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The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt
Secretary
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Leavitt:

In accordance with the Texas Government Code, Sections 2306.092 and 2306.097, and the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (42 U.S.C., Ch. 94, Section 8621 et seq.), I hereby designate the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs as the lead agency for administration of the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in the state of Texas. The executive director of said department is authorized to make assurances of certification which may be required as part of the annual LIHEAP application process.

This delegation of authority shall remain in full force and effect until modified or rescinded by federal or state statute, or by the chief elected official of this state.

Sincerely,

Rick Perry Governor

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