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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

March 05, 2014

Mr. Howard M. Bookstaff Hoover Slovacek LLP, Attorneys at Law 5847 San Felipe, Suite 2200 Houston, Texas 77057-3918

Re: Request for Approval to Change Billing Method for

- 1. The Abbey at Hightower Apartments (\$6050): 6889 Hightower Dr., North Richland Hills, TX 76182-3324
- 2. The Abbey at Barker Cypress Apartments (S6047): 1760 Barker Cypress Rd., Houston, TX. 77084-6152
- 3. The Abbey at Grande Oaks Apartments (S6049): 6418 Eckhert Rd., San Antonio, TX. 78240-2896
- 4. The Abbey at Stone Oak Apartments (S6051): 20659 Stone Oak Pkwy, San Antonio, TX. 78258-7485
- 5. The Abbey at Medical Center Apartments (\$2932): 5450 Rowley Rd., San Antonio, TX. 78240-4792

## Dear Mr. Bookstaff:

The request submitted on behalf of the Abbey at Hightower Apartments Registration No. (S6050), the Abbey at Barker Cypress Apartments, Registration No. S6047, the Abbey at Grande Oaks Apartments, Registration No. S6049, the Abbey at Stone Oak Apartments, Registration No. S6051, and the Abbey at Medical Center Apartments, Registration No. S2932 to change from submetered to allocated billing are approved. The approval is based on the facts stated in your letters dated March 04, 2014.

Please note: a tenant's billing method cannot be changed unless they have signed a new lease or a lease addendum, and have been issued a notice at least 35 days prior to implementation of the new billing method. Please reference §291.123(c). In the situation where a tenant has been provided proper notice but has not signed a new lease or lease addendum, the property is not authorized to bill them under the new billing method and must continue to bill them in accordance with their existing lease.

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Please complete the TCEQ-10363 and TCEQ-10400 forms attached. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Reyes Tamayo at 512/239-4683 or by e-mail: <a href="mailto:debbie.reyes-tamayo@tceq.texas.gov">debbie.reyes-tamayo@tceq.texas.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Tammy Benter, Manager Utilities & Districts Section Water Supply Division Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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