

A WORLD INSTITUTE FOR A SUSTAINABLE HUMANITY

- RATE DESIGN FROM A LOW-INCOME
ADVOCATES PERSPECTIVE

LOW-INCOME BACKGROUNDER

- ELECTRICITY IS A BASIC NEED OF THE MODERN ERA
- KEEP LOW-INCOME RATEPAYERS CONNECTED
- DEFINITION OF LOW-INCOME

- ENERGY BURDEN
- RANGE OF ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME CUSTOMERS
- CURRENT UTILITY RATE ASSISTANCE

CHALLENGES IN DESIGNING RATES THAT BENEFIT LOW-INCOME

- CANNOT INDIVIDUALLY IDENTIFY ALL THOSE THAT ARE LOW-INCOME
- OCCUPY WORST OF THE HOUSING STOCK
- NO ONE SIZE FITS ALL FOR KWH USAGE

- ONLY A MINORITY OF THOSE PROSPECTIVELY ELIGIBLE GET RATE ASSISTANCE
- WINNERS AND LOSERS AMONGST THE LOW-INCOME

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK FOR ALL RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS

- LIFELINE FIRST BLOCK OF POWER
- SECOND BLOCK
- THIRD BLOCK
- MONTHLY CUSTOMER CHARGE

- IDENTIFYING AND PRIORITIZING HIGH L.I. ENERGY USERS FOR WEATHERIZATION
- KEEP AND EXPAND CURRENT RATE-BASED LOW-INCOME SUBSIDY PROGRAM