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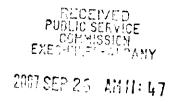
TO: OCS OGC

FROM: CENTRAL OPERATIONS

UTILITY: CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK, INC.

SUBJECT: 07-E-1141

Petition of Stellar Morrison LLC to submeter electricity at One Building Apartment Complex 1240 Morrison Avenue, Bronx NY located in the territory of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., filed in C 26998.



Stellar Morrison LLC C/O Stellar Management 1240 Morrison Avenue Bronx, NY 10472 T: 718-792-1211 x 12 F: 718-792-1244

May 17, 2007

Honorable Ms. Jaclyn Brilling
Acting Secretary of the Public Service Commission
Office of Consumer Education and Advocacy
State of New York
3 Empire State Plaza
Albany, NY 12223-1350

Re:

Petition to Submeter Electricity at One Building Apartment Complex located at 1240 Morrison Avenue, Bronx NY 10472

Dear Ms. Brilling:

Stellar Morrison, LLC as Owner of the above referenced property hereby submits this petition for Public Service Commission approval. Pursuant to Section 9.2 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations, to submeter a 154 unit residential building located within the service territory of Con Edison at 1240 Morrison Avenue, Bronx NY 10472. The submetering installation for this complex is expected to begin September 2007 and be completed during October 2007. This is a rent stabilized property that is under the jurisdiction of the New York State Department of Housing Community Renewal (DCHR).

As set forth below, Prospect's sub metering plan meets all requirements of the Commission's Rules for submetering of renovated master-metered rental units in accordance with Part 96.2c Residential Submetering (Public Service Law, §§65, 66) and Stellar Morrison, LLC respectfully requests approval of its petition.

- 1. Economic advantages of submetering over direct utility metering
 - The utilization of the sub-metering system will drastically reduce the overall wiring requirements for this project. Under current regulations Con Edison would only permit several remote and centralized submetering rooms where banks of meters would be located to facilitate the reading of those meters from a minimum number of locations. This requires extensive runs of wiring from each meter in the central submetering room to the apartment that it serves. By using the sub meters, which will be located at the electrical distribution panel, there is no need for these electric meter rooms. Each apartment's electrical panel may be wired at short distance, which may be the most efficient means of providing electrical distribution in multi-family residential buildings. By eliminating the submeter rooms and the vertical risers, inconvenience to residents is minimized.

- The building is interested in energy and demand conservation and in reducing building operating costs. The installation of submetering system in this building will meet the NYSERDA requirements for participation in its Comprehensive Energy Management (CEM) Program. The CEM program is designed to lower energy costs by encouraging energy efficiency. The installation of sub metering system may promote energy conservation among tenants and can create energy savings through reduced consumption.
- The submetering system to be installed will include remote reading capabilities utilizing Power Line Carrier. This communication will allow a more effective submetering system due to the elimination of control wiring. Each of the meters will communicate daily with the Power Line Carrier using a data collection device referred to as a Scan Transponder. The data that is sent to the Scan Transponder will include the hourly usage of electricity for each apartment in the building. The billing agent will obtain meter reads from its office via a computer modem located in the Quadlogic Scan Transponder. The Scan Transponder is located near the building's main switchgear. The advantages to this type of reading system are many, and most importantly include the elimination of the need for manual meter reads (and meter readers). This reduces inconvenience to the residents, manual errors, and possible security problems associated with meter readers walking through the property.
- The SC-1 residential rate that tenants would pay for electricity under a direct metering program is approximately 20% greater than the bulk rate, which will be available to the tenants in the submetered configuration. In addition, any savings in electric rates that the property realizes due to deregulation will be passed through directly to the tenants.

2. <u>Description of the submetering system to be installed, including a validation of it's reliability and accuracy</u>

The vendor's Corporation's Transmeter® RSM-5 Series are certified to meet the national accuracy standards as per in ANSI C12.1 1995. The meters measure usage in kilowatthours, Vars, Vas, Watts, Amps, and Power Factor. Other features of this meter include a non-metallic enclosure, non-volatile memory and an easy to read LCD 6-digit display. Additionally, the meter monitors and stores an apartment's hourly electric usage and retains this information for 90 days.

Remote reading capability is possible through the use of a Spread Spectrum, Frequency Hopping Power Line Carrier system, which is installed in more than 30,000 apartments units' nationwide. The system also features sophisticated self-diagnostics to ensure reliable operations. Please see attached Specifications.

