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Mr. Keith Thibault Southwestern Community Services PO Box 603/63 Community Way Keene, NH 03431

Re: DE 12-274 Southwestern Community Services Request for Waiver of Puc Master Metering Rule

Mr. Thibault:

On August 21, 2012, you filed on behalf of Southwestern Community Services (Southwestern) a request to waive N.H. Code of Admin. Rules Puc 303.02 and allow Southwestern to master meter its Second Chance Transitional Housing Facility (Facility) under construction at 881 Marlborough Road in Keene. On December 28, 2012, Commission Staff filed a memorandum and recommended that the Commission close this docket. Staff explained that Southwestern and Public Service Company of New Hampshire (PSNH) had reached an agreement whereby Southwestern would master meter the facility, but would also install individual meter sockets for each unit in order to allow for individual metering in the future if the use of the facility changed.

In Order No. 25,222 (2011) in DE 10-329, the Commission granted a waiver of Puc 303.02(a) to allow PSNH to require individual meters for new or newly renovated multi-family apartment buildings, despite the language in Puc 303.02 allowing master meters in some situations. Because the parties in this case have resolved their dispute there is no further need to consider the instant waiver request. Nonetheless, the Commission will review its rules governing master metering when it readopts Puc 300 in the near future. Accordingly, DE 12-274 has been closed.

Sincerely,

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Debra A. Howland **Executive Director**

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