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#### Recording

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So, Marie is going to start the recording for this. 1st.

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Uh, emergency pack meeting, we'll run through the 2 items on that and then in that meeting and then go into the.

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Subcommittee can be. So Maria, if you're ready.

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Can you start recording? Please? Yes, I just started the recording.

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Okay, thank you very much. So. Um.

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We'll get started here and we'll call to order the.

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Low income energy assistance, policy, advisory council meeting. This is an emergency meeting. Uh, that was announced 2 days ago. Um.

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The meeting today, we have, uh, 2 items to go over. 1 will require a vote. That is the state plan.

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Uh, that, uh, we need to have approved to submit to the Department of energy. So make prints will be going over that.

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And then after that, I'm going to give a presentation on the lie heat, utility disconnection, avoidance program that we have been working on.

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So those are the 2 items that we're going to go over right now. I'm going to ask.

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Marie Maria, to do a roll call.

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Of the pack committee members, because, uh, we do need a forum to be able to act on the state plan. So, Maria, can you call the role? And for those folks that are on the, the pack.

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Um, if you cannot mute yourself and let us know that you're here, that's the way we'll take role and make sure that we have a.

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Thank you David. Good afternoon. Everyone hope everyone. Well, I will call each back so please let us know if your press and you can mute yourself.

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So, let's start with Dave baron people's a\*\*, North gas.

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Also, I'm sorry, also, if the organic station proxy, it's available to please let us know if the pack member is not available, but the proxies please let us know as well.

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Let's move on with Barrett. Send from the city of Chicago.

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Jason heard from him that.

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Maria.

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Oh, no, I don't see. Okay. No, you're right. Continue. I'm sorry. Okay. No problem. Jason Decker from.

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Jason is joining shortly and if not Jane practice on for comment.

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Okay, I think I heard Jason.

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That's right. I'm sorry. I okay. Good afternoon. Okay, Melanie brown from and I.

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Maria, I'm on, thank you. Thank you, Sarah. Most for 80 since utility board.

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Barbara from Illinois area agency on aging, I'm pressing because so much 1, the Hopkins from South Austin coalition.

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All right John Howard from Commerce Commission.

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Maria, I'm here. Okay, thank you. Rob card retail merchants Association, Maria. I'm prison.

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All right, thank you so much Jared fully senior Chicago.

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Afternoon on present good afternoon, Jared and welcome, Jerry. Because you already said November representing the city of Chicago if we're joining us.

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Those from the, I guess.

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Best time on, right, right in Robertson from looters Robertson and Colson.

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The leads us to the lawyer function payment County, regional planning commission.

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Here all right Thank you Terri manager from the Department of human services.

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Yes, I'm on, thank you. Thank you so much Terry. Dario, so it's a new to the pack also representing the chess.

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So thank you for joining us, Terry Laurie wall's from the city of Chicago.

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Chris White will county center for community concerns.

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Present okay, thank you. Chris. Stacy Wilson from Illinois, municipal electric agency.

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A caveat, right this Sydney representing independent energy providers.

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And last, but not least David and Department of commerce and economic opportunity.

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Yeah, I'm here and I'm watching the chat. I see Moskowitz, Hassan.

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Okay, okay mark, thank you for joining us more. Sorry the any other pack member join that we have that you mentioned that you are on.

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I think, uh.

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Uh, I think Beth from a city. Oh, this is but.

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Yeah, sorry this is not.

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Yeah, we, we got you so Maria and Beth is signed from the city.

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Okay, perfect. I got her too. Okay. All righty. So, with that, I'll turn it over to you, David.

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All right, so we have a 14 of 19 here, so we do have a quorum so we can proceed with the state plan. Uh, so if I'm Mick, if you're on, you can.

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Start your your presentation.

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Thank you David Maria sent out a draft version of the state plan with the invite for today's meeting. So I hope everybody got a chance to take a look at it.

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I just wanted to spend a few minutes and talk about some of the changes or.

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Edits that we made to the plan from last year.

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1 of the things that we did was we increased levels for this year's.

