

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) ARNOLD MURRAY CONSTRUCTION, SIOUX) FALLS, SD, FOR A MASTER METERING) VARIANCE REQUEST FOR SANDLOT) APARTMENTS)	ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR VARIANCE AND CLOSING DOCKET EL96-008
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On May 23, 1996, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a request from Arnold Murray Construction (Murray) for a master metering variance. The complex will be 44 units and is scheduled to be built in 1997. The company intends to have Geo-Thermal heating and cooling installed to this building.

On July 15, 1997, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission reviewed this matter. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:26.

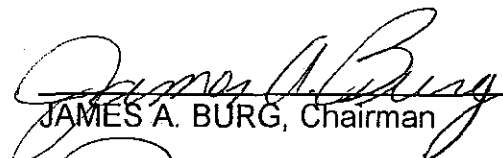
The Commission finds that Murray's application does not fall within an exception in ARSD Chapter 20:10:26 which would allow variance from master metering. As the final decision in this matter it is therefore

ORDERED, that Murray's request for master meter variance is denied and EL96-008 is closed.


Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of July, 1997.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
<small>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.</small>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


JAMES A. BURG, Chairman


PAM NELSON, Commissioner


LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner