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ENGINEERING & PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT

This ENGINEERING & PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”), is   
made and entered into as of March 18, 2020 (the “Effective Date”), by and between NEW YORK   
TRANSCO, LLC, a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State   
of New York, having an office and place of business at 1 Hudson City Center, Hudson, New York   
12534 (“Developer”) and NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION, a corporation   
organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, having an office and place of   
business at 300 Erie Boulevard West, Syracuse, New York 13202 (the “Company”). Developer   
and the Company may be referred to hereunder, individually, as a “Party” or, collectively, as the   
“Parties”.

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Developer and the Company proposed a Public Policy Transmission Project to satisfy an identified Public Policy Transmission Need (“Transmission Project”); and

WHEREAS, the New York Independent System Operator, Inc. (“NYISO”) selected the Transmission Project as the more efficient or cost-effective transmission solution to satisfy an identified Public Policy Transmission Need and has directed Developer to proceed with the Transmission Project; and

WHEREAS, Developer and the Company are negotiating a development agreement with NYISO with respect to Developer’s implementation of the Transmission Project to satisfy the Public Policy Transmission Need (“Development Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, Developer is proposing to interconnect its Transmission Project at various locations on the Company’s transmission system; and

WHEREAS, the Transmission Project was evaluated pursuant to the NYISO’s   
Transmission Interconnection Procedures contained in Attachment P of the NYISO Open Access   
Transmission Tariff (“OATT”) and issuance of a Facilities Study Report

(as such term is defined below) is pending; and

WHEREAS, following the issuance of the Facilities Study Report, Developer and the Company contemplate negotiation of (i) a Transmission Project Interconnection Agreement in connection with the proposed interconnection of the Transmission Project to the Company’s transmission system (“Interconnection Agreement”), and (ii) and an Engineering, Procurement and Construction Agreement pursuant to Section 22.10 of the OATT with respect to the engineering, procurement, and construction of the Affected System Upgrade Facilities (as such term is defined in Section 30.1 of the OATT required to mitigate Transmission Project impacts to the Company’s transmission system (the “EPC Agreement”); and

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WHEREAS, Developer has requested that the Company undertake certain engineering   
and procurement activities with respect to the mitigation of the Transmission Project’s impact on,   
and the proposed interconnection of the Transmission Project to, the Company’s transmission   
system, as more specifically described below, prior to issuance of the Facilities Study Report; and

WHEREAS, the Company is willing to perform the Company Work as contemplated in this Agreement, subject to (i) reimbursement by Developer of all Company costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith, (ii) Developer’s performance of all other duties, responsibilities, and obligations set forth in this Agreement, including, without limitation, the Developer Required Actions (as defined below); and (iii) receipt of all “Required Approvals” (if any), as set forth in Section 18.1, in a form acceptable to the Company;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein, the Parties agree as follows:

1.0 Certain Definitions

Wherever used in this Agreement with initial capitalization, whether in the singular or the plural, these terms shall have the following meanings:

“Additional Prepayment(s)” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.3 of this Agreement.

“Additional Prepayment Payment Date” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.3 of this Agreement.

“Affiliate” means any person or entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, any other person or entity; “control” of a person or entity shall mean the ownership of, with right to vote, 50% or more of the outstanding voting securities, equity, membership interests, or equivalent, of such person or entity.

“Agreement” means this Engineering & Procurement Agreement, including all annexes, appendices, attachments, schedules, and exhibits and any subsequent written amendments or modifications thereto, as may be mutually agreed to and executed by the Parties.

“Applicable Requirements” shall mean all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, rules, ordinances, codes, decrees, judgments, directives, or judicial or administrative orders, permits, licenses, authorizations, approvals and other duly authorized actions of any federal, state, local or other governmental regulatory or administrative agency, court, commission, department, board, or other governmental subdivision, legislature, rulemaking board, tribunal, or other governmental authority having jurisdiction, NYISO, NYSRC and NPCC requirements, and any applicable reliability standards.

“Balance Amount” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.1 of this Agreement. “Bid(s)” shall have the meaning set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

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“Breaching Party” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 21.1 of this Agreement.   
“CEII” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 25.4 of this Agreement.   
“CIP” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 25.4 of this Agreement.   
“Company” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

“Company’s Network Upgrade Facilities” shall have the meaning set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

“Company Reimbursable Costs” means the actual costs and expenses incurred by Company   
and/or its Affiliates in connection with performance of the Company Work or otherwise   
incurred by Company and/or its Affiliates in connection with this Agreement, and including,   
without limitation, any such costs that may have been incurred by Company and/or its   
Affiliates in connection with the Company Work or this Agreement prior to the Effective Date.   
These Company Reimbursable Costs shall include, without limitation, the actual expenses for   
labor (including, without limitation, internal labor), services, materials, subcontracts,   
equipment or other expenses incurred in the execution of the Company Work, all applicable   
overhead, overtime costs, all federal, state and local taxes incurred (including, without

limitation, all taxes arising from amounts paid to Company that are deemed to be contributions in aid of construction), all costs of outside experts, consultants, counsel and contractors, all other third-party fees and costs, and all costs of obtaining any required permits, rights, consents, releases, approvals, or authorizations acquired by or on behalf of Company, including, without limitation, the Required Approvals.

“Company Work” means all duties, responsibilities, and obligations to be performed by Company as contemplated by Section 3.2 and/or Exhibit A of this Agreement.

“Company Work Cost Reports” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 5.5 of this Agreement.

“Convenience Termination Notice” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.3 of this Agreement.

“Damages” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 12.1 of this Agreement.

“Day” means a calendar day, provided, that, if an obligation under this Agreement falls due on   
a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the obligation shall be due the next business day worked.

“Defect Notice” shall have the meaning specified in Section 3.3 of this Agreement.   
“Developer” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

“Developer Required Actions” means all duties, responsibilities, and obligations to be performed by Developer as contemplated by Section 3.4 of this Agreement.

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“Development Agreement” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement. “Disclosing Party” shall mean the Party disclosing Proprietary Information.   
“Dollars” and “$” mean United States of America dollars.

“Effective Date” shall have the meaning specified in the preamble of this Agreement.   
“EPC Agreement” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

“Facilities Study Report” shall mean that certain Facilities Study Report expected to be finalized as part of Developer’s interconnection request submitted and pending with the NYISO (NYISO Queue No. 543).

“FERC” shall mean the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

“FERC IA Acceptance Date” shall have the meaning specified in Section 2.2 of this Agreement.

“Force Majeure Event” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23.1 of this Agreement.

“Good Utility Practice” means any of the practices, methods, and acts engaged in or approved   
by a significant portion of the electric utility industry during the relevant time period, or any   
of the practices, methods, and acts which, in the exercise of reasonable judgment in light of   
the facts known at the time the decision was made, could have been expected to accomplish   
the desired result at a reasonable cost consistent with good business practices, reliability,   
safety, and expedition. Good Utility Practice is not intended to be limited to the optimum   
practice, method, or act, to the exclusion of all others, but rather to refer to acceptable practices,   
methods, or acts generally accepted in the region in which the Project is located during the   
relevant time period. Good Utility Practice shall include, but not be limited to, NERC, NPCC,   
NYISO and NYSRC criteria, rules, guidelines, and standards, where applicable, and as they   
may be amended from time to time, including the rules, guidelines, and criteria of any   
successor organization to the foregoing entities.

“Indemnified Party” and “Indemnified Parties” shall have the meanings set forth in Section

12.1 of this Agreement.

“Initial Prepayment” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.2 of this Agreement.

“Interconnection Agreement” shall mean have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

“IRS” shall mean the US Internal Revenue Service.

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“NERC” shall mean the North American Electric Reliability Corporation or any successor organization.

“Non-Breaching Party” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 21.1 of this Agreement.

“Non-Cancellable Equipment” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 21.4(b) of this Agreement.

“Non-Disclosure Term” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 25.3.4 of this Agreement. “Notice to Proceed” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.3 of this Agreement.

“NPCC” shall mean the Northeast Power Coordinating Council, Inc. (a reliability council under Section 202 of the Federal Power Act) or any successor organization.

“NYISO” shall have the meaning set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

“NYSRC” shall mean the New York State Reliability Council or any successor organization   
thereto.

“OATT” shall have the meaning specified in the preamble of this Agreement.