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Allocation from,

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we,

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we do have carry over funds from last year that have to keep the old admin levels,

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but anything included in this year's allocation has an increase in.

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Another change we made was to the re weather as a date for.

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At least 10 years the reauthorization date has been September 30th of 1994.

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We couldn't weatherwise any homes done. After that point, we made a change in their policy allowing a 15 year rolling date.

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And so we incorporated that into our plan.

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A couple of other things we're excited about in our training and technical assistance plan. Uh, we.

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Um, concentrating on some workforce development ideas that we have.

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1 of which is a tuition reimbursement.

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So, local agencies could reimburse either a new employee or an existing employee for tuition cost for any trades related.

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Uh, schooling that the employee has attended.

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We're hoping that that will attract some new employees from tech schools, junior colleges that are studying, uh.

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Trades related programs, um, another 1 is, uh.

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Would we want to offer a contractor stipend to attend training?

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We did that years ago, and then we told us we couldn't do it anymore.

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We were told that some other states we're paying stipends for contractors.

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To offset the cost for training and so we re, we wrote that back into our plan this year and.

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We're excited to be able to offer that to contractors and think that we'll get some more participation.

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And lastly we.

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Added language in the plan to have a high school.

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Internship option for local agencies again, just trying to.

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Uh, get you involved and maybe think about or.

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Home energy performance as a pathway to a future career. So.

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Those are the big changes that we incorporated into this year's plan.

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If anybody has any questions feel free to, on unmute yourself.

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So any questions or comments on the state plan.

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Hi, this is Joe. I think I saw that. Um.

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That the public hearing is going to be later in the month.

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And, um, so I, it seems like to me that we.

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We may not have comments because.

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A lot of times we don't, but to the extent that any comments come from that public hearing.

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And then that might.

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And influence you to make some kind of a small modification to the plan.

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Will we will we are vote today if we.

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Vote to approve the plan will that kind of be.

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Um, with the idea, if there are any comments that would cause any changes that we'll be able to see those again. If we.

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Could that influence our vote? You know what I'm trying to say very badly but obviously, you know what, I'm trying to say.

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Jim, John, this is Nick. Um, uh, I don't know the date of the hearing or it offhand. It's a couple of weeks from now. If there's any, there's something if there's any changes, we can.

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Bring those changes up at the pack meeting at the end of the month and and discuss it with everybody. If that sounds. Okay.

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Oh, yeah, that sounds like a good opportunity to do that.

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I seriously doubt that there is going to be anything that's.

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You know, going to influence you to change a plan that we've already voted on but.

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John, you were the, you were the only 1 that called in last year.

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I Nick, I didn't want to disappoint you at all.

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Probably the only 1 who read it this year.

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I, I'm about halfway through it. I, it's, it's getting my full attention. It's a compelling read Joan.

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I know I know.

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So, if yours is on the 28, that is the day before the next pack meeting. So I think that that's a good.

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Uh,

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the vote today can be an approval pending and then if there are no comments,

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then we would take this as an approval,

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but if there are any comments we can have the pack look at it again on the 29th,

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which is the,

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the pack meeting 2 weeks from today.

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Absolutely. Okay.

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Any other questions or comments on the state plan.

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Okay, so, uh, that being the case and being presented, I guess I would accept an, a motion to.

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Authorize accepting the state plan pending any.

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Uh, comments that are received at the public hearing. I'll make that Joan.

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Okay, so I heard Joan 2nd to jump in there.

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This is far best. Nicholson I will 2nd, that motion.

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Okay, thank you. So, I don't know that I've done a roll call here on zoom to ought to take an actual vote.

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I suppose we should do a a roll call.

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Maria all right, so, let's start with Dave bearing people's guests North.

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Or he's proxy Barrett from city of Chicago.

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I vote yes. Okay. Thank you. Jason Decker from comment.

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Oh, yes. All right. Thank you. Melanie brown.

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Also, I guess right Sarah and most from.

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Did I know that Sarah was having some microphone issues so sorry if you're still experiencing those we also can monetary Chad.

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No, I perfect.

