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Lynn Fabrizio, Esquire NH Public Utilities Commission 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10 Concord, NH 03301

> Re: DRM 10-296, PUC Chapter 1200 Medical Emergency Rules, Initial Proposal

Dear Attorney Fabrizio:

I am writing on behalf of The Way Home concerning the Commission's proposed Chapter 1200 Medical Emergency Rules in DRM 10-296. Attached to this letter is a brochure identifying and describing the mission and work of The Way Home. As the Commission is aware, The Way Home has been involved in a number of proceedings before the Commission over the past five years affecting low income customers. Examples are the Electric Assistance Program (EAP) dockets and electric and natural gas energy efficiency program dockets.

The Way Home is submitting this letter in support of the proposed Medical Emergency Rules. The rules provide increased protections for very vulnerable residential customers who have a documented condition which would become a danger to the physical or mental health of the customer or an identified household member in the absence of utility service as certified by a licensed medical or mental health provider. At the same time, the proposed rules maintain the necessary balance between the interests of customers and the interests of the regulated public utilities as required by RSA 363:17-a.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments regarding the proposed rules. Please note that seven copies of this letter are enclosed.

Sincerely,

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