

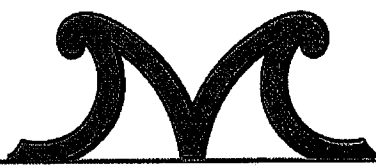


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January 21, 2015

Public Utilities Commission of Texas  
Attn: Filing Clerk, Central Records  
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PO Box 13326  
Austin, TX 78711-3326

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Re: Application for Approval to Switch from Submetered Billing to Allocated Billing  
for McDermott Crossing Residences


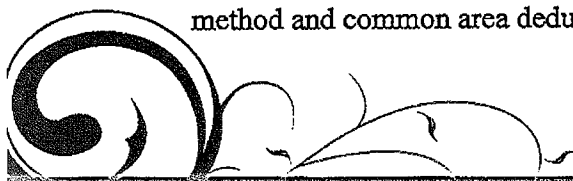
To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter and supplemental information as application for approval from the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") to switch water/sewer billing methods for McDermott Crossing Residences ("the Property") pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.123(d). The rule requires that a property owner obtain written approval from the Commission in order to switch from a submetered water/sewer billing method to an approved allocation method. Further, the owner must follow all rental agreement requirements under the rules and demonstrate good cause to switch methods, including equipment failures, meter reading, or billing problems that cannot feasibly be corrected (P.U.C. SUBST. R. 24.123(d)(1)(2)).

While the Property currently has submeters installed in the apartment units, the submeters only measure consumption on the cold water lines. The additional cost to install a hot water submeter for each unit would be approximately \$35,000, and unfortunately such financial commitment is not feasible for the Property at this time. Currently, our third party billing provider is only able to bill the residents of McDermott Crossing for a portion of their water/sewer consumption. In order to bill the residents for their full water/sewer consumption, our best option is to switch to an allocation method based upon the individually submetered cold water usage. As such, we are seeking Commission approval to allocate water/sewer charges in this manner.

Should the Commission approve the switch in billing methodology from a submetered method to an allocation method for the Property, all required residential notices and lease documentation will be provided to the residents at least 35 days prior to implementation as required. Our third party billing provider will implement a common area deduction based on the Property's common area characteristics in accordance with the rules. Upon receipt of approval, we will then file a revised registration form with the Commission reflecting the allocation method and common area deduction.

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We hope the Commission finds the information provided herein helpful in demonstrating good cause to switch billing methods. We are confident that the residents of our community will be able to maintain greater control over their level of water/sewer charges through this approval. Should the Commission have any further questions or concerns, please contact me at your earliest convenience. We appreciate the Commission's time and effort in looking into this matter and look forward to receipt of a response.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia Mims  
Senior Manager