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Thank you Barbara Barbara already to conduct so thank you. Barbara.

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When the Hopkins from self posting information.

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Yes, all right. Thank you. Don't have we're ready to approve the plan Rob carved from Illinois retail emergence Association.

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Yes, all right. Thank you. Jared police tissue city of Chicago.

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Us right Thank you. Write the sniper. Guess.

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I felt yes right. Ryan Robertson. Loaders. Robert Johnson know he.

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Okay, that leads us to the lawyer from county regional planning commission.

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Yes, all right. Terry, any church from the Department of human services.

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Yes. Okay. Thank you. Lori walls from city of Chicago.

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Already had joined us seeing her so, Chris White will county.

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Yes all right. Thank you. Stacy Wilson from Elaine I need a simple electric agency.

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Okay, Kevin right? The Sydney representing independent energy providers.

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Okay, and David workman's.

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Yes all right. So very good.

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14 yeses. 0 knows Mick has a job for another year.

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Thank you. So, um.

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We will move to the 2nd item on the pack. Um.

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Special meeting and that, uh, is a presentation. I will give.

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On the what we're calling the utility.

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Disconnection avoidance program.

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Before I, I'm adjusting my screens here, so I can see what I'm going to present. So, um.

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I want to talk a little bit about this before I go into the slides and that is.

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Uh, this has come together pretty quickly.

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It's a, um, like a problem that I, I think.

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We saw coming, but, uh, the concept and the idea to move forward with what I'm going to present here has taken form over the last few weeks. I've talked a lot to.

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Attorneys and governor's office.

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Attorneys, and we've spoken with J car to put this concept together.

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I'm told that, uh, the, uh, I, I'm presenting this to the pack.

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Uh, to let people know, and, um, you know, we can take feedback, although we are kind of a, I, I have been talking to utilities and the community action agencies and had some communication with some poverty advocates.

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Uh, but, uh, my, um, the legal staff here.

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It says that the the way that we've put this together, uh, that the, uh, between the governor's office, and that we have the authority to to move forward with this. So, uh, I am presenting this, uh.

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As, um, to let folks know, but I, I didn't want to just.

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Before I start here, let people know that this has been.

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We, we've had conversations with the utilities that are involved and with the community action agencies.

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And both of those groups gave feedback and and talked about how to do this in such a way that it could work. So we, we did do consultation with folks as we we put this together.

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So, that being said, I will now go over what we are calling the utility disconnection avoidance program.

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So, I want to start with, like, background and where we're at here right now, this comes from the attorney general, Illinois attorney general, at the end of March said in the press, there are 800,000 rate payers.

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That have utility arrearages and, uh, are potentially subject to having their service cut off. So we know that there is a looming shut off.

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Wave coming that that's really started now.

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And where are we at as, as our.

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Uh, has the, the light he program and then the group running the program so I've shown this slide before some of the, the numbers on the bottom. There may have changed a little bit, but this was our budget that we started off with last June.

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I believe June or July 1st presented this slide and we had.

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Uh, between the federal dollars.

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A, we have 3 federal sources carry over from last year's.

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Why he award the bottom number here is this year's lie award. We have cares money and the state fund.

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So between all of those, we had 255,000,000.

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Available this year, that is significantly more than we put out in a normal year.

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Um, but because of and the cares funding and us reaching into the state fund, we, we plan to have a.

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Large program this year and right now those numbers are a little bit old, and they may be a little less. Now we're on track.

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To put out something like 160Million. So, uh, we're leaving.

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Money that we had planned to.

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Send out in client benefit. Uh, we have a balance now this slide as well. Uh, is 1 that folks have seen.

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Uh, these bottom numbers from 21, they're from about a month and a half ago that we're in blue that I've crossed out. So these are yesterday's numbers.

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So this year we have collected 74Million dollars.

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Uh, to the state fund, and we put out 31Million that's mainly in Pip dollars. Uh, the, we always on these.

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Lie he side we try to put out the federal dollars 1st, because those do go away are 20 Grant and our grant both go away in a few months. So we need to make sure that we have that money spent. So.

