \$1,200 per household for Minnesotans struggling with heating costs.
22	3/10/21	Next Gen update
22	3/10/21	Past due Crisis eligibility reminder
22	3/10/21	eHEAT reports clarification
22	3/10/21	Admin & A16 update
22	3/10/21	Commerce designated for water assistance
22	3/10/21	Federal bill includes LIHEAP funds
22	3/10/21	Commerce EAP MinnCAP presentation
22	3/10/21	Commerce EAP outreach
22	3/10/21	EAP in the news
23	3/16/21	Next Gen update
23	3/16/21	New Crisis reason for delivered fuels
23	3/16/21	EAP Coordinator list and map
23	3/16/21	Admin & A16 allocation delayed
23	3/16/21	Aging application reminder
23	3/16/21	Letter of Intent due to Commerce in April
23	3/16/21	Commerce EAP outreach
23	3/16/21	EAP in the news
24	3/23/21	Next Gen update
24	3/23/21	Updated COVID-19 Policy Supplement
24	3/23/21	Metered propane/LP
24	3/23/21	Shut off tools
24	3/23/21	EAP Coordinator list and map
24	3/23/21	EACA meeting slides
24	3/23/21	Status update slides
24	3/23/21	Commerce EAP outreach
24	3/23/21	EAP in the news
25	3/30/21	Next Gen update
25	3/30/21	Energy vendor monitoring
25	3/30/21	Letter of Intent due next week

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25	3/30/21	Status update slides
25	3/30/21	EAP in the news
25	3/30/21	A Spark - Duplicate Payment Notifications
26	4/07/21	Next Gen update
26	4/07/21	Service Provider webinar reminder
26	4/07/21	Monthly dashboard
26	4/07/21	Commerce EAP outreach
26	4/07/21	EAP in the news
27	4/13/21	Next Gen update
27	4/13/21	Address aging applications
27	4/13/21	New ERR procurement threshold for FFY22
27	4/13/21	FFY21 Program Changes
27	4/13/21	Updated Application
27	4/13/21	CWR ending
27	4/13/21	Status update slides
27	4/13/21	Commerce EAP MinnCAP presentation
27	4/13/21	EAP in the news
28	4/21/21	Next Gen update
28	4/21/21	Local Plan/ICD forms
28	4/21/21	EAP in the news
28	4/21/21	Logos and local questions are due Monday, May 17
28	4/21/21	<i>A Spark</i> : Program changes effective today
29	4/27/21	Next Gen update
29	4/27/21	Mechanical contractor reports feature
29	4/27/21	Affordability programs
29	4/27/21	Status update slides
29	4/27/21	EAP in the news
29	4/27/21	<i>News Release</i> : Minnesota Department of Commerce expands Energy Assistance Program so 100,000 more households are eligible
30	5/05/21	Next Gen update
30	5/05/21	Monitoring unsuccessful emails to applicants
30	5/05/21	Utilities communicate disconnection plans
30	5/05/21	Monthly dashboard
30	5/05/21	Commerce EAP outreach
30	5/05/21	EAP in the news
30	5/05/21	Commerce EAP position posted
31	5/11/21	Next Gen update
31	5/11/21	Logos & local questions reminder
31	5/11/21	May 20 status update cancelled
31	5/11/21	Status update slides
31	5/11/21	Commerce EAP MinnCAP presentation
31	5/11/21	Commerce EAP outreach

