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Dear Ms. Van Gerpen

I recently decided to update the electrical entrance at 618 and 620 East 2nd St. in Webster, SD for safety and efficiency reasons. The present tenants have agreed with my plan to change to a single service. They presently pay Northwestern Energy for electricity based on meters for each apartment.

Since I have owned this converted duplex for approximately six years, I have paid all the Northwestern Energy gas to a single meter and a single furnace. I also pay municipal water from a single meter and unmetered sanitation service. This change will allow a single charge to me of Northwestern Energy for gas and electricity.


This change will eliminate separate billing from two services for electricity to one with an adjustment to rent. It is more efficient for the tenants who have agreed to this plan. It is more efficient for the power company to read one outside meter as opposed to two meters in the basement. It is also less expensive for me in the upgrade process. Going forward, then, I will pay all utilities and tenants none.

I hope the Commission can see fit to approve this installation to a single meter. It will save \$1000 in conversion costs over a dual conversion.

This has been a change which would upgrade from fuses to circuit breakers and one I have desired to make since I bought the duplex.

I certainly appreciate your review and potential approval.

Sincerely


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