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7/12/2022

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 Ambrosio S8162

Dear Mr. Burch:

Our company, Conservice LLC, serves as the utility billing provider for Ambrosio, 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 Ambrosio 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 costs of \$4,705.60 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



**Estimate** 

EST1676

5/9/2022

Conservice Metering Solutions PO Box 4647 Logan UT 84323 United States

Bill To

Ambrosio 14301 N Interstate 35 Pflugerville TX 78660 United States **TOTAL** 

\$4,705.60

**Expires** 

Job

6/23/2022

49699-WO Ambrosio

|               | onservice Rep                                  | Phone  |                          | ail          |
|---------------|--|--|--------------------------|--------------|
| Skyler Worder | า (85164)                                      | (435) 419-4956   | <u>sworden@conservic</u> | <u>e.com</u> |
| Quantity      | Item   |  | Rate                     | Amount       |
| 1             | L000 Submeterin                                | g  | \$0.00                   | \$0.00       |
| 1             |  | <b>ellular Gateway - NextCentury</b><br>iateway - NextCentury                                    | \$1,980.00               | \$1,980.00   |
| 1             | <b>120006 Ethernet</b> Ethernet Cable 25       |  | \$12.60                  | \$12.60      |
| 1             | <b>200401 Monthly (</b> Monthly Cellular C     |  | \$35.00                  | \$35.00      |
| 1             | <b>120403 3rd Party</b><br>3rd Party Cable - N | <b>Cable - NextCentury</b><br>NextCentury  | \$63.00                  | \$63.00      |
| 4             | transformer (6 ft                              | peater (RE4) with 120/240 VAC wall cord)- NextCentury 120/240 VAC wall transformer (6 ft. cord)- | \$360.00                 | \$1,440.00   |
| 1             | <b>Labor 1 Labor Ho</b><br>First hour of Labor |  | \$300.00                 | \$300.00     |
| 5             | Labor 2 Labor aft                              | er 1st hour  | \$175.00                 | \$875.00     |
|               |  |  | Subtotal                 | \$4,705.60   |
|               |  |  | Total                    | \$4,705.60   |

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\*Tax total will be provided on final sales order.



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Prices for parts, materials and labor are subject to change based on service needs, actual costs and/or warranty agreement. Sales tax will be included on the final invoice if applicable.

The property may be charged a \$45/hr service fee for over-the-phone technicial assistance exceeding 30min.

We will continue to prepare estimated bills for these units. Please be advised that by not authorizing this service you may affect our ability to continue to bill these apartment homes and you may be in noncompliance with certain rules governing submetering in your state.

The Property will be responsible for any damage done to the equipment due to damage resulting from a preexisting condition in existing equipment. Prior to work being done, we request contact information for someone from your Property team and your preferred plumber. While we don't typically see leaks or damage, some older plumbing systems experience stress with any work being done and cracks, break, and other damage can occur when the water is restored after completing a project. If we notice a preexisting condition upon arrival, we will attempt to contact the provided Property contact. If you do not provide us with a contact or we are unable to reach the contact provided, we will perform the work when we arrive. In the event there is damage to the pipes due to age or a preexisting condition, we will reach out to your preferred plumber to request the work be done. Cost of the repair shall be the responsibility of the Property. If the damage was caused directly by the negligence or willful wrongful act of Conservice or its technicians and not due to a preexisting condition, Conservice shall take responsibility for payment of the repairs.

By signing below you are accepting the proposal as set forth above and agree to pay the prices described herein, as well as any applicable sales tax. You acknowledge that you are authorized to sign this proposal on behalf of your company.

Please email Conservice at meters@conservice.com, or FAX back to Fax 435-755-3759. Once received, we will contact you to schedule a service date.

If we do not receive this approved PFR within 30 days, we will assume you do not want this service.

Cancellation Policy: Once work is approved and materials shipped, a technician will be scheduled. Once scheduling is confirmed by the property, Conservice must be notified at least two business days prior to service date via email at meters@conservice.com if the visit needs to be rescheduled. If written cancellation is not received at least two business days in advance, the technician is refused onsite or if tenants are not noticed, the property will be charged a minimum of \$250 for related expenses.

| Signature | Date |  | Print Name and Title |
|-----------|------|--|----------------------|

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Accepted and Approved By:



