



Iowa Utilities Board

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January 4, 2016

The Honorable Robert Dvorsky, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Pat Grassley, Chair, House Appropriations Committee

Dear Senator Dvorsky and Representative Grassley:

Iowa Code § 476.66(6) requires the Iowa Utilities Board to submit an annual report to the Appropriations Committees regarding the status of utility customer contribution funds. These funds were created to accept voluntary contributions from utility customers to supplement federal weatherization and energy assistance to low-income households.

Legislation requiring all natural gas and electric utilities to establish customer contribution funds was adopted in 1988 and implemented in 1989. Utilities file annual reports with the Board that summarize each fund's activities for the prior State Fiscal Year. The attached report summarizes those submissions for FY 2015.

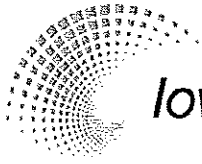
If we can provide any further information, please contact Kerri Johannsen at 515-473-0123.

Sincerely,

Geri Huser
Chair

Attachment: Customer Contribution Fund Annual Report

cc: Michael E. Marshall, Secretary of the Senate
Carmine Boal, Chief Clerk of the House
Senate Appropriations Committee Members
House Appropriations Committee Members



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Customer Contribution Fund Annual Report Iowa Utilities Board

For Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

CONTRIBUTIONS	
Number of Customers Contributing	12,688
Customer Contributions Collected	\$585,249
Matching Contributions	\$1,115,614
Total Contributions	\$1,700,863
Reimbursed Expenses	\$707
NET CONTRIBUTIONS	\$1,700,156

FUND DISTRIBUTIONS	
Weatherization Program	\$48,861
Heating Assistance Payments	\$1,751,445
Other Programs	\$84,423
TOTAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTED	\$1,884,729
Estimated Number of Families Assisted	8,266
AVERAGE ASSISTANCE PER FAMILY	\$228

UTILITY EXPENSES	
Advertising	\$14,588
Admin. & General Salaries	\$22,334
Office Supplies & Expenses	\$3,491
Supervision – Labor & Expenses	\$3,616
Mailing	\$5,594
Printing	\$4,431
Publication	\$3,341
Total Expenses	\$57,395
Reimbursed Expenses	\$707
UNREIMBURSED UTILITY EXPENSES	\$56,688

Notes: Represents the total values reported by 204 utilities that provide electric and/or natural gas service. This includes five investor-owned utilities,

156 municipal utilities, and 43 cooperative utilities. Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar. Funds not distributed during a fiscal year are carried forward to the next fiscal year. Each utility is allowed to keep five percent of annual contributions to defray program expenses.