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To Whom it may concern,

I live in an art space that is considered to be an affordable housing community in the Fort Lauderdale, Florida area in Broward County. When I first moved in a year and a half ago the water was included since there is only a master meter on the property, recently, all residents have been receiving water bills from a third party billing company based on a RUBS virtual meter system. We have requested for sub-meters to be installed but our property management company decided on using RUBS and third party billing instead.

As of today, everyone received a notice from our property management company informing us that if our water bills remain unpaid that they will not accept our rent and we will face possible eviction. I would like clarification on this issue and to know if it is legal to receive RUBS billing for our water and if we can be evicted for non-payment of such. We were not given the option to pay the water utility directly but must pay NES instead since there are no sub-meters. The charge for water is also not being deducted from the gross rent.

Please advise me on how to seek clarification regarding water bills, tax credits for water and how these issues relate to our affordable housing community. In addition, our property management company will need to know how to file for the tax credits involved and what forms are necessary to do so.

Best regards,

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