“Party” and “Parties” shall have the meanings set forth in the preamble to this Agreement. “Project” means the Company Work to be performed under this Agreement.

“Project Manager” means the respective representatives of each of the Developer and Company appointed pursuant to Section 10.1 of this Agreement.

“Proprietary Information” means (i) all financial, technical and other non-public or proprietary   
information which is furnished or disclosed by the Disclosing Party or its Affiliates (or its or   
its Affiliates’ agents, servants, contractors, representatives, or employees) to the Receiving   
Party or its Representative(s) in connection with this Agreement and that is described or   
identified (at the time of disclosure) as being non-public, confidential or proprietary, or the   
non-public or proprietary nature of which is apparent from the context of the disclosure or the   
contents or nature of the information disclosed, (ii) any market sensitive information

(including, without limitation, outages scheduled on generators or transmission lines of Company or any third party), (iii) all CEII and CIP and (iv) all memoranda, notes, reports, files, copies, extracts, inventions, discoveries, improvements or any other thing prepared or derived from any information described in subparts (i) through (iii) preceding.

“Receiving Party” shall mean the Party receiving Proprietary Information.

“Refund Amount” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.1 of this Agreement.

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“Representatives” shall, for the purposes of Article 25 of this Agreement, mean the Affiliates of a Party and such Party’s and its Affiliates’ officers, directors, employees, contractors, counsel and representatives.

“Required Approvals” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 18.1 of this Agreement.

“Resources” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 23.1 of this Agreement.

“RFP” shall have the meaning set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

“Selected FSR Section Work” shall have the meaning set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

“System Impact Study” shall mean the study conducted pursuant to Section 22.8 of

Attachment P of the OATT that evaluates the impact of the proposed Transmission Project on the safety and reliability of the New York State Transmission System and, if applicable, an Affected System, to determine what Network Upgrade Facilities are needed for the proposed Transmission Project to connect reliably to the New York State Transmission System in a manner that meets the NYISO Transmission Interconnection Standard described in the OATT, Section 22.6.4 of Attachment P.

“Threshold Notice” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 7.3 of this Agreement.

“Total Payments Made” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 8.1 of this Agreement.   
“Transmission Project” shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble of this Agreement.   
“Work” shall mean the Developer Required Actions and/or the Company Work, as applicable.

2.0 Term

2.1 This Agreement shall become effective as of the Effective Date and shall remain in

full force and effect until performance has been completed hereunder, or until   
terminated in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, whichever occurs first;   
provided, however, that this Agreement shall not expire or terminate until all   
amounts due and owing hereunder have been paid in full as contemplated by this   
Agreement.

2.2 The foregoing notwithstanding, in the event that an Interconnection Agreement is

filed with FERC during the term of this Agreement, (i) upon the date FERC accepts   
such Interconnection Agreement (the “FERC IA Acceptance Date”), the Company   
shall have no further obligation to perform any Work under this Agreement (any   
Work not completed hereunder to be performed subject to, and in accordance with,   
the terms and conditions of such Interconnection Agreement to the extent   
contemplated therein), and (ii) this Agreement shall terminate upon final payment   
by Developer of all Company Reimbursable Costs incurred during the term of this   
Agreement.

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3.0 Scope of Work

3.1 Developer acknowledges that it has elected to enter into this Agreement prior to the

completion of a Facilities Study Report and that it understands and accepts the   
associated risks, including, without limitation, the risk that, based on the final   
Facilities Study Report, the Company Work, and any materials procured in   
connection therewith, will not be useful or appropriate for or in connection with the   
Transmission Project or may need to be re-performed or re-procured, in whole or   
in part. Accordingly, Developer desires the Company to perform the Company   
Work (as defined below), and Company agrees to perform the Company Work   
consistent with and subject to the provisions of this Agreement.

3.2 The Company’s scope of work is set forth in Exhibit A of this Agreement, attached

hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the “Company Work”). This

Agreement does not provide for, and the Company Work shall not include, any construction or breach of ground surface at any property, or any provision of generation interconnection service or transmission service.

3.3 The Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to perform the Company

Work in accordance with Good Utility Practice. Prior to the expiration of one (1)   
year following completion of the Company Work, Developer shall have the right   
to notify the Company in writing of the need for correction of defective Company   
Work that does not meet the standard of this Section 3.3 (each, a “Defect Notice”),   
provided, however, that, the fact that Company Work is not useful, or must be re-  
performed, in whole or in part, as contemplated by Section 3.1, shall not be deemed   
to constitute a defect in such Company Work. If the Company Work is defective   
within the meaning of the prior sentence, then, following its receipt of a timely   
Defect Notice with respect thereto, the Company shall promptly correct, repair or   
replace such defective Company Work, as appropriate, provided, that, Company   
shall not have any obligation to correct, repair or replace such defective Company   
Work unless the defect in the Company Work has (or is reasonably likely to have)   
a material adverse impact on implementation of the Transmission Project. The   
remedy set forth in this Section is the sole and exclusive remedy granted or   
available to Developer for any failure of the Company to meet the performance   
standards or requirements set forth in this Agreement.

3.4 Subject to the terms of this Agreement, Developer shall use reasonable efforts to

perform the actions described in Exhibit B attached to this Agreement (the

“Developer Required Actions”). All of the Developer Required Actions shall be performed at Developer’s sole cost and expense.

3.5 Each Party shall reasonably cooperate and coordinate with the other Party, and with

such other Party’s contractors, subcontractors and representatives, as needed to facilitate the Company Work.

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4.0 Changes in the Work

4.1 Subject to Section 4.2, below, (a) any requests for material additions, modifications,

or changes to the Work shall be communicated in writing by the Party making the   
request, and (b) if the Parties mutually agree to such addition, modification, or   
change to the applicable Work, such agreement shall be set forth in a written   
document signed by both Parties specifying such addition, modification or change.   
Any additional costs arising from such addition, modification or change to the   
Work shall be paid by Developer as part of Company Reimbursable Costs.

4.2 The foregoing notwithstanding, the Company is not required to obtain the consent

or agreement of Developer for any change to the Company Work if such change is   
made in order to comply with any Applicable Requirement(s), Good Utility   
Practice, or the Company’s applicable standards, specifications, requirements and   
practices; provided, however, that the Company shall notify Developer of such   
change to the Company Work as soon as reasonably practicable after the Company   
determines that the change is necessary to comply with any Applicable   
Requirement(s), Good Utility Practice, or the Company’s applicable standards,   
specifications, requirements and practices. Any additional costs arising from such   
change shall be paid by Developer as part of Company Reimbursable Costs.

5.0 Performance; Conditions to Proceed

5.1 If Company Work is performed outside of normal working hours, Developer shall

be responsible for paying all actual costs incurred in connection therewith,   
including, without limitation, applicable overtime costs, as part of Company   
Reimbursable Costs. For the avoidance of doubt: in no event shall the Company   
be obligated or required to perform Company Work outside of normal working   
hours if the Company determines, in its sole discretion, that such performance   
would be unreasonable, unsafe or otherwise not in compliance with Good Utility   
Practice.

5.2 Neither Party shall be liable for failure to meet any estimated, projected,

preliminary, milestone or other schedule in connection with this Agreement or the Transmission Project.

5.3 Commencement of Company Work. The Company will proceed with the

Company Work promptly following the Company’s receipt of the Initial Prepayment (as defined below).

5.4 Procurement Commencement. Anything in this Agreement to the contrary

notwithstanding, the Company shall not be obligated to proceed with any procurement in connection with the Company Work unless and until all Additional Prepayments and all Company Reimbursable Costs invoiced to date have been paid in full to the Company.

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5.5 Company Work Cost Reports. Company agrees to provide written reports

(“Company Work Cost Reports”) to Developer on a semi-annual basis, due each   
July 15 and January 15. Each Company Work Cost Report shall include the   
following information with respect to the preceding six-month period: (i) a

summary of Company Reimbursable Costs incurred during such period, (ii) a   
statement of the hours of Company Work furnished during such period, (iii) a   
listing of average hourly labor rates, and (iv) a reasonably detailed description of   
the tasks performed by Company (or its Affiliates) for the Company Work during   
such period.