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31	5/11/21	EAP in the news
31	5/11/21	<i>A Spark</i> : MN receives \$167,346,852 in ARPA funds
31	5/11/21	<i>A Spark</i> : Minnesota PUC and Commerce urge ratepayers at risk for utility disconnection to apply now for Energy Assistance
32	5/19/21	Funding update
32	5/19/21	Shut off flyer
32	5/19/21	EAP key dates
32	5/19/21	May 20 status update cancelled
32	5/19/21	Commerce EAP outreach
33	5/27/21	Next Gen update
33	5/27/21	June 1 last day to create ERR events
33	5/27/21	Alternate application signature methods
33	5/27/21	June 3 status update cancelled
33	5/27/21	FFY22 Local Plan and ICD due
33	5/27/21	June Cash Request reminder
33	5/27/21	EAP key application processing dates
33	5/27/21	eHEAT enhancements list
33	5/27/21	EACA meeting slides
33	5/27/21	MinnCAP fiscal directors meeting slides
33	5/27/21	Commerce is closed Monday, May 31
34	6/02/21	June 3 status update cancelled
34	6/02/21	FFY22 Local Plan and ICD due
34	6/02/21	ARPA Admin and A16 update
34	6/02/21	FFY22 Energy Vendor Chapter, Registration, and Agreement
34	6/02/21	Early consumption procedure
34	6/02/21	Xcel's Payment Plan Credit Program is now available
35	6/08/21	ARPA funding update
35	6/08/21	Annual training dates
35	6/08/21	June Cash Request reminder
35	6/08/21	EAP key dates
35	6/08/21	Refund process reminder
35	6/08/21	Available A16 by funding category
35	6/08/21	Monthly dashboard
35	6/08/21	Outreach
36	6/15/21	EAP early consumption
36	6/15/21	EAP Commerce staff transitions
36	6/15/21	Preparing for a state shutdown
36	6/15/21	EAP in the news
36	6/15/21	Request for LIHEAP 40 <sup>th</sup> year time capsule submissions
36	6/15/21	<i>A Spark</i> : ARPA NFAs issued
37	6/23/21	State shutdown update
37	6/23/21	Reopening Commerce



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37	6/23/21	EAP key dates
37	6/23/21	Status update slides
37	6/23/21	Commerce EAP outreach
37	6/23/21	Commerce EAP positions posted
37	6/23/21	EAP in the news
38	6/29/21	FFY22 Mechanical Contractor chapter, registration, and agreement
38	6/29/21	EAP public hearing and comment period
38	6/29/21	Commerce is closed July 5
38	6/29/21	Commerce EAP positions reminder
38	6/29/21	Commerce WAP positions
38	6/29/21	EAP in the news
38	6/29/21	<i>A Spark</i> : Commerce budget passed, shutdown averted
39	7/06/21	Annual Training registration
39	7/06/21	Water Assistance public hearing and comment period
39	7/06/21	FFY21 program cleanup
39	7/06/21	Status update slides
39	7/06/21	Child Tax Credit awareness
39	7/06/21	Commerce EAP & WAP positions
39	7/06/21	EAP in the news
40	7/14/21	Annual training registration reminder
40	7/14/21	Status update meeting cancelled
40	7/14/21	Outreach toolkit
40	7/14/21	EAP Key Dates
40	7/14/21	Commerce EAP & WAP positions
40	7/14/21	EAP in the news
40	7/14/21	<i>A Spark</i> - Commerce encourages thousands of MN HHs to apply for \$167 million in new funding for EAP
41	7/20/21	The wall
41	7/20/21	Energy Vendor Audit
41	7/20/21	EACA meeting slides
41	7/20/21	FFY22 income guidelines
41	7/20/21	Outreach
41	7/20/21	Water assistance materials
41	7/20/21	Commerce WAP positions
41	7/20/21	EAP in the news
41	7/20/21	<i>A Spark</i> : Updated outreach and communications materials
42	7/27/21	Next Gen update
42	7/27/21	Commerce EAP outreach
42	7/27/21	CAP-HC EAP position
42	7/27/21	EAP in the news
42	7/27/21	DNR tips for homeowners dealing with domestic well issues
42	7/27/21	<i>A Spark</i> : FFY22 Maximum Income Guidelines correction

