Annual Disbursement Report for 2012 - Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) Funds - Kitchener Utilities Natural Gas

- a) LEAP funds, in total and broken down as follows:
 - funds provided by the distributor to its social agency partner(s) for LEAP emergency
 financial assistance \$32,369
 - ii. funds received by the distributor's social agency partner(s) from non-distributor sources (i.e. donations) that were earmarked for, and used to top up, the LEAP emergency financial assistance funds. \$29,159.58
- b) LEAP funds disbursed, in total and broken down as follows:
 - i. money allocated for agency administration and program delivery \$4,855
 - ii. grants provided to the distributor's customers \$14,490.24
- c) The month in which LEAP funds were depleted *See comments below.
- d) Total number of applicants for LEAP emergency financial assistance 42
- e) Total number of LEAP emergency financial assistance applicants assisted 42
- f) Total number of LEAP emergency financial assistance applicants denied <u>nil</u>
- g) Average grant per accepted applicant assisted -\$345.01
- h) Confirmation that the distributor's social agency partner(s) has/have adhered to the processes and requirements set out in the LEAP Emergency Financial Assistance Program Manual Kitchener Utilities (KU) confirms that Region of Waterloo Social Services has adhered to processes and requirements set out in the LEAP EFA program manual. KU and its ratepayers are appreciative of the efforts of Region of Waterloo Social Services in capably assisting low-income energy consumers in Kitchener by their administration of the LEAP EFA program.

<u>Comments:</u> *This year, funds were used through the Provincial Emergency Energy Fund (EEF) before the Kitchener Utilities LEAP funds were exhausted. If LEAP funds had been used first (as in prior years, and as will happen in 2013 and beyond), the LEAP funds would have been depleted in June. However, since \$29,159.58 was provided to Kitchener Utility customers through EEF (this is captured in the non-distributor funds), there is \$13,023.76 of 2012 LEAP funding that will be carried over to 2013.