6.0 Representations and Warranties

6.1 Each Party represents and warrants to the other that it has the requisite capacity and

authority to enter into this Agreement and, subject to receipt of all Required   
Approvals as contemplated by Section 18.1, if any, fulfill its obligations hereunder,   
that the execution and delivery by it of this Agreement and the performance by it   
of its obligations hereunder have been duly authorized by all requisite corporate   
action, that this document is legal, valid and enforceable to the best of its   
knowledge, and that, subject to receipt of all Required Approvals as contemplated   
by Section 18.1, if any, and compliance with all Applicable Requirements, the   
entering into this Agreement and the fulfillment of its obligations hereunder does   
not contravene any law, statute or contractual obligation of the Party giving the   
representation or warranty.

6.2 Each Party represents and warrants to the other that no suit, action or arbitration, or

legal, administrative or other proceeding is pending or has, to the best of its knowledge, been threatened against the representing Party that would have a material adverse effect on the validity or enforceability of this Agreement or the ability of the representing Party to fulfill its obligations hereunder.

7.0 Developer Obligation to Pay Company Reimbursable Costs; Additional

Prepayments; Invoicing; Taxes

7.1 Developer shall pay or reimburse the Company for all Company Reimbursable

Costs actually incurred by the Company and/or its Affiliates. Any estimates provided under or in connection with this Agreement or the Company Work (including, without limitation, the Initial Prepayment) shall not limit Developer’s obligation to pay the Company for all Company Reimbursable Costs actually incurred by the Company and/or its Affiliates.

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7.2 Developer shall provide the Company with a prepayment of $1,075,000 (“Initial

Prepayment”), such amount representing the Company’s current estimate of the   
total amount of Company Reimbursable Costs to perform the portion of the   
Company Work that Company anticipates performing during the initial eighteen

(18) months following the Effective Date. The Company acknowledges that it has received $1,000,000 from the Developer in partial payment of the Initial Prepayment; the Company shall invoice Developer for the remaining $75,000 balance of the Initial Prepayment, and Developer shall pay such amount to Company within thirty (30) Days of the invoice due date.

7.3 If, during the performance of the Company Work, Company determines that one or

more additional prepayments are required for the Company Work, Company may,   
but is not required to, request additional prepayment (each, an “Additional

Prepayment”) from Developer; any such requests will be in writing and be   
accompanied by a reasonably itemized invoice. If an Additional Prepayment is   
requested and is not received from Developer on or before the date specified in the   
applicable request, or if no date is specified, within 30 days of receipt of such   
written request (each, an “Additional Prepayment Payment Date”), Company may   
(but shall not be obligated to) suspend work (including, without limitation, halting   
any planned procurement related to such requested Additional Prepayment) upon   
the depletion of the Initial Prepayment and any other Additional Prepayments made   
by Developer hereunder to date, as applicable. Upon Company’s receipt of the   
Additional Prepayment from Developer (such Additional Prepayment to be

additional to the Initial Prepayment and any other prepayments made by Developer   
to date), Company will recommence performance of the Company Work. In the   
event that Developer does not pay any requested Additional Prepayment in full on   
or before ninety (90) Days following the applicable Additional Prepayment

Payment Date, this Agreement, at Company’s election, shall be deemed terminated   
for convenience by Developer. Company shall provide written notice to Developer   
(“Threshold Notice”) when the total Company Reimbursable Costs are estimated   
to have reached $1,500,000. Upon issuance of the Threshold Notice, Company   
shall suspend performance of the Company Work pending Company’s receipt of a   
Notice to Proceed (as defined below). Following Developer’s receipt of the   
Threshold Notice, Company and Developer shall consult and Developer shall   
determine whether it wishes to (a) deliver an unconditional written direction to   
Company to continue performance of the Company Work (“Notice to Proceed”) or

(b) terminate this Agreement for convenience by delivering a written notice thereof to Company (“Convenience Termination Notice”). Following Company’s receipt of a Notice to Proceed signed by an authorized representative of Developer, Company will recommence performance of the Company Work in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement. In the event that Developer does not deliver either a Notice to Proceed or a Convenience Termination Notice on or before ninety (90) Days following the date of the Threshold Notice, this Agreement, at Company’s election, shall be deemed terminated for convenience by Developer.

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7.4 Company may elect, in its sole discretion, to continue performance hereunder after

the depletion of any prepayments, as described in Sections 7.2 and 7.3 herein, and   
invoice Developer at a later date. Except as otherwise expressly provided for in   
this Agreement, all invoices shall be due and payable thirty (30) Days from receipt   
of such invoice. If any undisputed payment due to Company under this Agreement   
is not made when due, or if any unpaid disputed payment is later determined to   
have been due and payable, Developer shall pay Company interest on the unpaid   
amount in accordance with Section 9.1 of this Agreement. In addition to any other   
rights and remedies available to Company, if (i) any payment due from Developer   
under this Agreement (including, without limitation, any Additional Prepayment)   
is not received within five (5) Days after the applicable invoice due date (except to   
the extent such payment has been previously disputed by Developer in good faith   
and in compliance with the last sentence of this Section 7.4.), or (ii) at any time, the   
total invoiced payment amounts disputed and remaining unpaid by Developer   
hereunder exceed $100,000 in aggregate amount, Company may suspend any or all   
Company Work pending receipt of all amounts due from Developer; any such   
suspension shall be without recourse or liability to Company. If Developer   
disputes, in good faith, any payment amount invoiced hereunder, Developer shall

(i) timely pay the undisputed portion of such payment amount in accordance with   
the terms of this Agreement, and (ii) provide written notice to Company with   
respect to the disputed portion of such payment amount, such notice shall (x) be   
provided to Company prior to the date such disputed payment is otherwise due   
under this Agreement and (y) contain a reasonably detailed explanation of

Developer’s basis for disputing the payment.

7.5 If Developer claims exemption from sales tax, Developer agrees to provide

Company with an appropriate, current and valid tax exemption certificate, in form   
and substance satisfactory to the Company, relieving the Company from any   
obligation to collect sales taxes from Developer ("Sales Tax Exemption

Certificate"). During the term of this Agreement, Developer shall promptly provide   
the Company with any modifications, revisions or updates to the Sales Tax   
Exemption Certificate or to Developer's exemption status. If Developer fails to   
provide an acceptable Sales Tax Exemption Certificate for a particular transaction,   
the Company shall add the sales tax to the applicable invoice to be paid by   
Developer.

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7.6 If the FERC IA Acceptance Date occurs before the Initial Prepayment or any

Additional Prepayment has been fully used to reimburse for Company Work   
performed by the Company under this Agreement, the Company shall be authorized   
to apply the remaining balance of the Initial Prepayment and/or any Additional   
Prepayments to invoices charged to Developer under the Interconnection   
Agreement or the EPC Agreement. The Company shall adjust the security to be   
provided under the Interconnection Agreement or the EPC Agreement, as   
applicable, to reflect the Initial Prepayment and any Additional Prepayments   
received by the Company under this Agreement. Anything in this Agreement to   
the contrary notwithstanding, this Section 7.6 shall survive the termination of this   
Agreement if this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 2.2 hereof.

7.7 Company’s invoices to Developer for all sums owed under this Agreement shall be

sent to the individual and address specified below, or to such other individual and

address as Developer may designate, from time to time, by written notice to the

Company:

Name: Robert Caso

Address: Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.

284 South Avenue

Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

[Robert.Case@NYTransco.com](mailto:Robert.Case@NYTransco.com)

7.8 At any time during the term of this Agreement, Developer may request, in writing,

from Company a reconciliation of the Company Reimbursable Costs incurred by   
Company as of the date Company receives written notice of the request. Company   
shall provide the reconciliation within thirty (30) Days of receiving such request.

7.9 All payments made under this Agreement shall be made in immediately available

funds.