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That's where we, we are right now so we have a balance in the, um.

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We have a balance in the state fund.

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Of over 100Million dollars as of yesterday.

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So, something just to talk about with, like, how did we end up here with when when we've had the year that we've had so.

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And nationwide calls, we find that other states are in a similar position that the light heap funding that was allocated for the year. Actually there's significant amounts remaining. There could be not could be. I'm certain.

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There are a lot of reasons that we've ended up here. Some of it is that there's other federal money that's been sent out into the.

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The nation, you know, with stimulus checks, increased unemployment.

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Uh, I know some of the emergency rental assistance programs included benefits for utility payments.

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So, for whatever reason we've ended up in this position and right now we, we just need to, um.

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Solve the where we're at, we need to.

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00:22:31.378 --> 00:22:36.628  
We need to fix this problem and the problem is obvious that we have 800,000 disconnections.

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At a time when the state light, he has a 100Million dollars.

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00:22:42.148 --> 00:22:55.199  
So, um, 3 or 4 weeks ago, the concept started with the idea that we have this funding and we have people that we know are in a.

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Imminent disconnect threatened to be disconnected here any time. So we came up with the utility disconnect avoidance program. You DAP we're calling it. And the concept is, would pay the utilities directly.

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From the state fund to pay off the arrearages for any former or current clients, or any former Pip clients. If your current Pip client, you would be paying your bill and probably wouldn't be on the disconnect.

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But the concept would be that if, if a person has been income qualified in the last few years that we would work directly with the utilities to have, those are very, just pay.

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00:23:37.769 --> 00:23:41.699  
So, when the concept when ilst.

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00:23:41.699 --> 00:23:51.179  
Started talking to utilities about it and and our staff and our, uh, accounting office. And how, how might this work, uh, what we.

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Figured out was that there were things in the energy assistance.

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Uh, that would need to be changed and there were things in emerge and the J car rules that would need to be changed because J car doesn't contemplate this type of program. So what we.

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Ultimately decided and through the lawyers and looking at how this would work.

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Um, we know that we need an executive order.

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The executive order would suspend 2 parts of the energy assistance act.

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For until the end of June, so this is a temporary it is a.

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3 months well, we're a half into April, so a 2 and a half month program, but the executive order.

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Will suspend income verification requirements and then, um.

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Would suspend the geographic restriction on utility payments so that we don't have to track exactly the payments versus the US paying to utilities. So.

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We are hoping in the 1st, part of next week.

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To have, uh, the executive order signed by the governor.

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Then we have emergency rules that have been written up.

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Uh, we have worked with the J car staff to have those Pre filed so that we can have them reviewed and the J car rules will be setting up a, this.

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Program that is a through June the end of June we have a 100,000,000.

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Um, maximum, total program payments to individual accounts, uh, will be.

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00:25:34.499 --> 00:25:34.798  
No,

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00:25:34.794 --> 00:25:48.953  
less than 250 dollars so kind of trying to make sure that the person is really on a disconnect list that a utility isn't just trying to clear all of their just and then a payment up to 5,000 because there are just

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00:25:49.433 --> 00:25:49.824  
a,

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00:25:49.824 --> 00:25:51.173  
a small number,

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00:25:51.173 --> 00:25:53.513  
but a handful of accounts that have huge balances.

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00:25:55.439 --> 00:26:06.298  
Um, so, uh, and then the, the last thing is that on how we notify the customers the way I'll go through how we're planning on the, the.

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00:26:06.773 --> 00:26:16.074  
Program working, but the way that we're receiving the information, it would be difficult for to reach out to the customer.

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00:26:16.074 --> 00:26:22.044  
So we're going to work with the utilities on how to communicate this credit to the.

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00:26:22.348 --> 00:26:26.999  
Their customers, so the way the way we.

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00:26:26.999 --> 00:26:30.088  
Envision the program working.

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00:26:30.088 --> 00:26:38.009  
Is the utility and we've spoken with utilities they, they have the ability to identify.

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They're client their customers that are.

