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Department of Social Services Office of Community Services

1996-97 Weatherization Assistance Program Public Hearing

The Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services is submitting a State Plan to the U.S. Department of Energy for funding of the 1996-97 Weatherization Assistance Program (funding period—April 1, 1996 through March 31, 1997). Pursuant to federal regulations (10 CFR 440) a public hearing is required prior to DOE's approval of the plan.

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) provides services to low-income households and in particular households in which elderly, handicapped and/or children reside. The purposes of weatherization activities are to:

- a) reduce home heating and cooling costs of low-income households;
- b) to provide a more comfortable and safe home environment for low-income residents; and
- c) to help reduce the consumption of fossil fuels.

Louisiana's grant for the 1996-97 program year is \$155,419.00, approximately nine percent of the 1995-96 award. Any additional Department of Energy funds which may become available during the 1996-97 program year will be expended according to the approved State Plan.

The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 30, 1996 at 1 p.m. in Baton Rouge, at 333 Laurel Street, Room 803 (eighth floor conference room). Written comments will be accepted, at the address below, through May 10, 1996.

Copies of the plan may be obtained prior to the hearing by writing to the Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, Box 3318, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or by contacting the office by telephone at (504) 342-2763.

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