Unless otherwise directed by the Company, payments to the Company shall be made by wire transfer to:

Wire Payment: JP Morgan Chase ABA# 021000021

Account#: 777149642

Unless otherwise directed by Developer, payments to Developer shall be made by   
 wire transfer to:

Bank: JP Morgan Chase   
ABA#: 021000021   
Account #: 665653296

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8.0 Final Payment

8.1 Within one hundred and eighty (180) Days following the earlier of (i) the

completion of the Company Work, (ii) the effective early termination or

cancellation date of this Agreement in accordance with any of the provisions hereof,   
and (iii) the FERC IA Acceptance Date, the Company shall perform an overall   
reconciliation of the total of all Company Reimbursable Costs to the invoiced costs   
previously paid to Company by Developer under this Agreement (“Total Payments   
Made”). If the total of all Company Reimbursable Costs actually incurred is greater   
than the Total Payments Made, the Company shall provide a final invoice to   
Developer for the balance due to the Company under this Agreement (the “Balance   
Amount”). If the Total Payments Made is greater than the total of all Company   
Reimbursable Costs actually incurred, Company shall reimburse the difference to   
Developer (“Refund Amount”) or, if applicable, may apply the Refund Amount as   
contemplated in Section 7.6 of this Agreement. The Refund Amount or Balance   
Amount, as applicable, shall be due and payable upon final reconciliation but no   
later than sixty (60) Days after such reconciliation. Any portion of the Balance   
Amount or Refund Amount, as applicable, remaining unpaid after that time shall   
be subject to interest as calculated pursuant to Section 9.1 of this Agreement.

9.0 Interest on Overdue Amounts

9.1 If any payment due under this Agreement is not made when due, the Party obligated

to make such payment shall pay to the other Party interest on the unpaid amount

calculated in accordance with Section 35.19a of the FERC’s regulations (18 C.F.R.

35.19a) from and including the due date until payment is made in full.

10.0 Project Managers; Meetings

10.1 Promptly following the Effective Date, each Party shall designate a Project

Manager responsible for coordinating the Party’s Work and shall provide the other   
Party with a written notice containing the name and contact information of such   
Project Manager (“Project Manager”). In no event shall any Project Manager be   
authorized to amend or modify the provisions of this Agreement. Each Party may   
change its Project Manager, from time to time, by written notice to the other Party.

10.2 Each Party’s Project Manager shall attend Project meetings at times and places   
 mutually agreed to by the Parties.

11.0 Disclaimer of Warranties, Representations and Guarantees

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11.1 DEVELOPER ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE COMPANY IS NOT IN THE

BUSINESS OF PERFORMING DESIGN, ENGINEERING OR   
PROCUREMENT SERVICES FOR PROFIT AND IS NOT RECEIVING ANY   
FEE OR PROFIT (AS CONTRASTED WITH COST REIMBURSEMENT) FOR   
ITS PERFORMANCE UNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS   
AGREEMENT. THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY GRANTED TO DEVELOPER   
FOR ANY ALLEGED FAILURE OF COMPANY TO MEET THE   
PERFORMANCE STANDARDS OR REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS   
AGREEMENT IS AS SET FORTH IN SECTION 3.3. COMPANY MAKES NO   
WARRANTIES, REPRESENTATIONS, OR GUARANTEES IN CONNECTION   
WITH THIS AGREEMENT, THE TRANSMISSION PROJECT, OR ANY   
COMPANY WORK, WHETHER WRITTEN OR ORAL, STATUTORY,   
EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE   
IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A   
PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ALL OF WHICH ARE HEREBY EXPRESSLY   
EXCLUDED AND DISCLAIMED.

11.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Article shall survive

the termination, cancellation, completion or expiration of this Agreement.

12.0 Liability and Indemnification

12.1 To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law (including, without limitation, the   
 applicable provisions of any governing federal or state tariff), Developer shall   
 indemnify and hold harmless, and at Company’s option, defend Company, its   
 parents and Affiliates and their respective officers, directors, members, managers,   
 partners, employees, servants, agents, contractors and representatives (each,

individually, an “Indemnified Party” and, collectively, the “Indemnified Parties”),   
from and against any and all liabilities, damages, losses, costs, expenses (including,   
without limitation, any and all reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements),   
causes of action, suits, liens, claims, damages, penalties, obligations, demands or   
judgments of any nature, including, without limitation, for death, personal injury   
and property damage, for economic damage, and for claims brought by third parties   
for personal injury, property damage or other damages, incurred by any   
Indemnified Party to the extent arising out of or in connection with this Agreement,   
the Project, or any Work (collectively, “Damages”), except to the extent such   
Damages are directly caused by the gross negligence, intentional misconduct or   
unlawful act of the Indemnified Party as determined by a court of competent final   
jurisdiction.

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12.2 Without limiting the foregoing, Developer shall protect, indemnify and hold   
 harmless the Company and its Affiliates from and against the cost consequences of   
 any tax liability imposed against or on Company and/or its Affiliates (including,   
 without limitation, the costs consequences of any tax liabilities resulting from a   
 change in applicable law or from an audit determination by the IRS) as the result   
 of or attributable to payments, and/or real or personal property transfers, made in   
 connection with this Agreement, as well as any related interest and penalties, other   
 than interest and penalties attributable to any delay directly caused by Company or   
 the applicable Company Affiliate.

12.3 To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Company’s total cumulative

liability for all claims of any kind, whether based upon contract, tort (including negligence and strict liability), or otherwise, for any loss, injury, or damage connected with, or resulting from, this Agreement, the Project or the Work, shall not exceed the aggregate amount of all payments (including the Initial Prepayment and any Additional Prepayments) made to Company by Developer as Company Reimbursable Costs under this Agreement.

12.4 Subject to the obligations set forth in Sections 12.1 and 12.2, neither Party shall be   
 liable to the other Party for consequential, indirect, special, incidental, multiple, or   
 punitive damages (including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees or litigation costs)   
 in connection with or related to this Agreement, including, without limitation,   
 damage claims based on causes of action for breach of contract, tort (including   
 negligence), or any other theory of recovery, whether or not (i) such damages were   
 reasonably foreseeable or (ii) the Parties were advised or aware that such damages   
 might be incurred.

12.5 Subject to the obligations set forth in Sections 12.1 and 12.2, neither Party shall be

liable to the other Party for claims or damages in connection with or related to this   
Agreement for lost profits, delays, loss of use, business interruption, or claims of   
customers, whether such claims are categorized as direct or consequential damages,   
or whatever the theory of recovery, and whether or not (i) such damages were   
reasonably foreseeable or (ii) the Parties were advised or aware that such damages   
might be incurred.

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12.6 Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, neither Party shall be

responsible for any failure or inability to perform hereunder to the extent such failure or inability is caused by the acts or omissions of the other Party (including any contractor of such Party or any person or entity for whom such Party is legally responsible) or of any third party (other than a subcontractor of the Party that is unable or failing to perform hereunder).

For the avoidance of doubt: Company shall have no responsibility or liability under   
this Agreement for any delay in performance or nonperformance to the extent such   
delay in performance or nonperformance is caused by or as a result of (a) the   
inability or failure of Developer or its contractors to cooperate or to perform any   
tasks or responsibilities contemplated to be performed or undertaken by Developer   
under this Agreement (including, without limitation, the Developer Required   
Actions), (b) subject to Article 23.0, any Force Majeure Event, (c) the inability or   
failure of Developer and Company to reach agreement on any matter requiring their   
mutual agreement under the terms of this Agreement, (d) any valid order or ruling   
by any governmental agency or authority having jurisdiction over the subject matter   
of this Agreement, or (e) suspension of Work during such times as may be   
reasonably required to minimize or avoid risks to utility system reliability in   
accordance with Good Utility Practice.

12.7 Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, if any Party’s liability

in connection with this Agreement is limited or capped pursuant to any applicable law, statute, rule or regulation, then the other Party hereto shall be entitled to elect an identical liability limitation and/or cap as if such law, statute, rule or regulation were applicable to such Party. The obligations under this Article shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on Developer’s insurance.

12.8 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Article shall survive

the termination, cancellation, completion or expiration of this Agreement.

13.0 Insurance; Employee and Contractor Claims

13.1 Prior to the commencement of any Company Work and during the term of the

Agreement, the Company, at its own cost and expense, shall procure and maintain insurance in form and amounts set forth in Exhibit C of this Agreement, or the Company may elect to self-insure one or more of the insurance coverage amounts set forth in Exhibit C of this Agreement.

13.2 Prior to the commencement of any Work and during the term of the Agreement,

the Developer, at its own cost and expense, shall procure and maintain insurance in form and amounts set forth in Exhibit C of this Agreement, or Developer may elect to self-insure one or more of such coverage amounts to the extent authorized or licensed to do so under the applicable laws of the State of New York, provided, that, the Developer provides written notice of any such election to the Company prior to the commencement of any Work under this Agreement.

