Subject: Potential Electricity Shortages in California

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of this Notice is to inform all Public and Indian housing offices in California, and encourage that state’s recipients of Federal PIH funds, to take immediate actions to conserve electricity in light of the continuing summer heat wave and the resulting power demands.

2. **Applicability:** This Notice applies to the following entities located in the state of California: Public Housing Hubs, Public Housing Agencies, Section 8 PHAs, Resident Management Corporations, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and Indian Tribes.

3. **Potential Energy Shortages in California.** Increased demand for electricity during a continuing heat wave in California this summer has posed a challenge for electric utilities to meet the demand of customers and keep lights on and air conditioners running. Currently, the supply of electric power is tight in California due to a record demand for electricity. The state faces the possibility of rolling brownouts and blackouts in some areas. These conditions put both consumers and businesses at risk.

Since the Federal Government is among the largest consumers of electricity in California, it is important that it lead by example in taking energy conservation steps to reduce the risk and severity of power outages in that state. Therefore, in California:

- All PIH offices should take immediate steps to reduce the consumption of power to the maximum extent practicable consistent with the health and welfare of employees.
- Recipients of Federal PIH funds are encouraged to take immediate steps to minimize the use of electricity in their offices.
- All PIH offices should work with recipients of Federal PIH funds to identify ways to reduce their energy consumption.

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