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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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August 29, 2005

Mr. Matt Vidosh, Operations Manager
National Exemption Service, Inc.
604 Packard Court, Suite A
Safety Harbor, Florida 34695

Re: Request for approval to change billing method
The Dominion @ Riata, Registration No. S1521

CN: 601362569 RN: 102683968

Dear Mr. Vidosh:

The request you submitted on behalf of The Dominion @ Riata to change from submeter allocated billing is approved. This approval is based on the facts stated in your August 22, letter. Please complete the attached forms and return them along with a copy of this letter. You do so by facsimile at: 512/239-6190.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Margot Taunton at 512/239-6403, via e-mail mtaunton@tceq.state.tx.us, or by fax to 512/239-6190.

Sincerely,

Michelle Abrams, Team Leader
Utilities Financial Review
Water Supply Division

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August 22, 2005

Margot Trunton
TECQ
Mail Code 153
PO Box 13087
Austin, TX 78711-3087

Dear Ms. Trunton:

This letter is to communicate the needs of our customer at The Dominion @ Riata, located in Austin Texas, and the opportunity to assist them with our continuing commitment in providing the best service possible. We are a utility service company that provides service and support to over 500 apartment communities across the United States. To maintain the water submetering system in place at The Dominion @ Riata requires significant maintenance and replacement equipment. The system parts are all but nonexistent. Thus, we are unable to order replacement parts from the manufacture and must rely on cannibalism from other sites just to keep the system operational. Our supply of these used parts is almost exhausted and soon we will not be able to obtain any more. The cost of having the replacement parts special made is prohibitive as is the complete replacement of all the equipment because that cost would be in excess of \$35,000.00.

In considering the above facts, we respectfully request the Commission's permission to replace the metered water and sewer billing system with a TECQ approved allocation system. (RUBS)

Please contact me at 800-780-8848 with any questions or requests for additional information.

Sincerely,

/Matt Vidosh
Operations Manager
National Exemption Service, Inc.