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13.3 Unless such Party elects to self-insure in accordance with Section 13.1 or Section

13.2 hereof, as applicable, each Party shall have its insurer furnish to the other Party   
certificates of insurance, on forms approved by the Insurance Commissioner of the   
State of New York, evidencing the insurance coverage required by this Article, such   
certificates to be provided prior to the commencement of any Work under this   
Agreement.

13.4 Each Party shall be separately responsible for insuring its own property and   
 operations.

13.5 Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, each Party shall be

solely responsible for the claims of its respective employees and contractors against   
such Party and shall release, defend, and indemnify the other Party, its Affiliates,   
and their respective officers, directors, employees, and representatives, from and   
against such claims. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this   
Section shall survive the termination, cancellation, completion or expiration of this   
Agreement.

14.0 Assignment and Subcontracting

14.1 The Company may assign this Agreement, or any part thereof, to any of its

Affiliates provided such assignee Affiliate agrees in writing to be bound by the   
terms and conditions of this Agreement. Each Party has the right to subcontract   
some or all of the work to be performed by such Party under the terms of this   
Agreement. Each Party may also use the services of its Affiliates in connection   
with its performance under this Agreement. Developer agrees that the reasonable   
costs and expenses of such Affiliates or contractors charged to or incurred by   
Company shall be paid by Developer as part of the Company Reimbursable Costs.

15.0 Independent Contractor; No Partnership; No Agency; No Utility Services

15.1 Company and Developer shall be independent contractors. This Agreement shall

not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture, agency   
relationship, or partnership between the Parties or to impose any partnership   
obligation or partnership liability upon any Party. No Party shall have any right,   
power or authority to enter into any agreement or undertaking for, or act on behalf   
of, or to act as or be an agent or representative of, or to otherwise bind, the other   
Party. This Agreement is not an agreement to provide or take utility services of   
any kind, including, without limitation, interconnection or other electric   
transmission services.

16.0 [Reserved]

17.0 Safety

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17.1 Each Party shall be solely responsible for the safety and supervision of its own

employees, representatives and contractors involved with its Work or any other   
activities contemplated by this Agreement. In connection with the performance   
contemplated by this Agreement, each Party shall, and shall require its   
representatives, contractors, and employees to, comply with all applicable Federal,   
state and local health and safety requirements, rules, regulations, laws and   
ordinances, including without limitation, the safety regulations adopted under the   
Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (“OSHA”), as amended from time to   
time.

18.0 Required Approvals

18.1 Subject to Section 23.3 of this Agreement, the obligations of each Party to perform

its respective Work under this Agreement are expressly contingent upon (i) each   
Party receiving all licenses, permits, permissions, certificates, approvals,   
authorizations, consents, franchises and releases from any local, state, or federal   
regulatory agency or other governmental agency or authority, and from any other   
third party that may be required for such Party in connection with the performance   
of such Party’s obligations under or in connection with this Agreement (the   
“Required Approvals”), (ii) each Required Approval being granted without the   
imposition of any modification or condition of the terms of this Agreement or the   
subject transactions, unless such modification(s) or condition(s) are agreed to by   
both Parties in their respective sole discretion, and (iii) all applicable appeal periods   
with respect to the Required Approvals having expired without any appeal having   
been made or, if such an appeal has been made, a full, final and non-appealable   
determination having been made regarding same by a court or other administrative   
body of competent jurisdiction, which determination disposes of or otherwise   
resolves such appeal (or appeals) to the satisfaction of both Parties in their   
respective sole discretion. Each Party represents that, as of the Effective Date, it is   
not aware of any Required Approvals that will need to be obtained for such Party   
to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

18.2 Subject to Section 23.3 of this Agreement, if any application or request is made in

connection with seeking any Required Approval and is denied, or is granted in a   
form, or subject to conditions, that either Party rejects, in its sole discretion, as   
unacceptable, this Agreement shall terminate as of the date that a Party notifies the   
other Party of such denial or rejection, in which event the obligations of the Parties   
under this Agreement shall cease as of such date and this Agreement shall   
terminate, subject to Developer’s obligation to pay Company in accordance with   
the terms of this Agreement (including, without limitation, Sections 21.3 and 21.4   
hereof) for all Company Reimbursable Costs. For the avoidance of doubt: all of   
the Company’s actual costs in connection with seeking any Required Approvals   
shall also be included within the meaning of the term Company Reimbursable Costs   
and shall be paid for by Developer.

19.0 [Reserved]

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20.0 [Reserved]

21.0 Right to Terminate Agreement; Remedies

21.1 If either Party (the “Breaching Party”) (a) fails to pay any amount when due under

the terms of this Agreement or fails to comply with or perform, in any material   
respect, any of the other terms or conditions of this Agreement; (b) sells or transfers   
all or substantially all of its assets; (c) enters into any voluntary or involuntary   
bankruptcy proceeding or receivership; or (d) makes a general assignment for the   
benefit of its creditors, then the other Party (the “Non-Breaching Party”) shall have   
the right, without prejudice to any other right or remedy and after giving five (5)   
Days’ written prior notice to the Breaching Party and a reasonable opportunity for   
cure (not to exceed thirty (30) Days in the case of a failure to pay amounts when   
due), to terminate this Agreement, subject to Sections 21.4 and 21.5 of this   
Agreement. Subject to compliance with Section 22.1 of this Agreement, if   
applicable, the Non-Breaching Party shall also have the right to pursue any and all   
rights it may have against the Breaching Party under applicable law, subject to other   
applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement (including, without limitation,   
any applicable limitations on liability contained herein).

21.2 Subject to Sections 21.3 and 21.4 of this Agreement, this Agreement may also be

terminated upon prior written notice (i) by Company in the event that Company   
Work under this Agreement is suspended or delayed for a period exceeding sixty

(60) consecutive Days as the result of any continuing dispute between the Parties,   
or (ii) under the circumstances contemplated by, and in accordance with, Section

18.2 or Section 26.2 of this Agreement.

21.3 In the event of any early termination or cancellation of the Company Work or this

Agreement as contemplated by any provision of this Agreement, each Party shall   
discontinue its performance hereunder to the extent feasible and make every   
reasonable effort to procure cancellation of existing commitments, orders and   
contracts relating to its Work upon terms that are reasonably expected to minimize   
all associated costs.

21.4 (a) Subject to Section 21.4(b) below, in the event of any early termination or

cancellation of the Company Work or this Agreement as contemplated by any   
provision of this Agreement, Company shall apply any unused monies available   
from the Initial Prepayment or any Additional Prepayments to reimburse itself, and,   
to the extent such Initial Prepayment or any Additional Prepayments have been   
depleted, Company shall invoice Developer, and Developer agrees to pay, for the   
following:

(i) all Company Reimbursable Costs for Company Work performed on

or before the effective date of termination or cancellation;

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(ii) all other Company Reimbursable Costs incurred by Company and/or

its Affiliates in connection with the Company Work prior to the   
effective date of termination or cancellation, including, without   
limitation, for materials, equipment, engineering and other items,   
assets or services which cannot reasonably be avoided, mitigated or   
cancelled; and

(iii) all Company Reimbursable Costs arising from cancellation costs

relating to orders or contracts entered into in connection with the

Company Work prior to the effective date of termination or

cancellation.

(b) To the extent that any equipment procured or ordered hereunder as part of

the Company Work cannot be reasonably cancelled (the “Non-Cancellable

Equipment”), Company may elect:

(i) to take title to the Non-Cancellable Equipment, in which event

Company shall refund or credit the Developer, as applicable, for any amounts paid by the Developer as Company Reimbursable Costs for the Non-Cancellable Equipment and shall pay the cost of delivery of such Non-Cancellable Equipment; or

(ii) to transfer title to and deliver the Non-Cancellable Equipment to

Developer, in which event the Developer shall pay, as part of   
Company Reimbursable Costs, any unpaid balance with respect to   
the Non-Cancellable Equipment and the cost of delivery of the Non-  
Cancellable Equipment, such transfer to be on an ‘as is’ basis,   
without warranty from or recourse to Company, and to be   
implemented pursuant to a mutually acceptable Bill of Sale   
containing terms and conditions consistent with such an ‘as is’   
transfer.

