

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST BY THE) EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN GOOD) SAMARITAN SOCIETY FOR AN EXCEPTION) TO INDIVIDUAL METERING) REQUIREMENTS)		ORDER DETERMINING EXEMPTION EL15-019
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On May 26, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society for determination of the metering requirements for a planned fifty unit low-income housing project for the elderly in southern Rapid City. For efficiency and maintenance reasons, a central HVAC system will be utilized. The estimated additional cost to install individual metering on this project would be approximately \$160,000.

On May 28, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 12, 2015, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions for intervention or comments were filed. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, particularly 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-27, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:26.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 23, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approving a finding of exemption to the individual metering requirements of the electric utility systems of the building per ARSD 20:10:26:04. The Commission unanimously voted to approve a determination of exemption from individual metering requirements for the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society's electric service systems in the above described low-income housing project. It is therefore

ORDERED, that a determination of exemption under ARSD 20:10:26:04 is approved for Good Samaritan Society regarding individual metering requirements of the electric service systems for a planned fifty unit low-income housing project for the elderly in southern Rapid City, South Dakota.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of June, 2015.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
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, electronically or by mail.
By: <u>[Signature]</u>
Date: <u>6/26/15</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner