

May 11, 2012

Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

Re: Master Metering Exception
Sioux Falls Downtown Good Samaritan Housing – Sioux Falls

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

On April 26, 2012, The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society received notice from the South Dakota Housing Development Authority (SDHDA) that our application for the above referenced project was selected to receive a conditional reservation of housing tax credits. The forty-four (44) unit project will be located in downtown Sioux Falls, at the intersection of North Main Avenue and West Third Street, and will provide low-income housing for older persons age 62 or older. Our current plans include master metered natural gas and electric. Utilities will be included in the monthly rent. We anticipate that construction will begin this September.

Gas Metering

The project plans include a central water heating system to include three (3) natural-gas high efficiency tankless water heaters, storage tank, recirculated hot water, etc. Natural gas to the project will be provided by MidAmerican Energy.

This letter is a request for Commission confirmation, pursuant to ARSD20:10:26:04(6) that the project, due to a central water heating system, is an exception to the individual metering requirement for natural gas metering.

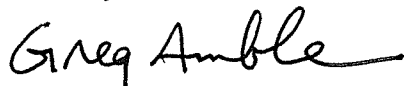
Electric Metering

Regarding electric metering, it is our understanding that since the City of Sioux Falls Light and Power will provide electric service, the Commission does not have jurisdiction regarding the master metering of electric service. We have been in contact with Light and Power and they have given the okay to a master meter.

In order to meet "Readiness to Proceed Criteria" as part of our application to SDHDA, the architectural plans/working drawings were taken to 50% completion. As noted above, we did include a master meter for natural gas and electric as part of our plans, based upon our reading of the above referenced exception. If we were required to change our plans, we would need to do so as soon as possible as it will involve engineering alterations.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter. We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



Greg Amble,
Director, Development / Environmental Systems