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22.0 Dispute Resolution

22.1 Any dispute arising under this Agreement shall be the subject of good-faith   
 negotiations between the Parties. Following the occurrence of a dispute, each Party   
 shall designate one or more representatives with the authority to negotiate the   
 particular matter in dispute for the purpose of participating in such negotiations.   
 Unless a Party identifies exigent circumstances reasonably requiring expedited   
 resolution of the dispute by a court or agency with jurisdiction over the dispute, any   
 dispute that is not resolved through good-faith negotiations after a negotiation   
 period of not less than thirty (30) Days may be submitted by either Party for   
 resolution to a court or to an agency with jurisdiction over the dispute.   
 Notwithstanding the foregoing, any dispute arising under this Agreement may be   
 submitted to non-binding arbitration or any other form of alternative dispute   
 resolution upon the written agreement of both Parties to participate in such an   
 alternative dispute resolution process.

23.0 Force Majeure

23.1 A “Force Majeure Event” shall include fire, flood, windstorm, adverse weather

conditions, emergencies, explosion, terrorism, riot, war, sabotage, acts of God,   
strikes or labor slow-downs, court injunction or order, federal and/or state law or   
regulation, delays by governmental authorities in approving regulatory, license   
and/or permit requests necessary in connection with the Company Work or the   
Developer Required Actions, order by any federal or state regulatory agency, or   
other causes, conditions or circumstances beyond the affected Party’s reasonable   
control. Without limiting the foregoing, a “Force Majeure Event” shall also include   
unavailability of personnel, equipment, supplies, or other resources (“Resources”)   
due to diversion of such Resources for other utility-related duties in connection with   
an emergency or other similar contingency, including, without limitation, storms or   
other adverse weather conditions. A Force Majeure Event shall not include acts of   
negligence or intentional wrongdoing by the Party claiming such Force Majeure   
Event.

If a Force Majeure Event should occur and impair the ability of either or both   
Parties to perform its, or their, respective, obligations hereunder, then, to the extent   
affected by such Force Majeure Event, the performance of this Agreement, with the   
exception of payment obligations, shall be suspended for the duration of such Force   
Majeure Event. At the conclusion of a Force Majeure Event, the price and time for   
performance under this Agreement shall be adjusted as reasonably necessary to   
overcome the effect of the delay occasioned by such Force Majeure Event. The   
foregoing notwithstanding and with the exception of payment obligations, if, as the   
direct or indirect result of any Force Majeure Event, the Parties’ continued   
performance hereunder becomes irreparably impaired or prevented, the Parties may   
mutually agree to terminate this Agreement; provided, however, that,   
notwithstanding any such termination, Developer shall pay the Company all of the

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Company Reimbursable Costs in accordance with Sections 21.3 and 21.4 of this Agreement.

23.2 Within thirty (30) Days after the cessation of any delay occasioned by a Force

Majeure Event, the affected Party shall give written notice to the other Party specifying the estimated impact of the delay.

23.3 For the avoidance of doubt: to the extent any Party has a payment obligation

pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, such payment obligation shall not be subject to or conditioned upon such Party receiving funding or reimbursement from any third party (and any failure to secure such funding or reimbursement shall not constitute a Force Majeure Event), nor shall any such obligation be conditioned upon the other Party executing any certificates or other instruments not expressly and specifically required by the terms of this Agreement.

24.0 Compliance with Law

24.1 Each Party shall comply, at all times, with all Applicable Requirements in

connection with this Agreement and performance of its Work hereunder. Such   
compliance shall include, among other things, compliance with all applicable wage   
and hour laws and regulations and all other laws and regulations dealing with or   
relating to the employment of persons, and the payment of contributions, premiums,   
and taxes required by such laws and regulations. For the avoidance of doubt:   
neither Party shall be required to undertake or complete any action or performance   
under this Agreement that is inconsistent with such Party’s standard safety   
practices, its material and equipment specifications, its design criteria and   
construction procedures, its labor agreements, Good Utility Practice and/or any   
Applicable Requirement(s).

25.0 Proprietary and Confidential Information

25.1 Each Party acknowledges that, in the course of the performance of this Agreement,

it may have access to Proprietary Information of the other Party.

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25.2 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS. Upon receiving Proprietary Information, the Receiving

Party) and its Representative shall keep in strict confidence and not disclose to any   
person (with the exception of the Representatives of the Receiving Party, to the   
extent each such Representative has a need to know in connection herewith) any of   
the Disclosing Party’s Proprietary Information except as otherwise provided by the   
terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Receiving Party and its   
Representatives shall not use such Proprietary Information except for the purposes   
identified herein without the prior written approval of the Disclosing Party. The   
Receiving Party shall be solely liable for any breach of this Article to the extent   
caused by its Representatives. Developer agrees that any Proprietary Information   
will be used solely for the Project or the Transmission Project and will not be used,   
either directly or indirectly, for the Developer's financial gain and/or commercial   
advantage or in violation of any applicable laws, rules or regulations.

25.3 EXCEPTIONS. Subject to Section 25.4 hereof, the Receiving Party shall not be

precluded from, nor liable for, disclosure or use of Proprietary Information that:

25.3.1 is in or enters the public domain, other than by a breach of this

Article; or

25.3.2 is known to the Receiving Party or its Representatives at the time

of first disclosure hereunder, or thereafter becomes known to the Receiving Party or its Representatives subsequent to such disclosure without similar restrictions from a source other than the Disclosing Party, as evidenced by written records; or

25.3.3 is developed by the Receiving Party or its Representatives

independently of any disclosure under this Agreement, as evidenced by written records; or

25.3.4 is disclosed more than three (3) years after first receipt of the

disclosed Proprietary Information, or three (3) years after the

termination or expiration of this Agreement, whichever occurs later (the “Non-Disclosure Term”); or

25.3.5 is disclosed following receipt of the Disclosing Party’s written

consent to the disclosure of such Proprietary Information; or

25.3.6 is necessary to be disclosed, in the reasonable belief of the

Receiving Party or its Representatives, for public safety reasons, provided, that, Receiving Party has attempted to provide as much advance notice of the disclosure to the Disclosing Party as is practicable under the circumstances.

Anything in this Article or the Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, the   
Receiving Party or its Representative(s) may disclose Proprietary Information of

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the other Party to the extent the Receiving Party or its Representative(s) is required   
to do so by law, by a court, or by other governmental or regulatory authorities;   
provided, however, that, if permitted to do so by applicable law, the Receiving Party   
shall give the Disclosing Party written notice of any such required disclosure prior   
to such disclosure being made so that the Disclosing Party may seek a protective   
order with respect to such Proprietary Information. Receiving Party will reasonably   
cooperate with the Disclosing Party’s efforts to obtain such protective order.

25.4 Each Party acknowledges that information and/or data disclosed under this

Agreement may include information that the Disclosing Party deems or determines   
to be “Critical Energy / Electrical Infrastructure Information” consistent with   
applicable FERC rules and policies (“CEII”) and critical infrastructure protection   
information consistent with applicable NERC standards and procedures (“CIP”).   
Receiving Party shall, and shall cause its Representatives to, strictly comply with   
any and all laws, rules and regulations (including, without limitation, FERC and   
NERC regulations, rules, orders, standards, procedures and policies) applicable to   
any such CEII and/or CIP disclosed by or on behalf of Disclosing Party or that   
relates to any of Disclosing Party’s or Disclosing Party’s Affiliates’ facilities.

Neither the Receiving Party nor its Representatives shall divulge any such CEII or   
CIP to any person or entity, directly or indirectly, unless permitted to do so by law   
and unless the Receiving Party has first obtained, in each case, the express specific   
written consent of the Disclosing Party and any affected Affiliate of the Disclosing   
Party. In any event, to the extent that the Receiving Party or any of its   
Representatives seeks or is ordered to submit any such CEII or CIP to FERC, a state   
regulatory agency, court or other governmental body, the Receiving Party shall, in   
addition to obtaining the Disclosing Party’s and its Affiliate’s prior written consent   
(as applicable), seek a protective order or other procedural protections to ensure   
that such information is accorded CEII or CIP status, as applicable, and is otherwise   
treated as confidential.

