

# **Filing Receipt**

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6/13/2023

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 The Estates at Canyon Ridge S5713

Dear Mr. Burch:

Our company, Conservice LLC, serves as the utility billing provider for The Estates at Canyon Ridge, 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 The Estates at Canyon Ridge 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 \$10,153.00 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

EST9998

4/21/2023

Bill To TOTAL

The Estates at Canyon Ridge 20614 Stone Oak Pkwy San Antonio TX 78258 United States

Conservice Rep

\$10,153.00

Expires Jo

Phone

7/21/2023

72278-WO The Estates at Canyon Ridge

| Lindsey Rodriguez (133885) (43 |   | 92-6655               | lindseyrodriguez@conservice.com |             |
|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Quantity                       | Item  |                       | Rate                            | Amount      |
| 41                             | <b>180402 3/4 NCSS 1:10 Poly M201</b><br>3/4 NCSS 1:10 Poly M201C       | с                     | \$58.00                         | \$2,378.00  |
| 40                             | <b>120412 RF-Transceiver TR4 Puls</b><br>RF-Transceiver TR4-NextCentury | e/Encoder-NextCentury | \$67.00                         | \$2,680.00  |
| 1                              | <b>Labor 1 Labor Hour One</b><br>First hour of Labor on project.        |                       | \$300.00                        | \$300.00    |
| 27                             | Labor 2 Labor after 1st hour  |                       | \$175.00                        | \$4,725.00  |
| 1                              | SC-Region 1 Travel Surcharge-R  | egion 1               | \$70.00                         | \$70.00     |
|                                |   |                       | Subtotal                        | \$10,153.00 |
|                                |   |                       | Total                           | \$10,153.00 |

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



## **Estimate**

WILILKS

Conservice Metering Solutions PO Box 4647 Logan UT 84323 United States

EST9998

4/21/2023

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.

In the event that meters are behind the washer or dryer, the property must either move these units out of the way prior to the visit or provide staff to move them during the visit.

#### Accepted and Approved By:

| Signature | Date | Print Name and ⊤itle |
|-----------|------|----------------------|

IMPORTANT: THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO US WITHIN 30 DAYS IN ORDER FOR SERVICE TO BE PERFORMED



S5713



## CY 2022 Registration of Submetered OR Allocated Utility Service

**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: 54440              |
|------------------------------------|
| Registration No.:                  |
| (this number to be assigned by the |
| PUC after your form is filed)      |

| tills form (ex: tax identification # s, social sectifi          | ny # s, eic.)                            |                    |                                       |
|---|--|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| PROPERTY OWNER: Do <b>not</b> enter the name of the owner       | r's contract manager, mana               | gement company     | , or billing company.                 |
| Name CANYON RIDGE LL LLC  |  |                    |                                       |
| Mailing Address: 20614 Stone Oak Pkwy Cit                       | y San Antonio                            | State TX           | Zip 78258                             |
| Telephone# (AC) 210-298-2909                                    |  |                    |                                       |
| E-mail  |  |                    |                                       |
| NAME, ADDRESS, AND TYPE OF PROPI                                | ERTY WHERE UTILITY                       | SERVICE IS P       | ROVIDED                               |
| Name The Estates at Canyon Ridge                                |  |                    |                                       |
| Mailing Address: 20614 Stone Oak Pkwy Cit                       | ty San Antonio                           | State TX           | Zip 78258                             |
| Telephone# (AC) 210-298-2909                                    |  |                    |                                       |
| 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:       |  | •                  |                                       |
|   | ON UTILITY SERVICE                       | <u> </u>           |                                       |
| Tenants are billed for 🗶 Water 🗶 Wastewater                     | Su                                       | bmetered <u>OR</u> | <b>★</b> Allocated ★★★                |
| Name of utility providing water/wastewater San Anto             | nio Water System                         |                    | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| Date submetered or allocated billing begins (or began) 05       | 5/01/2023                                | Required           |                                       |
| METHOD USED TO OFFSET CHARGES FOR COMMON                        | N AREAS Check one li                     | ne only.           |                                       |
| Not applicable, because Bills are based on the te               | enant's actual submetere                 | d consumption      |                                       |
| There are <u>neither</u> comm                                   | non areas <u>nor</u> an installe         | d irrigation syste | em                                    |
| All common areas and the irrigation system(s) are mete          | ered or submetered:                      |                    |                                       |
| We deduct the actual utility charges for water and wastev       |  | allocate the ren   | naining charges among                 |
| our tenants.  |  |                    | 0 0 0                                 |
| This property has an installed irrigation system that is        | not separately metered o                 | or submetered:     |                                       |
| We deduct percent (we deduct at least 25 per                    |  |                    | ater and wastewater                   |
| consumption, then allocate the remaining charges among          | ·  | 2                  |                                       |
| This property has an installed irrigation system(s) that        | is/are separately metere                 | d or submetered    | l:                                    |
| We deduct the actual utility charges associated with the in     | - •                                      |                    |                                       |
| total charges for water and wastewater consumption, ther        | n allocate the remaining                 | charges among      | our tenants.                          |
| This property does <u>not</u> have an installed irrigation syst |  |                    |                                       |
| We deduct at least 5 percent of the retail public utility's to  |  | d wastewater co    | onsumption, and then                  |
| allocate the remaining charges among our tenants.               | Ü  |                    | -                                     |
|   |  |                    |                                       |
| ★★★IF UTILITY SERVICES ARE ALLOCATED, YOU                       | MUST ALSO COMPLE                         | TE PAGE TWO        | OF THIS FORM ★★★                      |
| You can e-file this form online through the PUC Intercl         | hange Filer (https://inte                | rchange.puc.te     | xas.gov/filer).                       |
| - You can find instructions for E-Filing at https://www.        | puc.texas.gov/industry                   | filings/E-Filing   | gInstructions.pdf.                    |
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| Or you may mail <b>one</b> copy to:                             | For all other delivery                   | or courier serv    | nces:                                 |
| For USPS:   |  |                    |                                       |
| Public Utility Commission of Texas Central Records              | Public Utility Comm                      | ission of Texas    | Central Records                       |
| P.O. Box 13326  | 1701 N. Congress Av                      |                    |                                       |
| 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.

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.

| x 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.                 |                     | _                                      |

| 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 number of occupants or occupied units. | >3             | 4.0 + 1.2 for each additional bedroom |
| number of occupants of 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: |
|--|
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|  |

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.