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Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

May 15, 2008

Mr. Cary Frieden
Sierra Utility Billing Services
Post Office Box 140646
Austin, Texas 78714-0646

FAX 877-273-9995

Re: Request for approval to change billing method
Signature Park Apartments, Registration No. S2187
CN: 601580343 RN: 101240661

Dear Mr. Frieden:

The request you submitted on behalf of Signature Park Apartments in Bryan, Texas, to change from submetered to allocated billing is approved. This approval is based on the facts stated in your letter sent to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on April 18, 2008. Please complete the attached forms and return them along with a copy of this letter. You may do so via facsimile at: 512/239-6190.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 512/239-6403, via e-mail at mtaunton@tceq.state.tx.us, or by fax at 512/239-6972.

Sincerely,

Margot Taunton

Margot Taunton, Program Specialist
Utilities & Districts Section
Water Supply Division
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

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Attachments (TCEQ-10363 and TCEQ-10400)

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PO Box 29778
Austin, Texas 78755
Phone: 888-376-3354 ext. 102
Fax: 877-273-9995

Fax

To: Margot Jaurion From: Erika Casales
Fax: (512) 239-6972 Pages: 4
Phone: (512) 239-6403 Date: 4/18/08
Re: Conversion Request CC: _____

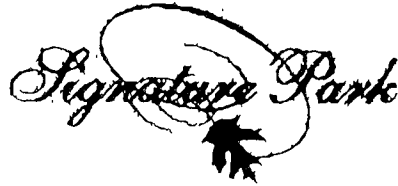
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• Comments:

Please see attached request for conversion from sub-metered to allocated for Signature Park. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Thank you.

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ON 60-1-1-1-3
RN 10-2-1-1-1



3780 Copperfield Drive
Bryan, Texas 77802
(979) 774-5556 phone
(979) 774-3860 fax
www.signaturepark.com

Utilities & Districts Section MC-153
TCEQ
PO Box 13087-3087
Austin, Texas 78753-3087

April 18, 2008

To Whom It May Concern

Pursuant to Subchapter H, Chapter 291.123(d) of the Texas Water Code, which states:

Change from submetered to allocated billing. An owner shall not change from submetered billing to allocated billing, except after receiving written approval from the executive director after a demonstration of good cause and if the rental agreement requirements under subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section have been met. Good cause may include:

- 1) *equipment failures; or*
- 2) *meter reading or billing problems that could not be feasibly be corrected*

we are hereby requesting the following community be allowed permission to change from a submetered to an allocation method:

Signature Park
3780 Copperfield Dr
Bryan, Texas 77802

Equipment Failure

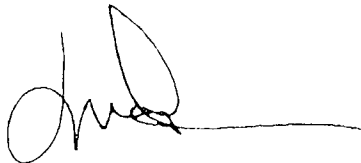
The reason we are requesting this transition due to a failure in submetering equipment that is beyond repair. We have contacted the manufacturer of the equipment and learned that replacement components are not available.

The reason we are requesting this transition is due to a failure in sub-metering equipment that is beyond repair. We have received bids that are close to \$44,984 (see attached) for the replacement of the existing system and find the cost of replacement too much for our budget. While we prefer submetering to allocation whenever possible, the cost of replacing these meters today is not feasible in today's competitive market.

We are prepared to work with all residents in having the allocation addendums executed with proper notice and agreement by residents and transition out the submetering pending the approval of the TCEQ to make this transition.

Questions about the current equipment on the properties can be directed to Cary Frieden at Sierra Utility Billing Services (512-619-8822), he is familiar with this equipment and has accompanied the manufacturer's recommended inspector throughout this process.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized first name followed by a surname and a long horizontal line extending to the right.



Work Order

PO BOX 140646

Phone 888 376-3354

Fax 877-273-9895

CUSTOMER ID 879378

TO:

From:

Signature Park

Manager

3780 Copperfield Dr

Bryan, TX 77802

Meter Issues

Sierra Utility Billing Services

3415 Greystone, Suite 201

Austin, TX 78731

888-376-3354

In order for Sierra to prepare accurate and timely resident billing services, accurate meter reads must be available for each sub-meter in the community. Your sub-metering system for water usage is in need of some repairs, but in order to do so, it is necessary to perform on site tests and repairs. If authorized, Sierra will come to your community and handle this for you.

Plan of Correction

Install DCC, Receiver, 6 Repeaters, 336 V100 meters and 336 Echostream transmitters

Price Estimate

\$44,984 \$19,824 for 336 V100 meters, \$21,840 for 336 Echo Transmitters, \$1,560 for 6 repeaters, \$310 for the Receiver and \$1450 for the DCC

Payment Terms

Payment is due within 30 days of delivery of invoice. Any unpaid balances beyond 30 days will be subject to late fees accrued at 1 1/2 % per month.

Authorization

By signing below, you are indicating that you are authorized to approve purchases on behalf of the owner.

Please Check One

☐ Accept this work order

ACCEPTED BY:

Printed Name _____

Title _____

Signature _____

Date _____

Alert tenants in all affected units.

☐ Decline this work order

By checking this, you are indicating that you have received the above work order and are declining the service. Furthermore, by signing below, you are indicating that you are authorized to refuse the above work on behalf of the owner. Declining this work order will result in utility bills for the affected units continuing to be estimated until the aforementioned problems are remedied.