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47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006

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AN ACT

RELATING TO UTILITIES; CLARIFYING THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH A
UTILITY COMPANY CANNOT DISCONTINUE OR DISCONNECT SERVICE TO A
RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER; AMENDING A SECTION OF THE NMSA 1978.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. Section 27-6-18 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 2005
(1st S.S.), Chapter 2, Section 2) is amended to read:

"27-6-18. DISCONNECTION OF UTILITY SERVICE--PROHIBITION--
LIMITED TIME.--A utility company shall not discontinue or
disconnect service to a residential customer [~~for any billing~~
~~cycle~~] from November 15 through March 15 for nonpayment if the
customer meets the qualifications for the low-income home
energy assistance program. The utility company shall report
the customer's need for assistance to the human services
department, and the department shall take immediate action to

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