



Conservation Billing Services, Inc.



Turn-Key Water Sub-Metering Systems

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May 22, 1996

Director, Divisions of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Blvd.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850

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RE: Application for Reseller Exemption for Spring Lake Village  
Apartments

Dear Director:

Enclosed please find an original signed Application for Reseller  
Exemption and four (4) copies of the same for the above-referenced  
property.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

CONSERVATION BILLING SERVICES, INC.

*Joseph Stranen*  
Joseph Stranen  
Comptroller

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Enclosures

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**APPLICATION FOR RESELLER EXEMPTION  
SECTION 367.022(8), FLORIDA STATUTES  
RULE 25-30.060(3) (h), FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**

The application must be signed by the **owner** or accompanied by a Letter of Authorization from the owner.

NAME OF SYSTEM: Spring Lake Village Apartments

PHYSICAL ADDRESS (OF SYSTEM): 6401 31ST STREET SOUTH,

SAINT PETERSBURG, FLORIDA 33712

COUNTY WHERE SYSTEM IS LOCATED: PINELLAS

NUMBER OF UNITS 141 WHEN CONSTRUCTED 1989

NAME OF SYSTEM OWNER (S): SPRING LAKE ASSOCIATES, LTD.

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT): c/o Conservation Billing Services, Inc.

90 S. Newtown Street Road, Suite #3 Newtown Square, Pennsylvania

19073-4035

**PRIMARY CONTACT PERSON:**

NAME: Frank R. Manno c/o Conservation Billing Services, Inc.

ADDRESS: 90 S. Newtown Street Road, Suite #3 Newtown Square,

Pennsylvania 19073-4035

PHONE #: (610) 356-8015

**NATURE OF OWNER'S BUSINESS ORGANIZATION:** (CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, SOLE PROPRIETOR, ASSOCIATION ETC.) LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

I believe this system to be exempt from the regulation of the Florida Public Service Commission pursuant to Section 367.022(8), Florida Statutes, for the following reasons;

1. Service will be provided at a rate or charge that does not exceed the actual purchase price.

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2. Reseller is aware of the requirements of Rule 25-30.111, Florida Administrative Code, regarding annual reporting requirements. (Rule Attached.)
3. Reseller is aware of the requirements of Section 367.122, Florida Statutes and Rules 25-30.262 through 25-30.267, Florida Administrative Code, regarding the examination and testing of meters. (Statutes and Rules attached.)
4. The utility services provided are:  
Water YES Wastewater YES  
or Septic NO

For service **not provided**, please state how handled:

There is no septic system at this community

5. Utility which provides bulk service to the reseller:

Name: City of Saint Petersburg

Phone Number: (813) 893-7341

Number of Master Meters and sizes: One (1) Multihead meter - one meter head is a 1.5" meter head and the second meter head is a 6"

6. Attached are current rates and charges of the provider in 5 above.
7. Attached is a schedule of reseller's proposed rates and charges. The schedule must specifically state whether or not the reseller proposes to charge for the following items and, if so, the proposed rate or charge:
  - a. common area water
  - b. security deposits

The Commission currently does not allow resellers to charge tenants for administrative or operating costs.

8. Attached is a comparison showing that the amount the reseller proposes to charge tenants will not exceed the cost to provide the service.
9. Attached is an explanation of the proposed method of billing customers, separately, for both water and wastewater

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10. Residents will be billed within eight (8) business days after the meters have been read.

If the reseller proposes to contract our metering or billing services, provide the following documentation

SERVICE COMPANY: CONSERVATION BILLING SERVICES, INC.

ADDRESS: 90 S. NEWTOWN STREET ROAD, SUITE #3, NEWTOWN

SQUARE, PENNSYLVANIA 19073-4035

PHONE NO.: (610) 356-8015

11. Attached is a copy of the service agreement.
12. Attached is a statement that the reseller, and not its agent, will control customer deposits, if applicable.

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Attached is Rule 25-30.111, Florida Administrative Code, which explains the annual reporting requirement of resellers. Also, attached is Section 367.122, Florida Statutes, which explains the reseller responsibilities to examine and test meters. Also attached are Rules 25-30.262 through 25-30.267, Florida Administrative Code, which expand on reseller responsibilities for meter accuracy, meter test methods, meter testing equipment, periodic meter tests, meter tests by request and recordation of meter tests. The attached rules should be read, as acknowledged on the application, and retained by the reseller.

