

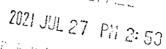
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

August 3, 2006

Mr. Jacob D. Slosburg, Vice President Texas SFI Partnership 45 Ltd. 10040 Regency Circle Omaha, Nebraska 68114

Request for approval to change billing method Re:

Village on the Parkway, Registration No. S0059

CN: 601356322 RN: 102671211

Dear Mr. Jacob D. Slosburg:

The request you submitted on behalf of Village on the Parkway to change from submetered to allocated billing is approved. This approval is based on the facts stated in your letter dated June 28, 2006. 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 Ms. Margot Taunton at 512/239-6403, via email to mtaunton@tceq.state.tx.us, or by fax to 512/239-6190.

Sincerely,

Coo Tammy Benter, Team Leader

Utilities Financial Review

Water Supply Division

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TEXAS SFI PARTNERSHIP 45 LTD

June 28, 2006

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

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:

Village on the Parkway 1333 Eldridge Parkway Houston, Texas 77077

Equipment Failure

The reason we are requesting this transition is 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. Within the next two years, we can expect 100% failure rate (see attached letter from Master Meter).

Master Meter (the manufacturer) has recommended either replacing or abandoning the existing system. We have received bids in excess of \$50,000 (see attached) for the replacement of the existing system (not including the labor time required by our staff members to facilitate such change) 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.

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.

Sincerely,

Jacob D. Slosburg

Vice President

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