**Model Winter Termination Program Notice for Residential Ratepayers**

The NJ Department of Community Affairs has implemented a Winter Termination Program to prevent service discontinuation for eligible residential customers receiving residential<*insert* water, sewer, *and/or* electric *as applicable to the local unit*> from November 15th through March 15th.Service cannot be disconnected during this period to those residential customers who demonstrate at the time of the intended termination that they are:

1. Recipients of LIHEAP, or certified as eligible therefor pursuant to standards set by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs;
2. Recipients of Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF);
3. Recipients of Federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
4. Recipients of Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled (PAAD);
5. Recipients of General Assistance (GA) benefits;
6. Recipients of the Universal Service Fund (USF);
7. Recipients of benefits under the Lifeline Credit Program;
8. Participating in any other State or local program providing assistance specifically to help pay water, sewer, or electric bills; or
9. Persons unable to pay their utility bills because of circumstances beyond their control. Such circumstances shall include, but shall not be limited to, unemployment, illness, medically related expenses, recent death of an immediate family member, and any other circumstances, which might cause financial hardship.

If you meet one or more of the above criteria, please contact <*insert local unit office or contact person*> at <*insert email address and telephone number*> if you wish to enroll in the Program. Any financial assistance that a customer receives for <*insert* water, sewer, and/or electric *as applicable to the local unit*>, the customer shall forward all such benefits to the <*insert name of local unit*>.

Further information about the Winter Termination Program can be found at: <https://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr/offices/docs/Winter_Termination_flyer.pdf>.

Winter Termination Program Self-Certification Form: <https://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr/offices/docs/Self_Cert_for_WTP.pdf>.