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I am aware that pursuant to Section 837.06, Florida Statutes, whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082, s. 775.083, F.S.

BY: SPRINGLAKE ASSOCIATES, LTD.

5/13/96  
(Date)

  
Owner's Signature

Warren Schob  
Owner's Name (Typed or Printed)

Owner/Agent  
Owner's Title

The original and four copies of the completed application and the supporting documentation should be mailed to:

Director, Division of Records and Reporting  
Florida Public Service Commission  
2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850

### ATTACHMENT NO. 6

City of Saint Petersburg uniform tariff rate for a General Service Customer with one (1) Multihead meter is as follows:

Base Charge Water (\$287.22 ÷ 141 units)	\$ 2.04
Water usage charge	\$ 1.66/1000 gallons
Reclaimed water (\$ 75.48 ÷ 141 units)	\$ .54
Tax of 10% on water	\$ .42
Stormwater Management Fee (\$181.17 ÷ 141)	\$ 1.29
Base Charge Sewer (\$313.95 ÷ 141 units)	\$ 2.23
Sewer usage charge	\$ 2.04/1000 gallons

### ATTACHMENT NO. 7

The Spring Lake Village Apartments will charge the following rates for one (1) Multihead meter as follows:

Water Base Charge (\$287.22 ÷ 141 units)	\$ 2.04
Water usage charge	\$ 1.66/1000 gallons
Reclaimed water (\$ 75.48 ÷ 141 units)	\$ .54
Tax of 10% on water	\$ .42
Stormwater Management Fee (\$181.17 ÷ 141)	\$ 1.29
Base Charge Sewer (\$313.95 ÷ 141 units)	\$ 2.23
Sewer usage charge	\$ 2.04/1000 gallons

a.) Common area water - The allocation of water over common area is calculated by taking a three (3) month property average for water and sewer multiplied by twelve percent (12%). This twelve percent (12%) is then evenly divided by the total number of units in the property. Twelve percent (12%) is the average common area usage we have identified from a data base of 100 communities. Once the property is fully metered, we adjust the common area fee to be totally accurate for that community.

b.) Security deposits - No security deposits are being collected.

### ATTACHMENT NO. 8

An individual Neptune T-10/8" ARB-6 water meter, or equivalent, will be installed in each apartment of each apartment building. The water base charge increased by 10% to cover the local water tax, will be divided on a pro rate basis among all apartments in each building with a master meter. The water gallonage charge, increased by 10% to cover the local water tax, will be based upon each apartment's metered amount of water usage. The sewer base charge will be divided on a pro rate basis among all

apartments in each building with a master meter. The sewer gallonage charge will be based upon each apartment's metered amount of water usage.

Water Base Charge	\$287.22 divided by # units per master meter*
Water Usage Charge	\$ 1.66 per 1000 gallons*
Reclaimed Water	\$ 75.48 divided by # units per master meter*
Stormwater Mgmt. Fee	\$181.17 divided by #units per master meter
Sewer Base Charge	\$313.95 divided by # units per master meter
Sewer usage charge	\$ 2.04 per 1000 gallons

\* Adjusted to recover the 10% water usage tax collected by the City of Saint Petersburg.

### ATTACHMENT NO. 9

Individual customer usage of 6,000 gallons would produce a bill from the (Name of Utility Company) as follows:

Water Base Charge (\$287.22 ÷ 141 units)	=	\$ 2.04
Water Usage Charge (6,000 × 1.66/1000 gallons)	=	\$ 9.96
Reclaimed Water (\$75.48 ÷ 141 units)	=	\$ .54
Subtotal Water	=	\$12.54
Tax of 10% on water	=	\$ 1.25
<b>TOTAL WATER</b>	=	<b>\$13.79</b>

Stormwater Mgmt. Fee (\$181.17 ÷ 141 units)	=	\$ 1.29
Sewer Base Charge (\$313.95 ÷ 141 units)	=	\$ 2.23
Sewer usage Charge (6,000 × 2.04/1000 gallons)	=	\$12.24
<b>TOTAL SEWER</b>	=	<b>\$15.76</b>

Individual customer usage of 6,000 gallons would produce a bill from CBSI for Spring Lake Village Apartments as follows:

Water Base Charge (\$287.22 ÷ 141 units)	=	\$ 2.04
Water usage Charge (6,000 × 1.66/1000 gallons)	=	\$ 9.96
Reclaimed Water (\$75.48 ÷ 141 units)	=	\$ .54
Subtotal Water	=	\$12.54
Tax of 10% on water	=	\$ 1.25
<b>TOTAL WATER</b>	=	<b>\$13.79</b>

