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7/14/2022

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 South Side on Lamar S3547

Dear Mr. Burch:

Our company, Conservice LLC, serves as the utility billing provider for South Side on Lamar, 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 South Side on Lamar 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 \$3,572.00 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**

### **METERS**

Conservice Metering Solutions PO Box 4647 Logan UT 84323 United States EST4160

6/30/2022

Bill To

South Side on Lamar 1409 S Lamar St Dallas TX 75215 United States TOTAL

\$3,572.00

**Expires** 

Job

8/14/2022

49700-WO South Side on Lamar

Ce	nservice Rep Phone	En	nail
Jesse Thompso	n (94220) (435) 265-4065	jessethompson@co	<u>nservice.com</u>
Quantity	Item	Rate	Amount
1	<b>120416 Gateway (GW4) with LTE/5G Cellular Moder NextCentury</b> Gateway wth LTE/5G Cellular Modem- NextCentury	<b>m-</b> \$900.00	\$900.00
9	120414 RF- Repeater (RE4) with 120/240 VAC was transformer (6 ft. cord)- NextCentury RF- Repeater with 120/240 VAC wall transformer (6 ft. cord NextCentury		\$1,620.00
1	<b>120006 Ethernet Cable 25'</b> Ethernet Cable 25'	\$13.00	\$13.00
1	<b>120427 Universal 3rd Party Cable - NextCentury</b> Universal 3rd Party Cable - NextCentury	\$69.00	\$69.00
1	SC-Region 1 Travel Surcharge-Region 1	\$70.00	\$70.00
1	<b>L000 Submetering</b> Upgrade labor	\$900.00	\$900.00
		Subtotal	\$3,572.00
		Total	\$3,572.00

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



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EST4160

6/30/2022

Conservice Metering Solutions PO Box 4647 Logan UT 84323 United States

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 take responsibility for payment of the repairs 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 \$3547

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

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

this form (ex. tax identification # 5, social securi	$ty \pi s, cic.)$		
PROPERTY OWNER: Do not enter the name of the owner	•	ement company,	or billing company.
Name   SOUTHISDE PLAZA 455 LTD			
Mailing Address: 1409 S Lamar St. Suite 1019 Cit	y Dallas	State TX	Zip 75215
Telephone# (AC) 512-535-1142			
E-mail			
NAME, ADDRESS, AND TYPE OF PROPE	ERTY WHERE UTILITY	SERVICE IS PI	ROVIDED
Name South Side on Lamar			
Mailing Address: 1409 S Lamar St Cit	y Dallas	State TX	Zip 75215
Telephone# (AC) 512-535-1142			
E-mail c/o legal@conservice.com			
★ Apartment Complex   Condominium   Man	ufactured Home Rental (	Community	Multiple-Use Facility
If applicable, describe the "multiple-use facility" here:			
INFORMATION	ON UTILITY SERVICE		
Tenants are billed for 🗶 Water 🗶 Wastewater	Sub	metered <u>OR</u>	<b>★</b> Allocated ★★★
Name of utility providing water/wastewater	as TX		· ·
Date submetered or allocated billing begins (or began) 08	/01/2022	Required	
METHOD USED TO OFFSET CHARGES FOR COMMON	AREAS Check one lin	ie only.	
Not applicable, because Bills are based on the te	nant's actual submetered	consumption	
	non areas <u>nor</u> an installed	irrigation syste	em
All common areas and the irrigation system(s) are meter	ered or submetered:		
We deduct the actual utility charges for water and wastew	rater to these areas then a	allocate the rem	naining charges among
our tenants.			
This property has an installed irrigation system that is in	not separately metered or	r submetered:	
We deduct 25 percent (we deduct at least 25 per	<b>cent)</b> of the utility's total	charges for wa	ter and wastewater
consumption, then allocate the remaining charges among			
This property has an installed irrigation system(s) that	= -		
We deduct the actual utility charges associated with the in	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		-
total charges for water and wastewater consumption, then		harges among o	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 to	otal charges for water and	l wastewater co	nsumption, and then
allocate the remaining charges among our tenants.			
★★★IF UTILITY SERVICES ARE ALLOCATED, YOU			
You can e-file this form online through the PUC Interch	• • •	~ .	· /
- You can find instructions for E-Filing at https://www.	puc.texas.gov/industry/i	filings/E-Filing	gInstructions.pdf.
Or you may mail one copy to:	For all other delivery	or courier serv	ices:
For USPS:			
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Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records P.O. Box 13326	Public Utility Commi 1701 N. Congress Ave		Central Records
Austin TX 78711-3326	Austin TX 78701	C., 6-100	

## 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>

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.