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September 15, 2010

Mr. Leo Straley
CEO/President
Carrington Homes, Inc.
6810 1st Street NE
Carrington, ND 58421

Dear Mr. Straley:

Thank you for requesting a determination exception under N.D. Administrative Code section 69-09-02-37 to allow master metering of electric service for Carrington Homes' multiple housing units being remodeled at 946 1st Street South, Carrington. You stated that these units are government subsidized and rent controlled low income housing where the rental payment is based on the tenant's ability to pay.

Section 69-09-02-37 prohibiting master metering and provides that the Commission may approve a petition to master meter. However, subsection 1 of the rule specifically states:

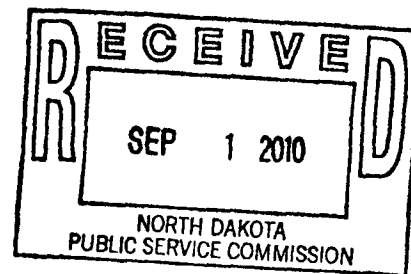
"...This section is not applicable to hotels, motels, dormitories, nursing homes, homes for the elderly, or similar facilities, or to low income rental housing in which the cost of electricity is included in the rent and where the amount of the rental payment is based upon the tenant's ability to pay."

Therefore, the prohibition against master metering under section 69-09-02-37 does not apply to this Carrington Homes' housing as you have described it and no exception from the Commission is necessary in order to master meter. Please contact me at 701 328-1035 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lein
Public Utility Analyst

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Re: Petition/Request for a Determination and Exception Rule 69-09-02-37
Carrington Homes, 946 1st Street South, Carrington, ND 58421

Dear Commission:

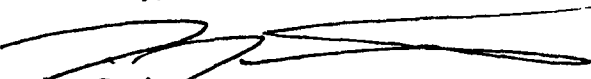
Carrington Homes multiple housing units located at 946 1st Street South, Carrington, is low income rental housing in which the cost of the electricity is included in the rent and is qualified as a "Section 8" housing project. "Section 8" housing is government subsidized and rent controlled low income housing where the rental payment under "Section 8" is based upon the tenant's ability to pay.

Carrington Homes requested Otter Tail Power Company to install a master meter and we were informed that we would need written approval from your commission in order to install a master meter.

I am requesting/petitioning a determination exception under Rule 69-09-02-37, subsection 1, which allows for the installation of a master meter for low income rental housing in which the cost of electricity is included in the rent and where the amount of the rental payment is based upon the tenant's ability to pay.

We are just now finishing the remodeling of these units and would appreciate your quick response so that we can proceed accordingly. Please let me know if you need any other information regarding this petition/request.

Sincerely,



Leo Straley
CEO/President
Carrington Homes, Inc.