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00:26:41.429 --> 00:26:46.798  
Are online, or have had life heap in recent years or PIP.

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00:26:46.798 --> 00:26:55.888  
And so they can identify those customers that are on the disconnect list that have been income qualified.

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And I think I said it last slide, but income qualified from July. 1st.

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2017, which was program year, 18.

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00:27:05.848 --> 00:27:17.009  
To today, so any or Pip client from that window that is on the disconnect list. A utility can put it into a list.

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00:27:17.009 --> 00:27:20.788  
And submit that list of clients to.

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00:27:20.788 --> 00:27:21.358  
Well,

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00:27:21.743 --> 00:27:24.324  
with the so the,

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00:27:24.473 --> 00:27:25.584  
the customer name,

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00:27:26.094 --> 00:27:31.433  
their likely ID or Pip ID and then what their is,

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00:27:32.094 --> 00:27:34.074  
we will receive that and,

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00:27:34.104 --> 00:27:34.374  
uh,

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00:27:34.403 --> 00:27:37.223  
have the total we'll do a review.

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00:27:37.588 --> 00:27:43.108  
Uh, that will do a sampling of the names on that list.

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00:27:43.108 --> 00:27:57.628  
And verify that they have been, you know, that they were former clients,  
and then, uh, will make a direct payment to the utility from the state  
fund to remove those.

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00:27:57.628 --> 00:28:01.138  
Um.

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00:28:01.138 --> 00:28:11.159  
So, what are we looking at? We have restricted this to the 6 large  
utilities and I'll talk a little bit about how with why he.

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00:28:11.159 --> 00:28:25.884  
Program running has it, it will continue to run that smaller. Utilities  
will still have the ability to receive some of these benefits, but for  
the LDAP direct payments, we're restricting it to the 6 largest  
utilities.

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00:28:26.364 --> 00:28:30.144  
They represent 99% of the funding into the state fund.

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Uh, so they're the vast majority of the payments, and they also represent  
something like 90 to 93% of the that have been paid this year, have gone  
to these 6 utilities.

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00:28:42.564 --> 00:28:51.773  
So, we're getting the vast majority of the people that we can reach  
because we can only these have to be clients or customers of.

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00:28:53.189 --> 00:28:58.104  
Um, utilities that pay in to the state fund since we're using the state  
fund to to pay this.

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00:28:58.104 --> 00:29:09.354  
So, those 6 utilities have commented Ameren nicor, people's North Shore  
and mid American are the ones that we're going to be dealing with from  
information that they've sent into. The department.

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Uh, we believe that, uh, there are 100,000 accounts.

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Um, that will be submitted to us, and we estimate that the, the payments will total, uh, somewhere.

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In the neighborhood of 85Million,

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so some details I mentioned this previously,

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but a Pip client who has fallen off of the PIP program,

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but hasn't,

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we're,

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we're including that,

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because they have been income qualified.

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So, as long as they were income qualified since July, 1st of 17, they're eligible.

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The deferred payment arrangements are we're going to include those as eligible and the reason we're doing that is a fairness issue.

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Um, this was brought up by, uh, uh, someone on the call with the community action agencies that, uh, it doesn't seem fair that if someone entered into an arrangement in March.

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Uh, to spend the next 2 years paying off a payment.

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And rearrange that, then someone in April who didn't take that step, gets this benefit. So we are going to allow utilities to clear direct or deferred payment arrangements.

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And then the last thing this is more for the utility is to let them know that we've set this up that we can receive 1 invoice per utility per month. And that's really just more an administrative thing on our end.

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So that we don't we don't receive.

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More than our system can handle. So, utilities will have a chance, you know, in April May and June.

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Um, to submit utility invoices to us for this program. So.

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I said before about lie heap, in the way ally, he will continue to run right now.

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We have the end of May as the end of our program year.

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So, this action will free up capacity in the community action agencies.

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Because the clients that might have come in for assistance will now be able to be handled directly and we can see from the fact that there are 800,000 that are on disconnect list.

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That there still is going to be a demand out there. So we believe that, uh, that there's still going to be a need for, um.

