

VICTOR ATIYEH  
GOVERNOR



*Attachment #1*

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
STATE CAPITOL  
SALEM, OREGON 97310

October 7, 1982

The Honorable James Edwards, Secretary  
U. S. Department of Energy  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Jim:

I understand the Administrator of the Economic Regulatory Administration has proposed a plan for the distribution of approximately \$500 million in oil overcharge funds held in escrow by U.S.D.O.E. Of that amount, approximately \$200 million would be distributed to the states.

I support this proposal and I urge your rapid acceptance and implementation of this recommendation. The states have demonstrated in their receipt of other overcharge funds their ability to implement quickly programs which provide equitable relief to injured consumers.

I also understand that this escrow money represents a substantial number of cases, perhaps as many as 300 different oil companies. Because of the difficulty of segregating individual allocations per company, I would support the distribution of funds to states based on each state's percentage share of the total petroleum energy consumption nationwide.

I would encourage you to make this distribution quickly so that the states can provide relief to injured consumers rapidly and effectively.

Sincerely,

Victor Atiyeh  
Governor

VA:a1