# CY 2022 Registration of Submetered OR Allocated Utility Service S8162

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

**NOTE:** Please **<u>DO NOT</u>** include any person or protected information on

| this form ( | (ex: ta | ax identification #' | s, social | l security | y#'s, | etc. | ) |
|-------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|------------|-------|------|---|
|             |         |                      |           |            |       |      |   |

| tills 101  | rm (ex: tax identification # s, social s   | security # s, etc.)        |                             |                            |  |
|--|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| PROPERTY OWN   | ER: Do <u>not</u> enter the name of the o  | wner's contract manag      | ger, management company,    | or billing company.        |  |
|  | dge Partners Phase 4 LP                    |                            |                             |                            |  |
| Mailing Address: 22  | 218 Bryan St. Suite 401                    | City Dallas                | State TX                    | Zip 75201                  |  |
| Telephone# (AC) 5  | 12-518-6154                                |                            |                             |                            |  |
| E-mail   |  |                            |                             |                            |  |
| NAM  | E, ADDRESS, AND TYPE OF PE                 | ROPERTY WHERE              | UTILITY SERVICE IS PI       | ROVIDED                    |  |
| Name Ambrosio  |  |                            |                             |                            |  |
| Mailing Address:   | 14301 N Interstate 35                      | City Pflugerville          | State TX                    | Zip 78660                  |  |
| Telephone# (AC)  | 512-518-6154                               | •                          |                             |                            |  |
| E-mail o   | c/o legal@conservice.com                   |                            |                             |                            |  |
| X Apartment Comp   | lex Condominium                            | Manufactured Home          | e Rental Community          | Multiple-Use Facility      |  |
| If applicable, describ   | e the "multiple-use facility" here         | );                         | · •                         |                            |  |
|  | INFORMAT                                   | TON ON UTILITY S           | ERVICE                      |                            |  |
| Tenants are billed for   | r 🗶 Water 🗶 Wastewate                      | er                         | Submetered <u>OR</u>        | <b>★</b> Allocated ★★★     |  |
| Name of utility provi  | iding water/wastewater   City of           | Austin TX                  |                             |                            |  |
| Date submetered or a   | allocated billing begins (or began         | i) 07/01/2022              | Required                    |                            |  |
| METHOD USED TO   | OFFSET CHARGES FOR COM                     | MON AREAS Chec             | ck one line only.           |                            |  |
| Not applicable, be   | ecause Bills are based on t                | he tenant's actual su      | bmetered consumption        |                            |  |
| -  | There are <u>neither</u> o                 | common areas <u>nor</u> an | installed irrigation syste  | em                         |  |
| All common areas   | s and the irrigation system(s) are         | metered or submete         | red:                        |                            |  |
| We deduct the actua  | l utility charges for water and wa         | astewater to these ar      | eas then allocate the rem   | naining charges among      |  |
| our tenants.   |  |                            |                             |                            |  |
| This property has an installed irrigation system that is <u>not</u> separately metered or submetered:      |  |                            |                             |                            |  |
| We deduct percent (we deduct at least 25 percent) of the utility's total charges for water and wastewater  |  |                            |                             |                            |  |
| consumption, then a  | llocate the remaining charges am           | ong our tenants.           |                             |                            |  |
| This property has  | an installed irrigation system(s)          | that is/are separately     | metered or submetered       | :                          |  |
| We deduct the actua  | l utility charges associated with 1        | the irrigation system      | (s), then deduct at least 5 | 5 percent of the utility's |  |
| total charges for water and wastewater consumption, then allocate the remaining charges among our tenants. |  |                            |                             |                            |  |
| This property doe  | es <u>not</u> have an installed irrigation | system:                    |                             |                            |  |
| We deduct at least 5   | percent of the retail public utilit        | y's total charges for      | water and wastewater co     | onsumption, and then       |  |
| allocate the remaining charges among our tenants.  |  |                            |                             |                            |  |
|  |  |                            |                             |                            |  |
| <b>★★★IF UTILITY</b>   | SERVICES ARE ALLOCATED, Y                  | YOU MUST ALSO C            | OMPLETE PAGE TWO            | OF THIS FORM ★★★           |  |
|  | form online through the PUC In             | •                          |                             | · /                        |  |
| - You can find instr   | uctions for E-Filing at https://w          | ww.puc.texas.gov/i         | ndustry/filings/E-Filing    | gInstructions.pdf.         |  |
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| Or you may mail on For USPS:   | ie copy to:                                | For all other              | delivery or courier serv    | ices:                      |  |
| roi USFS.  |  |                            |                             |                            |  |
| Public Utility Comr  | nission of Texas Central Recor             | ds Public Utility          | Commission of Texas         | Central Records            |  |
| P.O. Box 13326   | 2.2. 2.2. 2.2                              | •                          | gress Ave., 8-100           |                            |  |
| Austin, TX 78711-3326 Austin, TX 78701   |  |                            |                             |                            |  |

## METHOD USED TO ALLOCATE UTILITY CHARGES

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

| į    | 1. Occupancy method: The number of occupants in the tenant's dwelling unit is divided by the total numbe | r of |
|------|--|------|
| occı | cupants 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.                 |                     | <u>-</u>                               |

| 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 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.

| As outlined in the condominium contract. Describe: |
|--|
|  |
|  |

## 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.