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For light heat and that the action, the community action agencies will still have a significant demand here as the disconnection start.

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For the remainder of the year.

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On the reconnection assistance for lie he.

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Uh, whatever day we start the.

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We're going to raise the reconnection assistance to 5,000 dollars.

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So that the agencies can provide a benefit to an existing or a, to a new client, uh, that will match what is being given to a.

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Former, and, and, uh, other clients that have already received their this year. So, um, we are going to be raising that. That was another suggestion from the, the community action agencies that, uh.

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I is a, would not have been fair if we hadn't done this. So.

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When we,

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we still don't know the timing we don't know exactly when the executive order is going to be signed and we don't know,

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after the executive order assigned exactly the timing of the J car,

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but we expect them to be in the 1st,

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half of next week,

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but as soon as we know,

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we'll,

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we'll send that information out.

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And the last thing I want to say is that even with this.

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We're still planning on doing a supplemental a supplemental payment that will be processed.

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I think the payments will actually be made in the 1st, half of July. So the way that, um, as we thought about this, internally, we are a Keating program, and we do shut down during the summer months.

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But we know that there, we have people that are still feeling the economic effects of cobit.

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So we believe that the supplemental in July, we don't run a cooling program, but this would be assistance to any client that received lie. He.

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In program, year, 21, so any that have signed up from July last year to the end of May will receive that supplemental in July that will be paid for out of the federal.

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Um, the federal grant, uh, so, uh, the vast majority of that will be there, we will have a handful that if we haven't documented.

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Um, people that have a, those will need to be paid out of the state fund, but that's a relatively small amount. So we are still planning on putting out something like 50 to 60 Million dollars in direct vendor payments in July.

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And so there's a lot of money.

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That's, uh, that's being sent out in the next 3 months. Uh, but this is a reflection of the fact that, uh, the federal government has reacted to and, uh, we have a.

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Funding that's come in from the, uh, American recovery plan, I believe, is what the P stands for the.

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We have a significant amount of funding from that, and we don't want to not take action now this summer to help people and then end up next year at this time next year, having funding available.

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So we're taking this action to do the supplemental. And we're also I'll be presenting at the pack meeting in a couple of weeks, talking about next year's.

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Benefit matrix for lie heap that we're going to expand increase some of those payments so that we can get the funding out to the people that need.

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So that is the, that is the.

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Utility disconnect avoidance plan and I'm presenting it here.

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Uh, just to let people know what's coming next week and, you know, update people on what we've been doing. So I'm available or.

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My staff and I are available to answer any questions or comments at this time.

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David, the champagne I've got, uh.

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A comment, and then 2 questions, if I may.

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1st comment. Uh, so, I think leading into your presentation.

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And this was the case when you met with our group.

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You talk about the 800,000.

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Uh, households that are, um, due to to, to be, uh, disconnected.

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And I would venture to say again, as I said before.

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That not all 800,000 households that you cite.

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In your presentation would be likely eligible. Um, so I just want us.

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Say that as a general general statement, but then my 2 questions are.

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Based on this proposed approach that you have, and I think you mentioned, 85Million dollars is what you're projecting to be spent.

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On this you dab initiative, how many households are are you.

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Um, um, projecting would be, uh, beneficiaries of.

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These resources that will be paid, um, directed to the utilities.

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And then the 2nd question, and this is probably more.

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Either for you, or for some of the utilities that are on the pack.

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Uh, we found out from some of the agencies that there are some.

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Programs that have been either initiated by some of the utilities where payments are being.

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Made, uh, on behalf of of, uh.

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Their customers, and we're not quite sure how that relates to what you just presented or there are other initiatives that have been initiated by utilities.

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Okay, so I'll take the on the 1st, 1, the number of households.

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Um, you know, that's it it's hard to say, I can give you the, the range, um, these, the.

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100,000 number there that is the number of accounts.

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Utility accounts I, and I think if you if I pull up the.

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Swami Raoul, quote attorney general rolls quote he's saying, 800,000. I believe it's utility accounts.

