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Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: EL20-033- In the Matter of the Filing by West Plains Engineering, Inc. regarding  
Separate Metering Requirement in 20:10:26:03(1)

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

On November 3, 2020, West Plains Engineering, Inc. (West Plains) filed a letter with the Commission requesting confirmation in writing that it is acceptable to install one meter on a new multiple-occupancy facility and submeter the five tenants, billing proportionally based on usage.

Staff reviewed this filing and requested additional information from West Plains. West Plains indicated to staff that the facility is anticipated to have central heating, cooling and water heating.

Based on this information, staff determined that such a facility would fall under ARSD 20:10:26:04(6) and that individual meters are not required, nor is West Plains required to file for a formal variance from the separate metering requirement in ARSD 20:10:26:03(1). Staff recommends the Commission provide the written confirmation and close the docket.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,

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