

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF</b>	)	<b>ORDER GRANTING</b>
<b>BERKLAND ORGANIZATION, YANKTON,</b>	)	<b>MASTER METERING</b>
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA, FOR A MASTER METERING</b>	)	<b>VARIANCE</b>
<b>VARIANCE REQUEST FOR AN APARTMENT</b>	)	
<b>BUILDING LOCATED AT 110 WEST 6TH</b>	)	<b>NG02-009</b>
<b>STREET, YANKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA</b>	)	

On November 20, 2002, Dennis K. Berkland, Berkland Organization, Yankton, South Dakota, filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) a request for a master metering variance or a ruling that the metering is within an exception to Commission rules, for property located at 110 West 6th Street, Yankton, South Dakota. Mr. Berkland is renovating the hot water and heating system of a triplex to provide common heating and hot water service and wishes it to be served by one natural gas meter instead of the existing three.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 19, 2002, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended a finding that no variance was necessary as the proposed changes fall within the exception of ARSD 20:10:26:04(6).

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-27 and ARSD 20:10:26. The Commission further finds that because the property will be a multi-occupancy building which has a central heating and water heating system, no variance from the master metering rules is required. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

**ORDERED**, that the proposed hot water and heating system changes at 110 West 6th Street, Yankton, South Dakota, fall within the exception of ARSD 20:10:26:04(6).

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2003.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.</p> <p>By: <u>Heldine Kelbo</u></p> <p>Date: <u>1/6/03</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

James A. Burg  
**JAMES A. BURG, Chairman**

Pam Nelson  
**PAM NELSON, Commissioner**

Robert K. Sahr  
**ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner**