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RE: MLGW commits to the *Mid-South Rapid Retrofits Project: Addressing Barriers to Residential Energy Efficiency in the Greater Memphis Area* project

Dear Mr. Darby,

I am writing to express my commitment to the *Mid-South Rapid Retrofits Project: Addressing Barriers to Residential Energy Efficiency in the Greater Memphis Area*, which aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the residential sector by expanding the availability of weatherization and energy retrofits in high-energy burden communities.

Memphis Light, Gas and Water (MLGW), the largest three-service municipal utility in the nation, has a long history of delivering residential energy efficiency programs and recognizes the need to expand and broaden the region's programs to reach more households in the Greater Memphis Area. Despite low utility rates, residents of historically disadvantaged communities in Shelby County contend with some of the highest energy burdens in the country due to inefficient housing stock and other factors. MLGW commits to the Mid-South Rapid Retrofits project because it will address the massive regional backlog in weatherization requests by providing workforce training to increase the availability of certified auditors and contractors; it will increase the number of weatherization services available to my community; and it will help residents to save money while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

MLGW is ready to actively engage in the Mid-South Rapid Retrofits project. We commit to assisting with the development of a One-Stop-Shop application website for weatherization and energy efficiency services; assisting with outreach and recruitment of jobseekers to participate in workforce training; working together to launch new weatherization programs to reach unserved residents; assisting with outreach and education to community members to spread the word about new access to energy efficiency and weatherization services; and tracking and measuring progress toward the goals of our regional Priority Climate Action Plan.

Please give the Mid-South Rapid Retrofits application the highest consideration for funding.

Sincerely,



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