



# Funding for Empower

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# Order Authorizing Efficiency Programs October 25, 2011

- Previous EEPS funding levels were about 19% of residential program budgets.
- Low-income customers represent about 30% of the population.
- It is consistent with the Commission policy and the strong level of public comment to increase funding to meet the needs of low income customers.

# Commission Order

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- Energy efficiency measures are of particular value to low-income households, since they help permanently reduce heating costs.
- The need and demand for low-income programs is greatest in the area of weatherization.

# Commission Order

- Authorized an increase in funding for low-income programs so that they represent about 30% of the collections from residential customers.
- Increased Empower funding by \$18.6 million per year.
- Increased annual funding to about \$50 million per year.