Low-Income Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP") Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") between the

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I. Intended Purpose:

1.1 This memorandum of understanding ("MOU," "Agreement," or "State-Tribe Agreement") is an agreement between the ADES and the Cocopah Tribe and is made pursuant to the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance and Energy Crisis Intervention Program ("ECIP") Act of 1981 under Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (Public Law 97-35), as amended by the Title VI of the Human Service Reauthorization Acts of 1984 (Public Law 98-558), of 1986 (Public Law 99-425), of 1990 (Public Law 101-501), of 1994 (Public Law 103-252), and of 1998 (Public Law 105-258); and

1.2 This MOU will finalize a method for calculating the amount of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) funds from the federal funds allocated to the Cocopah Tribe for use by the Cocopah Tribe LIHEAP Program. The Agreement of the parties shall be as follows:

II. ADES shall:

2.1 Apply to the federal government, the United States Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS"), for LIHEAP funds allocated to the State of Arizona.

2.2 Submit a LIHEAP State Plan to HHS which will contain the agreed upon percentage or amount of LIHEAP funds allocated to the Tribe out of the State of Arizona's LIHEAP allocation.

2.3 Negotiate with the Tribe and agree in writing via this document, the percentage or amount of LIHEAP eligible households for which funds allocated to the Tribe should be based and provide a copy of the signed Agreement to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, Division of Energy.

2.4 Upon request, share information with the Tribe about LIHEAP payments issued to households to help the Cocopah Tribe avoid duplicate payments.

2.5 Provide LIHEAP assistance to Tribal member(s) if/when the household has moved outside of the Tribe's geographical service area or if the Tribe has determined the household is not eligible to be served by the Tribe.

III. The Cocopah Tribe shall:

3.1 Apply to the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), for LIHEAP funds allocated to the Tribe, by submitting a LIHEAP Model Plan in the On-Line Data Collection system ("OLDC") by the federally announced annual due date.

3.2 Submit a request for an extension, if necessary, and receive a written approval for an extension if the Tribe is not able to submit their annual model plan to HHS by the federally announced due date.

3.3 Attach this State-Tribe Agreement document annually to its LIHEAP Plan in OLDC.

3.4 Provide LIHEAP services to Cocopah Tribe members in the geological service area of the following Arizona county: Yuma.

3.5 Provide LIHEAP services to any Federally Recognized American Indian household in the geological service area of the following Arizona county: Yuma.

3.6 Provide LIHEAP services to its Tribal members within the Tribe's territory of Arizona to include designated Tribal lands.

3.7 Provide LIHEAP services to any American Indian household.

3.8 Maintain a record of the amounts awarded to each eligible Tribal member(s) and payments made on their behalf.

3.9 Upon request, share information with the ADES about Tribal LIHEAP payments issued to households to avoid duplicate payments.

3.10 Serve only households who have not been served by the State of Arizona during the same Federal Fiscal Year with LIHEAP funds.

IV. General Provisions:

4.1 There will be no payments made to either party under this MOU.

4.2 Allocation of LIHEAP funds to the Tribe will be paid accordingly:

The agreed upon Tribal allocation shall be based on either the estimated number of LIHEAP eligible Native American households the Tribe may serve, or $4,000.00, whichever is greater, until further renegotiated and agreed to by both ADES and the Tribe.

4.3 This Agreement takes effect on October 1, 2025, and will remain effective until September 30, 2030 unless renegotiated and agreed to by both parties.

This Agreement and any attachments thereto set forth all promises, agreements, and understandings between the ADES, and the Cocopah Tribe. No alterations, modifications, or amendments of this Agreement shall be binding upon either party unless they have been reduced to writing and properly executed by an authorized representative of each party to the Agreement. In witness thereof, ADES and the Cocopah Tribe hereby execute this Agreement.

Molly D. Bright, CCSD Assistant Director	Sherry Cordova
Printed or typed name of State-LIHEAP Representative	Printed or typed name of Tribal Chairperson
Molly D. Bright Digitally signed by Molly D. Bright Date: 2025.06.30 15:11:06 -07'00'	5/2/2025
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May 5th, 2025

To whom it may concern,

As of today, May 5, 2025, the Cocopah Enrollment department records indicate that we have 1,249 members currently enrolled. Please note that most Tribal grants use the enrollment count from our department. Additionally, the enrollment figures reported to the United States Census Bureau differ from our internal counts. For the LIHEAP grant, our enrollment count is the figure used.

Sincerely,

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