In the case of any Proprietary Information that is CEII or CIP, Receiving Party’s   
obligations and duties under this Article shall survive until (i) the expiration of the   
Non-Disclosure Term, (ii) the date on which such CEII or CIP, as applicable, is no   
longer required to be kept confidential under applicable law, or (iii) the date as of   
which the Disclosing Party provides written notice to the Receiving Party that such   
CEII or CIP, as applicable, is no longer required to be kept confidential, whichever   
is later. With respect to CEII and CIP, in the event of any conflict or inconsistency   
between this Section and any other term or provision of this Agreement, this   
Section shall govern in connection with such CEII and CIP, as applicable.

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25.5 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all assets,

equipment and facilities procured or constructed by or on behalf of Company, and all plans, designs, specifications, drawings and other materials and documents created or prepared by or for Company, in connection with the Work, and all title, copyright, intellectual property and other rights therein, shall be and remain the sole property of Company.

25.6 This Article shall survive any termination, expiration, completion or cancellation

of this Agreement.

26.0 Effect of Applicable Requirements; Change in Law; Governing Law

26.1 If and to the extent a Party is required to take, or is prevented or limited in taking,

any action or performance with respect to this Agreement by any Applicable Requirement(s), such Party shall not be deemed to be in breach of this Agreement as a result of such compliance with the Applicable Requirement(s).

26.2 If, during the term of this Agreement, the Applicable Requirements are changed or

new Applicable Requirements are enacted, and such changed or new Applicable   
Requirements result in the imposition of charges or costs that are materially   
different than the terms agreed to in this Agreement as of the Effective Date, or   
makes the performance of the obligations hereunder impossible, then promptly   
following the written request of the affected Party delivered to the other Party and   
made no later than six (6) months after the effective date of such change or addition   
to the Applicable Requirements, the Company shall suspend the Company Work   
and the Parties shall meet to negotiate in good faith such mutually acceptable   
amendments to this Agreement as the Parties determined to be necessary to fulfill   
the purposes of this Agreement and to give effect to the original intentions of the   
Parties as negotiated and agreed to herein. In the event the Parties are unable to   
reach agreement on and execute such mutually acceptable amendments within   
thirty (30) Days following the delivery date of such written request, this Agreement   
shall be deemed to be terminated for convenience by the affected Party effective as   
of the end of such thirty (30) Day period.

26.3 This Agreement is made and shall be interpreted, construed, governed, and

enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without reference to such State’s conflict-of-laws doctrine, and applicable Federal law. The Company and Developer agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of the courts in the State of New York, or the Federal District courts in such State, as permitted by law, with respect to any matter or dispute arising out of this Agreement.

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27.0 Miscellaneous

27.1 NOTICES; FORM AND ADDRESS. All notices, invoices and other communications

from either Party to the other hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed   
received (i) upon actual receipt when personally delivered (provided, that, if the   
date of receipt is not a Day, then the date of receipt shall deemed to be the   
immediately succeeding Day), (ii) upon acknowledgment of receipt if sent by   
facsimile (provided, that, if the date of acknowledgement is not a Day, then the date   
of receipt shall deemed to be the immediately succeeding Day), (iii) upon the   
expiration of the third (3rd) Day after being deposited in the United States mails,   
postage prepaid, certified or registered mail, or (iv) upon the expiration of one (1)   
Day after being deposited during the regular business hours for next-day delivery   
and prepaid for overnight delivery with a national overnight courier, addressed to   
the other Party at the following address:

To Developer: New York Transco, LLC

Attn: Victor Mullin President

1 Hudson City Center

Hudson, New York 12534   
Phone: (212) 460-6637

New York Transco, LLC Attn: Kathleen Carrigan General Counsel

1 Hudson City Center

Hudson, New York 12534   
Phone: (617) 455-5329

To Company: Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

Attn: Kevin C. Reardon

Director, Commercial Services

40 Sylvan Road

Waltham, MA 02451 (781) 907-2406

Either Party may change its address by giving the other Party notice thereof in conformity with this Section. Any payments made under this Agreement, if made by mail, shall be deemed to have been made on the date of receipt thereof.

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27.2 EXERCISE OF RIGHT. No failure or delay on the part of either Party in exercising

any right, power, or privilege hereunder, and no course of dealing between the Parties, shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power, or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power, or privilege.

27.3 HEADINGS; CONSTRUCTION. The descriptive headings of the several Articles,

sections, and paragraphs of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and do not constitute a part of this Agreement. Such headings shall not in any way define or affect the meaning, construction, or scope of any of the provisions hereof. Each Party and its counsel have participated fully in the review and preparation of this Agreement; this Agreement shall be considered to have been drafted by both Parties. Any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities or inconsistencies are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not apply in interpreting this Agreement. The language in this Agreement shall be interpreted as to its fair meaning and not strictly for or against either Party.

27.4 INCORPORATION OF SCHEDULES AND EXHIBITS. The schedules, attachments and

exhibits referenced in and attached to this Agreement shall be deemed an integral   
part hereof to the same extent as if written in whole herein. In the event that any   
inconsistency or conflict exists between the provisions of this Agreement and any   
schedules, attachments or exhibits attached hereto, the provisions of this Agreement   
shall supersede the provisions of any such schedules, attachments or exhibits.

27.5 PRIOR AGREEMENTS; MODIFICATIONS. This Agreement and the schedules,

attachments and exhibits attached hereto constitute the entire agreement between   
the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersede all previous   
understandings, commitments, or representations concerning such subject matter.   
Each Party acknowledges that the other Party has not made any representations   
other than those that are expressly contained herein, if any. This Agreement may   
not be amended or modified in any way, and none of its provisions may be waived,   
except by a writing signed by an authorized representative of the Party against   
whom the amendment, modification, or waiver is sought to be enforced. The Project   
Managers shall not be authorized representatives within the meaning of this   
Section.

27.6 SEVERABILITY. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be

interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision hereof shall be prohibited by, or determined to be invalid under, applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

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27.7 NOUNS AND PRONOUNS. Whenever the context may require, any pronouns used in

this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine, or neuter   
forms, and the singular forms of nouns and pronouns shall include the plural, and   
vice versa.

27.8 NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to confer   
 on any person, other than the Parties, any rights or remedies under or by reason of   
 this Agreement.

27.9 VALIDITY. Each Party hereby represents that the provisions of this Agreement

constitute valid and legally binding obligations of such Party and are enforceable in accordance with their terms.

27.10 COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each   
 of which shall be considered an original. The exchange of copies of this Agreement   
 and of signature pages by facsimile or other electronic transmission (including,   
 without limitation, by e-mailed PDF) shall constitute effective execution and   
 delivery of this Agreement as to the Parties and may be used in lieu of the original   
 Agreement for all purposes. Signatures of the Parties transmitted by facsimile or   
 other electronic means (including, without limitation, by e-mailed PDF) shall be   
 deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

[Signatures are on following page.]



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each Party has executed this Agreement by its duly authorized representative as of the Effective Date.

NEW YORK TRANSCO LLC

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION

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Exhibit A: Scope of Company Work

I. Background

The Transmission Project contemplates, and the NYISO has studied during the System Impact Study phase of the NYISO Interconnection Process, the following:

A new 54 mile 345/115 kV double circuit transmission line from Schodack to Pleasant   
 Valley

A new Knickerbocker 345 kV switching station;

The demolition and complete rebuild of the Churchtown Substation; Modifications to the existing Pleasant Valley 345 kV substation, A new Van Wagner Capacitor Bank Substation; and

The retirement of various 115 kV lines between the Greenbush 115 kV station and   
 Pleasant Valley 115 kV station.

The Agreement has been entered into prior to the issuance of a Facilities Study Report with

respect to the Transmission Project, with the intention of allowing Company Work to commence at the risk of the Developer as contemplated by the Agreement.

II. Scope of Work

The Company Work shall consist of the following:

Following the Effective Date, the Company will determine, in its sole discretion, the set of design, engineering, and long-lead procurement work that is appropriate and practicable to undertake under this Agreement with respect to the Company’s Network Upgrade Facilities (as such term is defined below) that are covered or addressed by the System Impact Study as they are identified in the Company’s draft facility study reports.

The term “Company’s Network Upgrade Facilities” means the Network Upgrade Facilities (as such term is defined in the OATT) on or for the Company’s transmission system that will be required to mitigate impacts resulting from, or that are otherwise required to accommodate, the Transmission Project.

