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AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; CLARIFYING THAT MUNICIPALITIES
ARE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOW INCOME UTILITY
ASSISTANCE ACT AND ARE SUBJECT TO THE WINTER DISCONNECTION
MORATORIUM.

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

Section 1. Section 27-6-11 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979,
Chapter 290, Section 1) is amended to read:

"27-6-11. SHORT TITLE.--Chapter 27, Article 6 NMSA 1978
may be cited as the "Low Income Utility Assistance Act"."

Section 2. Section 27-6-13 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1979,
Chapter 290, Section 3, as amended) is amended to read:

"27-6-13. ADMINISTRATION OF LOW INCOME UTILITY
ASSISTANCE ACT.--

A. As used in the Low Income Utility Assistance
Act:

(1) "department" means the agency of the
state designated by the governor; and

(2) "utility" means a publicly, privately or
municipally owned utility or a distribution cooperative
utility for the rendition of electric power or gas.

B. The department shall determine eligibility,
establish payment amounts, make utility assistance payments to
or on behalf of eligible recipients and otherwise administer

1 the Low Income Utility Assistance Act.

2 C. The department shall use funds appropriated
3 under the Low Income Utility Assistance Act to the maximum
4 extent to generate available federal and local government
5 funds and to mobilize other resources that may be applied to
6 the concepts of the Low Income Utility Assistance Act."

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