3. Method to be used to calculate rates to tenants

The method and basis for calculating rates to tenants will be based on the actual bulk rate charged to the applicant by Con Edison or other Energy Services Companies (ESCOs) to establish the monthly rate for electricity to the tenants. The building's total consumption (kWh) as measured by the Con Edison master meter will be divided by the building's

total electrical charges to calculate the tenant's rate. In addition, the monthly cost of electricity to the tenants will also include a service charge for administrative cost. In no event will the total charges (including the monthly service charge) exceed the utility's tariffed residential rate for direct metered service to such tenants as specified in Part 96.2b3 Residential Submetering (Public Service Law, §§65, 66).

The meter will be read and bills processed monthly based on the actual consumption of the resident.

4. Complaint procedures and tenant protections

When a complaint is made by a resident, the following procedures will be utilized:

• The resident will submit the complaint to the property manager of the complex, which will be in written form, including the action or relief requested. The property manager shall investigate and respond to the complaint in writing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the complaint. The property manager intends to utilize Quadlogic, where appropriate, to assist in the investigation of the complaint. If the resident is dissatisfied with the property manager's response, he or she may request a review of the outcome by filing a written protest within fourteen (14) days from the date of the response from the property manager. At that time, the property manager will submit the grievance to the New York City Bronx Borough, Landlord / Tenant Court. In no case will any apartment, regardless of category, be charged more for electricity than if the apartment were directly metered. Failure to pay for electricity will be treated as the same as failure to pay rent and the landlord will have the same legal recourse as if the rent were not paid; however, in no case will electricity be shut down in any apartment for failure to pay for electricity. Electricity shut down in any apartment shall only be dome to accommodate a repair or building emergency requirement and be of temporary duration.

Additionally, no tenant of Stellar Morrison, LLC will have his or her electricity disconnected for non-payment of electric bills. Tenant electric bills from Quadlogic will contain information including opening and closing meter reads, a breakdown of dollar amounts billed, the total charge for the period and the total amount due. A sample Quadlogic electric bill is attached.

5. Procedure for <u>notifying all</u> tenants of the <u>proposal to submeter</u>

A section in the lease will notify each tenant that his or her apartment unit is submetered for electricity. The lease provision will in plain language clearly enumerate the grievance procedures for the tenants and will specify the rate calculation, rate caps, complaint procedures, and tenant protections and enforcement mechanisms and such provisions will be in compliance with the Home Energy Fair Practices Act.

6. Enforcement mechanism is available to tenants

The complaint procedure detailed in section 4 above constitutes the tenant's standard enforcement program, which are in compliance with the Home Energy Fair Practices Act.

7. <u>Certification that the lease language shall be sufficient to describe all relevant</u> information to the tenant

Stellar Morrison, LLC, by the undersigned, hereby certifies that the method of rate calculation, complaint procedures, tenant protections, in compliance with the Home Energy Fair Practices Act and the enforcement mechanisms, will be incorporated in plain language in all current and future lease agreements.

8. Description of an appropriate rent reduction formula

According to the utility allowance guidelines set by DHCR, once the submetering system is approved and installed and tenants begin to receive electric bills for their apartment, they will receive a reduction in their monthly rent. This reduction will be equal to the utility allowances published by the local Public Housing Agency. These reductions will vary based on apartment size and will be determined by the prevailing DHCR guidelines.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly with any comments or questions.

Sincerely,	
Signature	_
Michael Kim Name	
Operations Manager	
Title	
Stellar Morrison, LLC	
Company Name	

<u>AFFIDAVIT</u>

Stellar Morrison, LLC

1240 Morrison Avenue, Bronx NY 10472

Affidavit of Delivery:

Notice to Submeter Electricity

I, Michael Kim being the legal Operations Manager for Stellar Management the Building Owner and Manager, do hereby testify that on May 10, 2007 the attached notice was hand delivered to each apartment, at Stellar Morrison, LLC located at 1240 Morrison Avenue, Bronx NY 10472, having a tenant in residence. The tenant in residence list is herein attached.

Michael Kim

Operations Manager

Stellar Morrison, LLC

Stellar Management

156 William Street New York, NY 10038

Subscribed and sworn to before me

On this day May 17, 2007

<u>MAY 17</u>, 2007

Notary Public

My Commission Expires

July 5 , 2009

LATRISHA JONES
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01JO6129971
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires July 5, 2009

Stellar Morrison LLC C/O Stellar Management 2010 / 2040 Bruckner Boulevard Bronx, NY 10473

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May 10, 2007

Dear Resident.

