

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING
RESOLUTION NO. 5294**

**APPROVING REVISIONS TO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO
THE CALCULATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF UTILITY ALLOWANCES FOR
THE PUBLIC HOUSING, SECTION 8 HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER AND
PROJECT-BASED HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AS AUTHORIZED
UNDER KCHA'S MTW PROGRAM AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2003, the King County Housing Authority (KCHA) entered in an agreement with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for participation in the Moving to Work (MTW) Demonstration Program; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the terms of the MTW Agreement executed in 2003 and restated and revised in 2008, KCHA is authorized, in lieu of federal program regulations and guidelines, to develop local policies designed to improve the cost effectiveness of its housing programs; and

WHEREAS, a key initiative of KCHA's FY 2010 MTW Annual Plan is the implementation of an alternate system for establishing and allocating Public Housing, Housing Choice Voucher and Project-based program utility allowances; and,

WHEREAS, KCHA has developed an alternate methodology that utilizes new Energy Assistance Supplement (EAS) tables based upon the anticipated energy consumption of "reasonably conservative" households in the Puget Sound region; and (2) establishes a single energy consumption methodology for KCHA's Public Housing, Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and Project-based programs – simplifying and streamlining the current system; and

WHEREAS, implementation of such an alternate system requires the use of KCHA's MTW program flexibility to move away from current HUD program

requirements outlined in 24 CFR Part 982.517; 24 CFR Part 965 (Subpart E) and related HUD notices, regulations and guidance; and

WHEREAS, in developing final policy recommendations, KCHA provided opportunity for public input regarding the proposed policy components and implementation, including consultation with the KCHA Resident Advisory Council, community stakeholders and legal services advocates and a Public Hearing on July 1, 2010 to receive comment on the proposed changes and has reviewed with the Board any comments received;


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING:

- (1.) The Board of Commissioners hereby (a) approves the adoption of KCHA's proposed alternate methodology for determining appropriate reimbursement of tenant-paid utilities as detailed on the attached memorandum and program outline, dated July 15, 2010, and incorporated by reference herein; and (b) authorizes implementation of these approved policies and Energy Assistance Supplement tables effective beginning November 1, 2010 as outlined; and,
- (2.) Authorizes the Executive Director to approve minor modifications to the policy proposal as appropriate in order to implement the intent of the overall program design; and,
- (3.) Authorizes KCHA staff to make any changes to the Public Housing Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy and Section 8 and Project-based Administrative

Plans and related schedules, documents and guidelines necessary to implement the approved policies.

ADOPTED AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF KING THIS 21ST DAY OF JULY 2010.

**THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE
COUNTY OF KING, WASHINGTON**


NANCY HOLLAND-YOUNG, Chair
Board of Commissioners


STEPHEN NORMAN
Secretary-Treasurer