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So, up in northern part of the state, where it's a, you know, comment nicor, uh, the.

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That 100,000 may be divided by 2 so the bottom, you know, the lowest it could be would be 50,000. but then you have down in the southern part of the state.

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Where they may have hammering as both and I'm not exact, you know, I don't know that. I know exactly how that would show up.

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Um, but then we also have a lot that would have Ameren, but then propane, and they would show up as 1. so I would say the, the lowest the number could be.

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Would be 50,000 households and, you know, the, theoretically, the highest would be 100, but it wouldn't be a 100,000 households. So I would say between 50 and 75,000 households, maybe.

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On the program and.

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And using similar logic on the row, quote, that means that that 800,000, it's likely something like 400 to 600,000 households.

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And for our regular lie heap here.

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We do 250,000 in a regular year households so those are.

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Uh, 250,000, I would say we're helping something like 20% of that with the program.

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On your 2nd question on the relation to other utility programs actually, I.

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I am probably not not. Probably I am not as equipped to answer. That is some others on this phone call. So if though any of the utility representatives.

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Uh, feel comfortable or think that they can provide an answer to that. I would welcome them to come up.

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Yourself.

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Yeah, and we had heard and I don't know if Chris Chris White is on, uh.

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But it might have been even hammering. There's, they're either 500 dollar payments being made.

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To customer's accounts is that am I saying this correctly? Chris or Larry? Yes. Yeah. You, um.

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We had heard that they'd come in to apply for likey. They had them all ready. All the work, gonna apply payment.

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And then a customer call back and said that they didn't want heat because, and I believe it was Ameren and they were going to get a 500 dollar payment through them. And that was more than what he was doing. So.

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So there was that concern on, you know, there's going to be all this money flying at these accounts. It's.

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Kind of there wouldn't why he, I mean, like, he has an entitlement.

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So wouldn't lie he, it's not if you make these requirements and you can have it.

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Yes, I would, I would think that they could have had both they had that you could take your life payment, but I don't know. Well, but I don't know what commands.

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Role, I mean, that come in, um, what rules were so big the customer felt like it was either or in since we didn't hear anything about it.

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We don't know. Well, I don't know I don't know if you or anyone from Ameren I mean, my.

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My understanding would be, I can see how that would affect an R, a.

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But I would think the is if you meet the income requirement, your account gets credited. So I would think the DVT would still apply.

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Online correct. I'm sorry so this is Kim bond with Ameren and I do just want to clarify that. We're pushing both.

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Those programs are bill payment assistance program, and also, like, you can definitely receive a credit or a grant from us through our bill payment assistance program.

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And also through by he is definitely not either or so we encourage our customers to seek assistance through by heat in addition to our grant.

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On top of their bill. Well, that's good to hear.

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It's just that we didn't I don't know if that was explained to the agency, or if the customer was confused, and since we weren't quite sure what they were talking about, but yes, you're right. I mean, for me.

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Um, that's on the bill, so, maybe that's something we all have to be on the same page and be really pushing that with our customers that they can have both.

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Right. Chris and this is Larry.

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I would we didn't get this level of detail regarding this instance, but I'm assuming that this customer had probably already received the, and was had perhaps applied for an array.

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And as a result of a grant from from Ameren, just kind of withdrew there, there are a application.

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But the 1 thing I will mention is that we have heard anecdotally from some agencies that.

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There is, I don't know if it serves as a result of some kind of messaging that's going out to clients that.

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Um, we're hearing that the numbers of clients who typically come in.

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When shut off season begins has and there's been a dip.

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In foot traffic, if you will at agencies applying for.

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Are a benefits, so we just want to just put that out there as well. And we're just just curious if there is some kind of proactive messaging about the coming you tap that may be kind of.

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Reducing the number of customers going to agencies.

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Well, if it, if there's been any signaling of it, it hasn't been from my office because the governor's office didn't.

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Want us to talk about it until today. So, you know, I.

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00:44:17.460 --> 00:44:21.929

If the utilities maybe, but certainly not from.

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We've held this as close as we can while we designed it.

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So, um.

