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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

November 19, 2009

Ms. Michaela Smith Regional Vice President Trinity Property Consultants 1700 Pacific Avenue, Suite 2430 Dallas, Texas 75201

Re:

Request for approval to change billing method

South Shore Lakes, Registration No. S1232

CN: 600644223

RN: 101199065

Dear Ms. Smith:

The request you submitted on behalf of South Shore Lakes to change from submetered to allocated billing is approved. This approval is based on the facts stated in your letter of November 5, 2009. 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@tceg.state.tx.us, or by fax at 512-239-6190.

Sincerely,

Margot Taunton, Program Specialist

Utilities & Districts Section

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Water Supply Division

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Attachments (TCEQ-10363 and TCEQ-10400)

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1700 Pacific Avenue, Suite 2430 Dallas, TX 75201 P 214 965-9523 F 214 965-9544

November 5, 2009

Margot Taunton Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Water Supply Division, MC-153 P.O. Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711-3087

RE: Conversion from Submetering to Allocation at South Shore Lakes

Dear Margot Taunton:

The submetering system at South Shore Lakes is an old submetering system in which is in need of replacement. Employees and contractors of South Shore Lakes have made diligent efforts to repair the meters without success.

The property has explored the feasibility of replacing the submetering system, but the cost would be prohibitive. Attached is a proposal for the upgrade to a new wireless meter reading system. As you can see, the cost is significant. Consequently, South Shore Lakes believe that good cause exists pursuant to Section 291.123(d) to change from submetered to allocated billing. The residents currently sign a Texas Apartment Association form lease which indicated that they will be responsible for water and wastewater and also sign a "Lease Addendum for Water/Wastewater Submeter Billing in Apartments" and receive the "Tenant Guide to Submetered Water or Wastewater Service". It is South Shore Lakes' intent to provide existing residents 35-day notice of the new allocation and request their written approval of such modification following Section 291.123(c). This would typically only occur upon new leases and when existing tenants renew their lease.

South Shore Lakes intends to use the following allocation system: deduct five (5%) of the water/wastewater bill to account for common area and allocate the remaining ninety-five (95%) back to the residents based a factor using a combination of square footage and occupancy in which no more than 50% is based on square footage per Section 291.124(e)(ii)(A)(iv). There is no irrigation is in use at the property but common usage is included in the master meter, therefore the common usage deducted will be 5% per Section 291.124(e)(1)(B)(iv).

Please provide written approval of the conversion to water allocation billing for South Shore Lakes. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Michaela Smith

Regional Vice President Trinity Property Consultants

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QUARTERLY DIAGNOSTIC REPORT

South Shore Lakes

Current # of Meter Errors: 130 **Current Operating Level: 60.4%**

Warranty Status

AUM Labor Warranty Expiration Date: N/A - System was not installed by AUM N/A - System was not installed by AUM Parts & Materials Warranty Expiration Date:

System Information

Units: 328

Utility Measured - Method of Measurement: Water - Full Capture

Description of Meter Equipment: Phase I - Manually Read with AMCO 3/4"

V100 meters and digital read pad Phase II - Hexagram Dual port with AMCO 3/4"

V100 meters

Access/Modern Number: TBD

Error Type	Number of Units	
High Consumption	0	
Low Consumption	0	
No Consumption	44	
Broken Transmitter	86	
Broken Repeater	0	
See attached Diagnostic Worksh	eet for specific unit information	

Estimated Re	pair Charges	ş
Labor:	\$	500.00
Parts & Materials:	\$	39,982.00
Subtotal:	\$	40,482.00
Warranty Coverage:	\$	-
Estimate Total:	\$	40,482.00

AUM Scope of Work

No Consumption and Broken Transmitters

- 1) Enter unit and run water to check function of meter. 2) Replace meter or read switch if not operable.
- 3) Connect continuity tester to leads at transmitter 4) Run enough water to generate pulse 5) Check status of transmitter & battery and replace if not operable 6) Force transmission from meter to transmitter 8) Verify read was received at end point/data collector

High Consumption

1) Check the number of people living in unit. 2) Check all toilets, faucets, showers, etc. for running water Inspect and test each toilet (place food coloring in tank and inspect for food coloring in bowl after 5 - 10 minutes) 3) Make notes and provide to property office and AUM staff

Low Consumption

- 1) Enter unit and run water to check function of meter 2) Replace meter or read switch if not operable 3) Verify unit is occupied. 4) Verify unit is not a model 5) Are tenants in the military? 6) Do tenants travel extensively? 7) Make notes and provide to property office and AUM staff.
- To Approve Please Sign Below

If the terms of this estimate are acceptable, please sign and date in the space provided below and return a copy to AUM. Upon receiving an approved report AUM will schedule the service call, notify the property and order the necessary parts. Warranty coverage does not include damage to systems caused by users, residents, maintenance personnel or modification to measured equipment

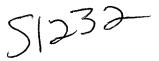
Date

I hereby understand and agree with all the terms listed above and authorize AUM to perform the work as described above and invoice accordingly. I am authorized to approve this work and approve payment of such work

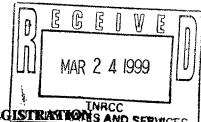
SUBMETERED UTILITY SERVICE REGISTRATION

(Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission form)

TEXAS NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION COMMISSION







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SUBMETERED UTILITY SERVICE REGISTRATIONS AND SERVICES

Registration No.

(TNRCC Use Only)
OWNER INFORMATION
Name: South Shore Lakes, Ltd.
Address: 1177 W. Loop So. #1475 Houston, Texas Phone (7/3) 871-0063
Tax Identification No.: 76-0564244
Name & Location of Facility Where Submetered Service is Provided: South Shore Lakes 888-344-441
3850 FM 518 East League City, Texas 77573
Check One: Apartment Mobile Home Park Condominium
MultipleUseFacility(Describe):
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION (If Different From Above)
Company Name: Hettig Management Corp. 1702]
Address: 1177 W. Loop So. #1475 Houston, TEXAS Phone: (7/3)871-0063
CONTACT INFORMATION FOR QUESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS
Name: Darlene Guidry Phone: (7/3)871-0063
UtilityProvidingWater/Wastewater: City of League City WHER Utilities Topt DateSubmeteringBegins(orBegan): 3/15/99
Please attach a copy of the billing form that will be used and a copy of the rental agreement stating that the utility service is submetered. Mail to: Water Utilities Division, TNRCC Utility Certification & Rate Design Section P. O. Box 13087 Austin, Texas 78711

Questions?: Call Consumer Assistance, Water Utilities Division, TNRCC--512/239-6100