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43	8/03/21	Contract package signature process
43	8/03/21	Annual training reminder and Webex info
43	8/03/21	FFY22 EAP application availability
43	8/03/21	Application Notes versus Household Notes
43	8/03/21	Key application processing dates
43	8/03/21	MERC portal consumption
43	8/03/21	Commerce telework plan
43	8/03/21	Status update slides
43	8/03/21	CAP-HC EAP position
43	8/03/21	EAP in the news
43	8/03/21	<i>A Spark</i> : Updated Water Vendor Agreement
44	8/10/21	Consumption reminder
44	8/10/21	Teen Unemployment Insurance
44	8/10/21	EAP households protected from shut offs
44	8/10/21	Water Assistance plan submitted
44	8/10/21	Spread the word about Emergency Rental Assistance
44	8/10/21	EAP in the news
44	8/10/21	<i>A Spark</i> : Annual Training slides & draft FFY22 Policy Manual
45	8/18/21	FFY22 consumption entry delayed
45	8/18/21	Application requests queued on August 25
45	8/18/21	FFY22 eHEAT enhancements
45	8/18/21	Status update slides
45	8/18/21	Eviction moratorium off ramp
46	8/24/21	Switch from FFY21 to FFY22 applications
46	8/24/21	FFY21 households applying now for FFY22
46	8/24/21	CWR extended to October 1 through April 30
46	8/24/21	Updated FFY21 Expenditure Detail Report
46	8/24/21	Minnesota's LIHWAP State Plan is approved
46	8/24/21	<i>A Spark</i> : Annual Training TAD
47	8/31/21	Remove Sept 1 deadline messaging
47	8/31/21	Switch from FFY21 to FFY22 applications
47	8/31/21	Coordinator list and map
47	8/31/21	Emailed applications clarification
47	8/31/21	September dates for key FFY21 EAP activities
47	8/31/21	Exception requests
47	8/31/21	DEED data input
47	8/31/21	EAP study with Wilder Research
47	8/31/21	FFY22 Application mailing update
47	8/31/21	Status update slides
47	8/31/21	<i>A Spark</i> : Water Assistance Notice of Funds Available (NFA)
48	9/08/21	Get FFY21 consumption info from vendors
48	9/08/21	Subsidized housing with energy costs reminder



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48	9/08/21	No FFY21 denial date beyond September 25
48	9/08/21	September dates for key FFY21 EAP activities
48	9/08/21	FFY21 program cleanup
48	9/08/21	Water assistance training on Sept 9
48	9/08/21	DEED data input
48	9/08/21	FFY22 Recerts signature page
48	9/08/21	FFY22 Application mailing update
48	9/08/21	The Energizer/A Spark via GovDelivery
48	9/08/21	<i>A Spark</i> : Transitioning to FFY22
48	9/08/21	<i>A Spark</i> : eHEAT issues; prioritize FFY22 emergency apps
49	9/14/21	September dates for key FFY21 EAP activities
49	9/14/21	Water Assistance information
49	9/14/21	FFY22 Agreements are in eHEAT
49	9/14/21	FFY22 Application processing tool
49	9/14/21	FFY22 Application mailing update
49	9/14/21	EAP study with Wilder Research
49	9/14/21	Commerce EAP MinnCAP presentation
49	9/14/21	Status update slides
49	9/14/21	New member of Commerce EAP team
49	9/14/21	Commerce EAP position posted
49	9/14/21	New CWR resources
50	9/21/21	Sept 29 last day to make Crisis/ERR payable
50	9/21/21	Update website application info
50	9/21/21	Report uncooperative water vendors
50	9/21/21	RFI signature page resolved
50	9/21/21	Contractor vaccination clarification
50	9/21/21	The Energizer/A Spark via GovDelivery
50	9/21/21	FFY21 A16 Reports due October 15
50	9/21/21	New eHEAT Water Benefit Report
50	9/21/21	EAP Toolkit on the web
50	9/21/21	Commerce EAP outreach
50	9/21/21	Commerce position posted
51	9/28/21	Sept 29 last day to make Crisis/ERR payable
51	9/28/21	Water assistance
51	9/28/21	WAP application question
51	9/28/21	MFIP, DWP, and RCA Cost of Living change
51	9/28/21	The Energizer/A Spark via GovDelivery
51	9/28/21	Commerce EAP outreach
51	9/28/21	Commerce EAP position posted