The Company will also provide transmission line engineering support relating to Company’s facilities, including, but not limited to:

Engineering and procurement efforts for the Fort Orange tap adjustments to move the Fort   
 Orange customer interconnection tap (currently between existing structures 37 and 39 on   
 the Greenbush-Hudson Line 15) to the Schodack-Falls Park Line 14;

General transmission line engineering efforts to cooperate with Developer on wire design   
 and structure detail at interconnection points for the Transmission Project on Company’s

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facilities; and

General transmission line engineering efforts with respect to Company’s facilities to locate   
 and provide existing structure drawings and other resources to support Developer’s design   
 efforts with respect to the Transmission Project.

Company Work will be performed at the following substations:

• Schodack

• Greenbush

• Blue Stores

• Valkin

• Hudson

• New Scotland

• Alps

• Buckley Corners

With respect to procurement activities, Company Work may include, without limitation, some or

all of the following as required in connection with the foregoing:

A. Develop technical documents to solicit bid proposals for the selected procurement.

B. Issuance of the Request for Proposals (“RFP”), soliciting bid proposals, clarifying

queries from bidders, and receiving bid proposals (“Bid(s)”).

C. Bid evaluation and recommendation, which includes scoring of Bids based on

technical, quality, price and identification of proposed vendors.

D. Award to selected vendor and placement of order for the applicable materials and/or

services.

E. Coordination and involvement of project team members and stakeholders for the   
above listed tasks and to secure required internal approvals (including, without limitation,   
the creation of sanction papers and presentation thereof to internal committees/bodies for   
approval).

F. Engineering and procurement activities to support temporary configurations as

needed.

NOTE: The above procurement activities are focused only on the procurement the Company determines, in its sole discretion, to perform under this Agreement and does not include all procurement that may be required with respect to the Company’s facilities or system expected to be impacted by the Transmission Project.

The Company recognizes the Developer’s construction schedule and NYISO required in-service

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date of December 31, 2023 and will work under this Agreement to start tasks typically not initiated until after the completion of the applicable NYISO Facilities Study Report.

Notwithstanding the above: (i) the Company does not commit to any particular order of work or to any deadline or schedule to have any design, engineering, procurement or any other work completed and (ii) the work contemplated by this Exhibit and this Agreement does not encompass the full scope of work or services contemplated to be performed by an Affected Transmission Owner with respect to its Affected Transmission System pursuant to Section 22.4.4 of the OATT (“Affected Transmission Owner Work”) and shall, in no event, include any work or services other than such Affected Transmission Owner Work.

The Company Work may also include, without limitation, the following activities as required in connection with the foregoing:

1. Prepare, file for, and use reasonable efforts to obtain any Required Approvals that must be obtained

by Company to enable it to perform the work contemplated by this Exhibit.

2. Review, from time to time, proposed outage schedules, construction sequencing, and other

development activities.

3. Retain and use outside experts, counsel, consultants, and contractors in furtherance of the work

contemplated herein.

4. Attendance at and preparation for monthly Work management and outage planning meetings, as

required by the Work.

5. Perform any other reasonable tasks necessary or advisable in connection with the work

contemplated by this Exhibit (including, without limitation, any changes thereto).

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The work contemplated by this Exhibit and this Agreement does not include any permitting   
activities or any construction, relocations, alterations, modifications, or upgrades with respect to   
any Company, Developer or third party facilities, the Transmission Project or any interconnection   
thereof to the Company’s Transmission System (“Implementation Work”), nor does Company   
make any commitment to undertake such Implementation Work. If the Parties elect, in their   
respective sole discretion, to proceed with any Implementation Work: (i) such Implementation

Work would be performed pursuant to a separate, detailed, written, and mutually acceptable   
Transmission Project Interconnection Agreement and/or EPC Agreement to be entered into by the   
Parties and the NYISO, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the NYISO Open Access   
Transmission Tariff prior to the commencement of any such Implementation Work and (ii)   
payment of all actual costs incurred by Company or its Affiliates in connection with or related to   
such Implementation Work shall be the responsibility of Developer and Developer shall reimburse   
Company for all such costs.

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For the avoidance of doubt: the Company shall not have any responsibility for seeking or acquiring   
any real property rights in connection with the Company Work, the Project, the Transmission   
Project or this Agreement including, without limitation, licenses, consents, permissions,   
certificates, approvals, or authorizations, or fee, easement or right of way interests. Neither this   
Agreement nor the Company Work include granting, securing or arranging for Developer or any   
third party to have access rights in, through, over or under any real property owned or controlled   
by the Company; any such access rights would be the subject of separate written agreements.

Exhibit B: Developer Required Actions

The Developer Required Actions shall consist of the following:

1. Developer shall prepare, file for, and use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain all   
 Required Approvals necessary to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

2. If and to the extent applicable or under the control of the Developer, provide complete and   
 accurate information regarding the Developer’s project and all applicable data, drawings and   
 specifications if and when requested by Company.

3. Other responsibilities and access deemed necessary by Company to facilitate performance of   
 the Company Work.

Exhibit C: Insurance Requirements-Transco checking

The Parties agree to provide Certificates of Insurance or Memorandums of Insurance evidencing the existence of insurance policies issued to them or self-insured coverage limits, satisfactory to the coverages and minimum limitations set forth below, and not subject to cancellation or   
material change without one Party giving thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other Party which policies or equally satisfactory renewals or extensions thereof shall be maintained in force during the term of this Agreement, as follows:

Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance as required by the State of   
 New York. If required, coverage shall include the U.S. Longshoremen’s and Harbor   
 Workers’ Compensation Act and the Jones Act.

Commercial General Liability (CGL), including Contractual Liability, and

Product/Completed Operations Liability Insurance covering all insurable operations

required under the provisions of this Agreement with the following minimum limits of   
liability:

Combined single limit - $1,000,000 per occurrence

Automobile Liability - covering all owned, non-owned and hired vehicles used in

connection with all operations, work or services to be performed by or on behalf of either Party under or in connection with this Agreement with minimum limits of:

Combined Single Limit - $1,000,000 per occurrence.

Each Party shall be included as an Additional Insured on the other Party’s liability insurance policy(ies) with respect to the activities governed by this Agreement.

For Company, the Additional Insured wording is: NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER   
CORPORATION d/b/a National Grid, shall be included as Additional Insureds.

For Developer, the Additional Insured wording is: NEW YORK TRANSCO, LLC shall be included as Additional Insureds.

1. Upon request, either Party shall promptly provide the requesting Party with either evidence of

insurance or certificates of insurance evidencing the insurance coverage above. Developer shall provide such certificates or evidence of insurance to Company at the following address:

To: National Grid c/o Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation

Attention: Director, Commercial Services

40 Sylvan Road

Waltham, MA 02451

Company shall provide such certificates or evidence of insurance to Developer at the following   
address:

To: New York Transco LLC   
 One Hudson City Center

3rd Floor

Hudson, NY 12534

Attn: Victor Mullin, President

Email: [Victor.Mullin@NYTransco.com](mailto:Victor.Mullin@NYTransco.com)

With a copy to:

New York Transco LLC   
One Hudson City Center   
3rd Floor

Hudson, NY 12534

Attn: Kathleen Carrigan, General Counsel   
Email: [Kathleen.Carrigan@NYTransco.com](mailto:Kathleen.Carrigan@NYTransco.com)

2. Should any of the above-described policies be cancelled before the expiration date thereof, notice will   
 be delivered in accordance with the policy provisions.

3. If a Party fails to secure or maintain any insurance coverage, or any insurance coverage is canceled   
 before the completion of all services provided under this Agreement, and such party fails immediately   
 to procure such insurance as specified herein, then the non-defaulting Party has the right but not the   
 obligation to procure such insurance and, at its option, either bill the cost thereof to the defaulting Party   
 or deduct the cost thereof from any sum due the defaulting Party under this Agreement.

4. To the extent requested, each Party shall furnish to the other Party copies of any accidents report(s) sent   
 to the furnishing Party’s insurance carriers covering accidents or incidents occurring in connection with   
 or as a result of the performance of the Work under this Agreement.

5. Each Party shall comply with any governmental and/or site-specific insurance requirements even if not   
 stated herein.

6. By the date that such coverage is required, each Party represents to the other Party that it will have full   
 policy limits available and shall notify the other Party in writing when coverages required herein have   
 been reduced as a result of claim payments, expenses, or both.