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Dear Carole:

Our association, representing over 350 long-term care facilities in the State of Washington, would like to express its support for section 6(1)(ii) in proposed WAC 480-100-128 published in WSR 01-02-083 on January 2, 2001, and section (6)(1)(ii) in proposed WAC 480-90-128 published in WSR 01-02-084 on January 7, 2001. These sections, which contain identical language, would require electrical and gas utilities to provide to the Department of Social and Health Services a notice of pending disconnection of services to facilities licensed or certified by the department, and allow the department to "request to delay the disconnection for five business days past the original disconnection date to allow the department to take the necessary steps to protect the interests of patients residing at the facility"

Thank you.

Best Regards,

Brendan W. Williams
Director of Regulatory Affairs