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re: Draft Fifth Power Plan

Dear Members of the Council;

I would like to thank the Council for its work on the Fifth Power Plan. The plan is basically a very good plan. I am pleased with the Council's emphasis on conservation and efficiency and demand management. The goals that the Council have set are a good start to a more secure energy future for the region. I am concerned with the lack of emphasis on low-income weatherization. The tremendous societal benefits of low-income weatherization, coupled with the proven energy efficiency benefits merit a much greater emphasis. I am troubled that the Council failed to provide an analysis of the number of low-income families in need of weatherization, the costs to achieve this weatherization, or the energy efficiency that could be captured through weatherization. Weatherization and other low-income and fixed-income assistance programs are crucial to reduce the burden of high energy costs on those who are least able to bear them. These programs should be given a much higher priority than they have been given in this Plan. I ask that the Council reconsider the tremendous benefits of weatherization and correspondingly place greater emphasis on the value and priority of this resource.

Sincerely,
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