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I've been monitoring looking at the chat here. Uh, there was 1 question about the amount of the supplemental.

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That is not final final yet. Um.

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Because it's going to it's going to.

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Depend on the ultimately the number of dbts we have at the end of the year, uh, we're looking to have something between 50 and 60,000,000.

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And that looks like we're gonna land around 150 dollars.

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Uh, per account, so, if a, a household has a 2.

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Um, it would be 300 dollars for that household.

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Um, but that that number's not final yet, but that's, uh, it'll be around that number.

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So any other questions or comments.

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This is Maria. Just do a quick call me going back to the utility being paid and assistance on recently.

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We asked the utilities if they could share our layer that these customers are beginning and we have to double check our records.

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But I believe we received those sample letters from all the utilities.

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So, unless they completely disagree, or they have an issue with that, we can share those with the local agencies. Something local agencies can see what customers are seeing when they receive newsletters.

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Area with people's gas Rams I don't have a.

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Issue with that specifically, but.

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I know our program is quickly coming to the end. We're going to be without we'll be out of funds.

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The current prediction is sometime next week.

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So, we're going to change the letter we're tending to not mention that, because we just don't have the money to give.

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Yeah, Eric and the, the other utilities, um.

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I'll be sending out as soon as I know the timing on the O, and the bay car, a meeting request, because we are going to need to work out some of the, the logistics for this.

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Uh, you know, and and we would like to know how that, you know, the communication we kind of like to talk about. Exactly what said and then.

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We also need to know about payment and how, you know, the.

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We're we're gonna have to connect because we don't do this. Normally we're gonna have to connect our accounting people with your accounting people. So I'll be looking out for an email to ask for a meeting next week.

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Um, okay, so I, I read a little more I, someone asked about when the arc of funds were going to hit the state.

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Uh, we still don't know for certain, but, um, we have a.

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The 21 heap grand, our regular funding that we still have a funding in that. So we expect the funds to roll in, you know, before we would.

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Uh, and get to the end of that so we don't know exactly when it will come though. We haven't had.

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David, this is, this is Chris again. I think the only thing that we asked too is whatever communications are going on with, between and utilities that the agencies need to know those conversations.

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Because if people have a question about a, a energy payment, chances are, they're gonna call the, the local agency. And so we need to know we all need to be saying the same thing.

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Okay, so we, we need to be part of those conversations so we're hearing it.

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Okay, yeah, that makes sense. I understand that.

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All right, well, I'll do 1 last call for any comments.

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Questions okay, so.

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Oh, go ahead. There's a question in the chat about paying off with the you that paying using that money to pay pit customers or reregister.

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And their art, and if that's going to be acceptable.

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Well, uh, I would say.

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Um, yeah, I mean, the, the concept is that, uh, uh.

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I I would say that would be similar to a DPA and, uh.

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That therefore it would make sense to.

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Or relieve someone of their that they signed last year. If someone did a Pip at the same.

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So, I would say, yes.

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Um, the, uh.

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The 1 thing I will say is that the 85Million estimate came from.

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The data inquiry that I did to the utilities.

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And, uh, there have been some changes some, you know, we've added some things. So, uh, the 100Million dollars is a hard cap just to make sure that we don't drain the, uh.

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State fund, so our, our main the primary goal is to make sure that the.

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Clients don't get disconnected. Um, so, uh, we.

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Want to make sure that, uh, the, the, the clients that are truly on the eminent disconnect status are handled 1st and taken care of and that, uh, the.

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A payment of these, uh, arrangements that had been set up is, uh.

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A fairness issue in it, but but ultimately kind of a secondary issue that just came from trying to be fair once we're doing the app.

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So, I think just, that's what I would ask utilities just as they do this, make sure that your disconnection list is.

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A primary, and I still think that will come in under the 100,000,000.

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Given the data that we received, that that would be my only comment on that.

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So, I think that if there's nothing else.

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We will close this.

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Emergency pack meeting and what we're going to do is, uh.

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Maria is going to stop recording this 1 so that we can have a video and a transcript of the emergency pack meeting.