

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ORDER FINDING AN
PRIMROSE APARTMENTS FOR A MASTER) EXCEPTION AND CLOSING
METERING VARIANCE) DOCKET
) EL95-006

On March 9, 1995, the Commission received a letter of application from Westin Courte doing business as Primrose Apartments in Aberdeen, SD, applying for a master metering variance in accordance with ARSD 20:10:26:04 et seq. The facility, according to the application, "is an independent senior living facility that is designed to meet the needs of seniors who are unable to care for the burdens of home ownership but are not ready for a nursing home. The average age of our tenants is 80 years old." There are 48 electrical meters and individual apartments are heated by electric base board heaters and cooled by wall air conditioners. There is a commons area which is heated and cooled by gas forced air and there is a central water heating system for the entire complex.

On March 28, 1995, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission voted to defer action on this docket pending further staff research. The staff having made a data request of the applicant and the same having been responded to, it was the recommendation of the staff that the applicant is excepted from the requirement for individual meters under ARSD 20:10:26:04 (6) due to the applicant's facility having central water heating.

At an ad hoc meeting of the Commission on April 6, 1995, the Commission considered the application of Westin Courte doing business as Primrose Apartments. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-4, 49-34A-27, and Chapter 20:10:26, ARSD.

Based upon the application, response to the data request, the record and the recommendation of staff, the Commission finds that the applicant qualifies as an exception to individual metering requirements pursuant to the terms of ARSD 20:10:26:04 (6), the applicant's facility having a central water heating system. A variance or a hearing on a variance is not required. It is therefore

ORDERED that Westin Courte doing business as Primrose Apartments at 1701 3rd Avenue SE, Aberdeen, SD may use master metering for electric service at its facility and that this docket is closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of April, 1995.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: Lori Waldner

Date: April 10, 1995

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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