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Public Utility Commission
Central Records
Attn: Chris Burch, Director – Customer Protection
1701 N. Congress Avenue, P.O. Box 13326
Austin, TX 78711-3326

RE: Request for Approval to Change Billing Method at Island Villa S5728

Dear Mr. Burch:

Our company, Conservice LLC, serves as the utility billing provider for Island Villa, upon whose behalf and authorization we send this letter. The purpose of this correspondence is to formally request that the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUC") approve this property to transition from its registered status as submetered to allocated billing.

We understand that Texas Water Code section § 13.502 permits the owner to switch from submetered to allocated billing upon a showing of good cause and approval by the PUC. For the following reasons, we believe Island Villa meets the good cause requirements outlined in the Code, and we respectfully ask the PUC to approve this request.

Recently, the submeter system has begun to malfunction, requiring that the property incurs the ongoing repair and replacement costs above and beyond normal wear and tear. Given the current state of the submetering system, the property will incur prohibitive costs to replace current broken equipment, and it is likely that further equipment failure will occur and need to be replaced and upgraded. Attached is the proposal for repair. The property does not anticipate having the capital resources required to make these and future repairs, and respectfully requests that they be allowed to bill tenants through allocative methods.

Should you require and additional information in making your determination please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Bret R. James Legal Counsel – Conservice 750 South Gateway Drive River Heights, UT 84321 435-750-5402 bretjames@conservice.com S5728



## CY 2022 Registration of Submetered OR Allocated Utility Service

**NOTE:** Please **<u>DO NOT</u>** include any person or protected information on this form (ev. tax identification #'s social security #'s etc.)

| Control Number: 52942              |  |  |  |  |
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| Registration No.:                  |  |  |  |  |
| (this number to be assigned by the |  |  |  |  |
| PUC after your form is filed)      |  |  |  |  |

| this   | form (ex: tax id | lentification #'s, social s | ecurity i       | #'s, etc.)        |          |                 |          |                    |
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|  |                  | enter the name of the o     |                 |                   | , manage | ement company,  | or billi | ng company.        |
| Name   Post Island L   |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 | -1       |                    |
| Mailing Address:   | 1641 Nile Dr     |                             |                 | Corpus Christi    |          | State TX        | Zip      | 78412              |
| Telephone# (AC)  | 361-994-1630     |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| E-mail   |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
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| Name Island Villa  | a                |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| Mailing Address:   | 1641 Nile Dr     |                             | City            | Corpus Christi    | i        | State TX        | Zip      | 78412              |
| Telephone# (AC)  | 361-994-163      | 0                           |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| E-mail   | c/o legal@co     | nservice.com                |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| <b>▼</b> Apartment Com   |                  | . )                         |                 | ectured Home R    | Rental C | ommunity        | Mult     | tiple-Use Facility |
| If applicable, descr   | ibe the "multi   | ple-use facility" here      | :               |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| INFORMATION ON UTILITY SERVICE   |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| Tenants are billed for   Water   Wastewater  Submetered OR   Allocated ★★★   |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| Name of utility pro  | oviding water/   | wastewater City o           | f Corp          | us Christi        |          |                 |          |                    |
| Date submetered or allocated billing begins (or began) 10/1/2022 Required  |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| METHOD USED TO OFFSET CHARGES FOR COMMON AREAS Check one line only.  |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| Not applicable,  | because          | Bills are based on t        |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| There are <u>neither</u> common areas <u>nor</u> an installed irrigation system  |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
|  |                  | igation system(s) are       |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| We deduct the act  | ual utility cha  | rges for water and wa       | astewat         | er to these areas | s then a | llocate the rem | ıaining  | charges among      |
| our tenants.   |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| This property has an installed irrigation system that is <u>not</u> separately metered or submetered:                          |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| We deduct 25 percent (we deduct at least 25 percent) of the utility's total charges for water and wastewater                   |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| consumption, then allocate the remaining charges among our tenants.  |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| This property has an installed irrigation system(s) that <u>is/are</u> separately metered or submetered:                       |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| We deduct the actual utility charges associated with the irrigation system(s), then deduct at least 5 percent of the utility's |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| total charges for water and wastewater consumption, then allocate the remaining charges among our tenants.                     |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| This property does <u>not</u> have an installed irrigation system:   |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| We deduct at least 5 percent of the retail public utility's total charges for water and wastewater consumption, and then       |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
| allocate the remaining charges among our tenants.  |                  |                             |                 |                   |          |                 |          |                    |
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| total charges for water and wastewater consumption, then anotate the remaining charges among our tenants.  |   |  |  |  |  |
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| This property does <u>not</u> have an installed irrigation syste   | em:   |  |  |  |  |
| We deduct at least 5 percent of the retail public utility's to   | otal charges for water and wastewater consumption, and then |  |  |  |  |
| allocate the remaining charges among our tenants.  |   |  |  |  |  |
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| ★★★IF UTILITY SERVICES ARE ALLOCATED, YOU  | MUST ALSO COMPLETE PAGE TWO OF THIS FORM ★★★                |  |  |  |  |
| You can e-file this form online through the PUC Interchange Filer (https://interchange.puc.texas.gov/filer) You can find instructions for E-Filing at https://www.puc.texas.gov/industry/filings/E-FilingInstructions.pdf. |   |  |  |  |  |
| Or you may mail <b>one</b> copy to: For USPS:  | For all other delivery or courier services:                 |  |  |  |  |
| Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records   | Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records          |  |  |  |  |
| P.O. Box 13326   | 1701 N. Congress Ave., 8-100                                |  |  |  |  |
| Austin, TX 78711-3326  | Austin, TX 78701  |  |  |  |  |
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## METHOD USED TO ALLOCATE UTILITY CHARGES