Stormwater Mgmt. Fee (\$181.17 ÷ 141 units)	=	\$ 1.29
Sewer Base Charge (\$313.95 ÷ 141 units)	=	\$ 2.23
Sewer usage Charge (6,000 × 2.04/1000 gallons)	=	\$12.24
<b>TOTAL SEWER</b>	=	<b>\$15.76</b>

ATTACHMENT NO. 12

Deposits are not being collected, therefore a statement regarding the reseller, and not its agent, controlling the deposits is not applicable.



**CHAPTER 25-30.111, F.A.C.**  
**EXEMPTION FOR RESALE OF UTILITY SERVICE, ANNUAL REPORT**

Any person who has been granted an exemption from regulation as a reseller of water or wastewater service provided for in subsection 367.922(8), F.S., shall file a report by March 31 of each year following the year for which the exemption is claimed. The report shall contain the following

(1) A schedule, listing by month, the rates charged for and total revenue received from the water or wastewater service sold.

(2) A schedule, listing by month, the rates charged and total expense incurred for the purchase of the water and wastewater service.

(3) A statement listing the source from which the water or wastewater service was purchased.

**Specific Authority:** 367.121(1), F.S.

**Law Implemented:** 367.022(8), F.S.

**History:** New 3/26/81, Formerly 25-10.09, 25-10.009, Amended 11/9/86, 11/30/93.

**SECTION 367.122, FLORIDA STATUTES  
EXAMINATION AND TESTING OF METERS**

(1) The commission may provide for the examination and testing of all meters used for measuring any product or service of a utility.

(2) Any customer or user may have any such meter tested by the utility upon payment of the fee fixed by the commission.

(3) The commission shall establish reasonable fees to be paid for testing such meters on the request of the customers. Current utility customers or users may, at their discretion, pay the fee fixed by the commission at the time of the request or have the utility include the fee with their next regularly scheduled statement. However, the fee shall be paid by the utility and repaid to the customer or user if the meter is found defective or incorrect to the disadvantage of the customer or user in excess of the degree or amount of tolerance customarily allowed for such meters, or as may be provided for in rules and regulations of the commission. No fee may be charged for any such testing done by the commission or its representatives.

(4) The commission may purchase materials, apparatus, and standard measuring instruments for such examinations and tests.

**History.-**

s. 1, ch. 71-278; s. 100, ch. 73-333; s. 3, ch. 76-168; s. 1, ch. 77-457; ss. 16, 25, 26, 27, ch. 89-353; s. 4, ch. 91-429.  
367.122

**CHAPTER 25-30.262, F.A.C.  
METER ACCURACY REQUIREMENTS**

Each utility shall employ water meters which register within the accuracy limits set forth in this chart:

Accuracy limits in percentages

<u>Meter Type</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Intermediate</u>	<u>Minimum Rate</u>	
	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>New</u>	<u>Repaired</u>
Displacement	98.5 - 101.5	98.5 - 101.5	95 - 101.5	90 - 101.5
Current	97 - 102	None	95 - 102	90 - 102
Compound *	97 - 103	97 - 103	95 - 103	90 - 103

- \* The minimum required accuracy for compound meters at any rate within the "changeover" range of flows shall be 85%.

**General Authority: 367.121, F.S.**

**Law Implemented: 367.122(1), F.S.**

**History: Amended 9/12/74, formerly 25-10.92, Transferred from 25-10.092 and Amended 11/9/86.**

**CHAPTER 25-30.263, F.A.C.  
METER TEST METHODS**

(1) Each utility shall test its displacement type cold water meters on at least the three rates of flow set forth in the following chart:

Meter Size Inches	Normal Test Flow Limits		Test Flow Gallons Per Minute		
	GPM		<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Median</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
5/8	1	- 20	1/4	2	15
3/4	2	- 30	1/2	3	25
1	3	- 50	3/4	4	35
1-1/2	5	- 100	1-1/2	8	50
2	8	- 160	2	15	100
3	16	- 300	4	20	150
4	28	- 500	7	40	200
6	48	- 1000	12	60	500

(2) Each utility shall test its current, compound and fire-service type meters on at least three rates of flow: One at the minimum test flow and two or more within the normal test flow limits of the table set forth in subsection (1) of this rule, with the upper test flow to be at a rate as high as practicable.

