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Subject: Waiver Request for Single Master Meter at 10-12 Vose Farm Road Development, Peterborough, NH

Commissioner Chicoine,

I am writing to request a waiver for the implementation of a single master meter in accordance with PUC Rule 303.02(a) for a new 64-unit multifamily low- and moderate-income housing development located at 10-12 Vose Farm Road, Peterborough, NH. This project, partially funded by low-income housing tax credits, aims to provide affordable living options with an overall average household income slightly above 50% of the area median income.

The development is part of a two-phase project. Phase 1 involves constructing a new 4-level multifamily structure comprising 64 mixed-income rental units. In Phase 2, we plan to rehabilitate and repurpose a vacant office complex on the property, adding 32 affordable apartment units.

In Phase 1, our focus is on centralized electric, heating, cooling, ventilation, and hot water systems, with the utility costs included in the rental rates. We are committed to sustainable building practices and energy efficiency. A HERS rater will oversee energy modeling, inspections, and testing for a final post-construction HERS rating. Our design includes several energy reduction measures such as high insulation levels, energy-efficient windows, and effective air sealing. Additionally, the project will feature rooftop solar panels, high-efficiency heating and cooling equipment compliant with Multifamily V1.1 standards, and adherence to ASHRAE standards 62.2 and 62.1 for multifamily and non-apartment spaces, respectively. We will also utilize Energy Recovery Ventilators, WaterSense qualified fixtures, and appliances to reduce water usage by at least 20%.

The roofing material chosen will be a 'cool' roofing material, such as white EPDM, TPO, or PVC membrane, to reflect solar heat and mitigate the urban heat island effect.

We believe that the use of a single master meter for this project is essential for the effective management and distribution of utilities, aligning with our commitment to sustainability and affordability. Thank you for considering this request and supporting our efforts in providing affordable, energy-efficient housing solutions in New Hampshire.

Sincerely,



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