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### **LOW INCOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM PROVIDES ENERGY SAVINGS FOR EMPIRE CUSTOMERS**

JOPLIN, MO – November 4, 2015 – With the winter heating season approaching, Empire reminds customers of the Low Income Weatherization Program. Since 2005, Empire has provided over \$1.7 million for the Low Income Weatherization Program, helping to make energy efficiency improvements to over 1,700 homes.

Low income individuals are more likely to reside in homes that are energy inefficient. As a result, they are at higher risk of struggling with utility bills. On average, the Low Income Weatherization Program reduces energy consumption by about 35 percent for the typical low income home.

Administered by the Economic Security Corporation of the Southwest Area and the Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation and funded in part by Empire, the program provides assistance to qualifying low-income customers for energy-saving home weatherization improvements. Measures may include reducing air leaks, adding insulation, sealing or repairing air ducts, heating and cooling equipment repair or replacement and other energy efficiency measures. For details and income guidelines, contact:

**Economic Security Corporation of SW Area**  
302 South Joplin Street  
Joplin, MO 64802  
417-781-0352 (Weatherization – Ext. 265)  
Service Counties: Barton, Jasper, Newton, McDonald

**Ozarks Area Community Action Corporation**  
215 South Barnes  
Springfield, MO 65802  
417-865-7797  
Service Counties: Barry, Christian, Dade, Dallas,  
Greene, Lawrence, Polk, Stone, Taney, Webster

**For weatherization tips and information.** Visit [www.empiredistrict.com/energysolutions.com](http://www.empiredistrict.com/energysolutions.com). Try the Energy Calculators to find ways to save based on your home's unique characteristics.

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