Check the box or boxes that describe the allocation method used to bill tenants.

1. Occupancy method: The number of occupants in the tenant's dwelling unit is divided by the total number of occupants in all dwelling units at the beginning of the month for which bills are being rendered.

| 2. Ratio occupancy method:                              |                     | Number of Occupants for                |
|---|---------------------|--|
|   | Number of Occupants | Billing Purposes                       |
| The number of occupants in the tenant's dwelling unit   | 1                   | 1.0                                    |
| is adjusted as shown in the table to the right. This    | 2                   | 1.6                                    |
| adjusted value is divided by the total of these values  | 3                   | 2.2                                    |
| for all dwelling units occupied at the beginning of the | >3                  | 2.2 + 0.4 for each additional occupant |
| retail public utility's billing period.                 |                     | -                                      |

| 3. Estimated occupancy method:                           | Number of      | Number of Occupants for               |
|--|----------------|---------------------------------------|
|  | Bedrooms       | Billing Purposes                      |
| The estimated occupancy for each unit is based on the    | 0 (Efficiency) | 1                                     |
| number of bedrooms as shown in the table to the          | 1              | 1.6                                   |
| right. The estimated occupancy in the tenant's           | 2              | 2.8                                   |
| dwelling unit is divided by the total estimated          | 3              | 4.0                                   |
| occupancy in all dwelling units regardless of the actual | >3             | 4.0 + 1.2 for each additional bedroom |
| number of occupants or occupied units.                   |                |                                       |

For Box #4: if you check off with the % you will need to choose #1, #2, or # 3 from above as the reminder of no more than 50%.

4. Occupancy and size of rental unit 50 percent (in which no more than 50%) of the utility bill for

consumption is allocated using the occupancy method checked above. The remainder is allocated according to either:

- the size of the tenant's dwelling unit divided by the total size of all dwelling units, OR
- the size of the space rented by the tenant of a manufactured home divided by the size of all rental spaces.

Submetered hot water:

The individually submetered hot water used in the tenant's dwelling unit is divided by all submetered hot water used in all dwelling units.

Submetered cold water is used to allocate charges for hot water provided through a central system:

The individually submetered cold water used in the tenant's dwelling unit is divided by all submetered cold water used in all dwelling units.

Size of manufactured home rental space:

The size of the area rented by the tenant divided by the total area of all the size of rental spaces.

Size of the rented space in a multi-use facility:

The square footage of the space rented by the tenant divided by the total square footage of all rental spaces.