Stellar Management is pleased to inform you that we expect to upgrade the electrical metering system in the building over the next several months. This anticipated upgrade would result in a new Electrical Submetering System to save costs and promote energy conservation. This notice is to provide general information regarding electric submetering and how this new system will affect you as a resident of **Stellar 1240**Morrison.

What are some of the benefits of submetering?

- Saves energy. Submetering promotes conservation because residents pay only for the electric that they use.
- Saves money. Lower energy consumption will mean lower energy bills for the residents and for the building owners. In addition, a monthly statement showing electric usage serves as a reminder that residents have control over their energy usage.
- *Enhances safety.* The submetering system is remotely read. No meter readers are required to be on the property to read the meters.

How does submetering work?

A submeter is installed for each apartment and measures <u>each apartment's electric</u> <u>consumption</u>. The consumption information is communicated to the Billing Services Providers' computer system via a telephone line. <u>With a submetering system, each apartment only pays for the electricity that it consumes.</u>

Who will provide electricity for the building?

Con Edison will continue to provide electricity for your building.

Who will provide my electric bills?

An independent electric billing service provider will generate your electric bills and respond to questions you may have regarding your electric bills. Once the submetering system is approved and installed, the management office will provide the contact information for your billing services provider.

What rate will I be charged for my electric?

Under New York State Public Service Law (Part 96.2b3 Residential Submetering, Public Service Law, 65. 66) and the Home Energy Fair Practices Act (HEFPA), you can't be charged more than your utility's tariffed residential rate for direct metered service.

Will submetering affect my rent payments?

Once the submetering system is approved and installed, you will receive a separate electric charge on your bill. A separate invoice will be sent to your attention on a monthly basis. Rent will be reduced according to DHCR regulations.

What if I have a question regarding the electric bills I receive?

If you have any questions about your electric bill or believe your bill is inaccurate, you can contact the management office.

What can I do to save on my electric costs?

The Con Edison website (www.coned.com) offers energy savings tips and other helpful information. Some of the tips are simple and relatively inexpensive to implement:

- Look for drafts that may make your heat or air conditioning systems less efficient
- Replace incandescent bulbs with new compact fluorescent ones
- Turn your air conditioner off when no one is home
- Choose Energy Star appliances for maximum efficiency

Where can I get more information?

For general questions regarding the submetering plan or electric billing, you should contact the building's management office.

For more information about energy savings visit:
www.coned.com or www.getenergysmart.org
For more information regarding submetering laws and regulations visit: http://www.dps.state.ny.us

Thank you.

1240 Morrison Avenue Bronx, NY 10472

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Jesse/Rodesia Clark/Mcbeth 03G 3-br Shirley Williams Rosa Hernandez Grace Guzman 03H 1-br 03J 2-br 03K 2-br 03L 1-br 03M 1-br Lillian Rolon Frankelly/Elizabeth Veras 03N studio Eugenia Lincoln 04A studio 04B 1-br Andres Figueroa Cynthia Wilder 04B 1-br 04C 1-br 04D 2-br 04E 2-br 04F 2-br 04G 1-br 04H 1-br Stacey Gibbs Michael Taylor Carol Smith Vaugh Lopez Anthony Hail VACANT 04J 1-br 04K 2-br Glerida Edwards Virginia Colon Leon Byas Rosem Singleton VACANT 04L 2-br 04M 1-br 04N studio 05A studio 05B 1-br 05C 1-br 05D 2-br VACANT Anisha Franklin Allisha Frankili Herberto & Marina Marquez Alexis Crumbley Carmen Santiago Michael/Ellen Koonce Vidal & Hilda Perez 05D 2-br 05E 2-br 05F 1-br 05G 3-br 05H 1-br 05K 2-br 05K 1-br 05M 1-br Merle Urling Hilda Cabra Martina Coats Verdell Evans Stephanie Wilson Raida Tirado Wilma Soto 05N studio 06A studio 06B 1-br 06C 1-br 06C 1-br 06C 2-br 06E 2-br 06F 1-br 06G 3-br 06J 2-bi 06K 3-br 06L 1-br 06M 1-br 06N studio 07A studio 07B 1-br Wilham D. Hayes jr Victor Rodriguez Ingrid Gardner Duvall, Pinkney Jacqueline Hancock Raul Morales Lamassa & Rhonda Williams Valerie Palmer Flor Ascencio Karen & Janardan Chowdey Mass & Cora Wilson Alicia Sanchez Valerie Patterson Elba Cruz Mary Wright Nelson Rodriguez Kara Stevens 07C 1-bi 07D 2-br Marcella Spinner

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