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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capitol Building – First Floor
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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RE: Apartment Project adjacent to South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

Members of the Commission:

We are in the process of constructing a 34 unit residential complex immediately adjacent to the campus of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City. The building has been developed in close communication with the School of Mines and is intended to house only students. One of the features of the building that we are marketing to the students is that we are offering units with individual kitchens, laundry, heating, and cooling but the units will be administered like a dormitory where they make one payment to the building manager that covers all services and utilities.

We believe this project qualifies as a dormitory under line (2) of section 20:10:26:04 of the South Dakota Legislature Administrative Rules since we are housing students, and as such we request that we be allowed to provide master metering for the building in lieu of individual meters for all the units.

We have discussed our interpretation of the master metering provisions with Black Hills Power, and they have requested we seek confirmation of our interpretation from the PUC. Please feel free to contact Erik Braun with Dream Design at (605) 209-2998 or myself with additional questions on the project or on our request.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,
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