



Southwestern Community Services

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Ms. Debora Howland, Executive Director
NH Public Utilities Commission
21 South Fruit Street – Suite 10
Concord, NH 03301-2429

RE: Second Chance for Success Transitional Housing Facility
881 Marlborough Road
Keene, NH 03431

Dear Mr. Franz,

I am writing on behalf of Southwestern Community Services (SCS), the developer/owner of the Second Chance Transitional Housing facility, currently being constructed at 881 Marlborough Road in Keene, NH. SCS is a multi-purpose non-for-profit Community Action Agency serving Cheshire and Sullivan counties. Among many other programs, SCS is the sole provider of emergency and transitional housing for homeless individuals and families in its' two-county service area

The Second Chance facility is being designed to house formerly incarcerated individuals recently released from the Cheshire County House of Correction (HOC). House of Correction staff will work with SCS pre-release to identify and refer residents for housing within this facility. Participants will be deemed to be homeless upon release from the HOC. Occupancy is expected to be between three and eighteen months for the majority of the program's participants. During residency, programs and services designed to assist this population gain sustainable employment and attain permanent housing will be provided.

We are requesting a waiver to PUC's Master Metering rule #303.02 to install just one meter socket to serve this group-home type facility. Due to the high frequency of turnover; the lack of viable employment for most residents and the overall nature and design of this facility, SCS intends to provide and pay for all utilities serving this facility, including electricity. It would be simpler and more efficient for us to install just one meter socket and pay for all electrical costs from a single bill statement.

Thank you for consideration of this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or issues. I can be reached by telephone at 603.719.4208 or by e-mail at kthibault@scshelps.org.

Sincerely,

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