(3) Each utility shall test its compound meters within the "changeover" range of flows to determine overall operational efficiency and accuracy of registration.

(4) A utility may test any displacement type meter after installation if the meter is three inches or larger. However, each utility shall test its current, compound and fire-service type meters in place to achieve maximum accuracy, and may install a test tee in the outlet piping to facilitate and reduce the cost of testing for meters which are three inches or larger.

(5) Each utility may affix a seal to each of its tested and adjusted meters. The utility may affix the seal in such manner that it would have to be broken before any adjustment to meter registration could be achieved.

**General Authority:** 367.121, F.S.

**Law Implemented:** 367.122, F.S.

**History:** Amended 9/12/74, formerly 25-10.90, Transferred from 25-10.090 and Amended 11/9/86.

**CHAPTER 25-30.264, F.A.C.  
METER TESTING EQUIPMENT**

- (1) (a) Each utility providing metered water service shall either provide the necessary standard facilities, instruments and other equipment for testing meters in compliance with rules 25-30.263, or enter into arrangements with other utilities or agencies for the testing of the utility's meters.
- (b) When the utility opts to arrange for its testing to be performed by another utility or agency, that utility shall notify the Commission.
- (2) (a) Standard meters may be used by the utility for field tests of meter accuracy provided that they are tested and calibrated to permit the testing of meters within the limits of accuracy set out in Rule 25-30.263.
- (b) Testing and calibration of the standard meters shall be done either by the utility with its volumetric or weight standard equipment, or by an approved laboratory.
- (c) Testing and calibration of the standard meters shall be done at least once every sixty (60) days while the standard meter is in use.

**General Authority:** 367.121(1), F.S.

**Law Implemented:** 367.12291), F.S.

**History:** Amended 9/12/74, formerly 25-10.89, Transferred from 25-10.89 and Amended 11/9/86.

**CHAPTER 25-30.265, F.A.C.  
PERIODIC METER TESTS**

Each utility shall inspect and test a representative sample of its meters in service at least once during the intervals set out in this rule.

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Maximum Interval Between Tests</u>
5/8"	10 years
3/4"	8 years
1"	6 years
1-1/2"	4 years
2"	4 years
3"	3 years
4"	2 years
6"	1 year

**General Authority: 367.121, F.S.**

**Law Implemented: 367.122, F.S.**

**History: Amended 9/12/74, formerly 25-10.93, Transferred from 25-10.093 and Amended 11/9/86.**

CHAPTER 25-30.266, F.A.C.  
METER TEST BY REQUEST

- (1) (a) Upon written request of any customer whose meter has not been tested within one-half the maximum interval provided in Rule 25-30.265, the utility shall make a field test for accuracy of that customer's meter.
- (b) The utility may not charge for any field test performed pursuant to paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- (2) (a) The utility may require a deposit to defray cost of any bench test requested by any customer. However, the deposit may not exceed the following schedule:

Meter Size (inches)	Fee
5/8 and 3/4	\$20.00
1 and 1-1/2	\$25.00
2 and over	Actual Cost of Test

- (b) The utility may retain the deposit if the customer's meter is found to register accurately or below accuracy.
- (c) The utility shall refund the deposit if the customer's meter is found to register in excess of prescribed accuracy limits.

(3) The Commission may provide a representative to observe or supervise any bench test upon written request from the customer or utility. The utility shall advise the customer of the customer's right to witness the bench test.

(4) The utility shall provide the customer with a written report of the results of any test performed pursuant to this rule.

(5) A meter shall in no way be disturbed after the utility has received notice that application has been made for a test by the customer unless a representative of the Commission is present or unless authority to do so is first given in writing by the Commission or by the customer.

**CHAPTER 25-30.267, F.A.C.  
RECORD OF METER TESTS**

- (1) Each utility shall preserve the original records of all meter tests at least until same meter is performed or until the meter is retired by a later test.
- (2) These records shall include
  - (a) sufficient information to identify the meter;
  - (b) the reason for the test;
  - (c) date of test and reading of the meter;
  - (d) the computed accuracy before and after the repair; and
  - (e) any other data taken at the time of the test which would permit the convenient checking of the test results.

**General Authority: 367.121, F.S.**

**Law Implemented: 367.122, F.S.**

**History: Amended 9/12/74, formerly 25-10.91, Transferred from 25-10.091 and Amended 11/9/86.**