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**TRANSMISSION FACILITY
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT**

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TRANSMISSION FACILITY INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

THIS FACILITY INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made and entered into this 25th day of April , 2012, by and among New York Power Authority, a corporate municipal instrumentality and political subdivision of the State of New York (“Connecting Transmission Owner ”), Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York (“Developer ”). Developer, or Connecting Transmission Owner each may be referred to as a “Party” or collectively referred to as the “Parties.”

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the New York Independent System Operator (“NYISO”) operates the Transmission System and the Connecting Transmission Owner owns transmission facilities located in New York City; and

WHEREAS, Connecting Transmission Owner is the owner of a non-exclusive easement and facilities located within a fence line on a portion of real property owned by Developer in the City of New York, County of Queens, known as Tax Lot 1, in Block 850, on the Tax Map of the City of New York, which facilities include the Astoria Annex Substation, Q 35L and Q 35M transmission feeders, shunt reactors, breakers, grounding equipment, fencing and other equipment which are referred to collectively herein as the “Facility”;

WHEREAS, certain owners of in-city generation has made formal notification to the NYS Public Service Commission that they intend to Mothball certain generation assets located in New York City;

WHEREAS, The Mothballing of these generation assets will cause a Reliability Issue and Developer must solve this reliability problem;

WHEREAS, Developer has proposed, a two-phase project as the reliability solution (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Phase I of the Project will require certain modifications to the Facility, which modifications are more specifically described on Exhibit “A” attached hereto and made a part hereof;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Phase II of the Project will require the removal of the Phase 1 modifications and require certain permanent modifications to the Facility, which modifications are more specifically described on Exhibit “B” attached hereto and made a part hereof;

WHEREAS, Developer and the Connecting Transmission Owner are mutually cooperating in the exchange of design concepts, drawings, and other details to support the Project;

WHEREAS, Developer and the Connecting Transmission Owner have agreed to enter into this Agreement for the purpose of interconnecting the Transmission Facility with the New York State Transmission System;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of and subject to the mutual covenants contained herein, it is agreed:

ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS

Whenever used in this Agreement with initial capitalization, the following terms shall have the meanings specified in this Article 1. Terms used in this Agreement with initial capitalization that are not defined in this Article 1, shall have the meanings specified in Section 30.1.0 or Attachment S of the NYISO OATT.

Affected System shall mean an electric system other than the transmission system owned, controlled or operated by the Connecting Transmission Owner that may be affected by the proposed interconnection.

Affected System Operator shall mean the entity that operates an Affected System.

Affected Transmission Owner shall mean the New York public utility or authority (or its designated agent) other than the Connecting Transmission Owner that (i) owns facilities used for the transmission of Energy in interstate commerce and provides Transmission Service under the Tariff, and (ii) owns, leases or otherwise possesses an interest in a portion of the New York State Transmission System where System Deliverability Upgrades or System Upgrade Facilities are installed pursuant to Attachment X and Attachment S of the Tariff.

Affiliate shall mean, with respect to a person or entity, any individual, corporation, partnership, firm, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust or unincorporated organization, directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, such person or entity. The term "control" shall mean the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct the management or policies of a person or an entity. A voting interest of ten percent or more shall create a rebuttable presumption of control.

Ancillary Services shall mean those services that are necessary to support the transmission of Capacity and Energy from resources to Loads while maintaining reliable operation of the New York State Transmission System in accordance with Good Utility Practice.

Applicable Laws and Regulations shall mean all duly promulgated applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations, rules, ordinances, codes, decrees, judgments, directives, or judicial or administrative orders, permits and other duly authorized actions of any Governmental Authority, including but not limited to Environmental Law.

Applicable Reliability Councils shall mean the NERC, the NPCC and the NYSRC and to the extent applicable for portions of the Transmission Facility and Developer Attachment Facilities located beyond the New York Control Area

Applicable Reliability Standards shall mean the requirements and guidelines of the Applicable Reliability Councils, and the Transmission District to which the Developer's Transmission Facility is directly interconnected, as those requirements and guidelines are amended and modified and in effect from time to time; provided that no Party shall waive its right to challenge the applicability or validity of any requirement or guideline as applied to it in the context of this Agreement.

Attachment Facilities shall mean the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and the Developer's Attachment Facilities. Collectively, Attachment Facilities include all facilities and equipment between the Transmission Facility and the Point of Interconnection, including any modification, additions or upgrades that are necessary to physically and electrically interconnect the Transmission Facility to the New York State Transmission System. Attachment Facilities are sole use facilities and shall not include Stand Alone System Upgrade Facilities or System Upgrade Facilities or System Deliverability Upgrades.

Breach shall mean the failure of a Party to perform or observe any material term or condition of this Agreement.

Breaching Party shall mean a Party that is in Breach of this Agreement.

Business Day shall mean Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays.

Byway shall mean all transmission facilities comprising the New York State Transmission System that are neither Highways nor Other Interfaces. All transmission facilities in Zone J and Zone K are Byways.

Calendar Day shall mean any day including Saturday, Sunday or a federal holiday.

Commercial Operation shall mean the status of a Transmission Facility that has commenced transmitting electricity, excluding electricity transmitted during Trial Operation.

Commercial Operation Date of a unit shall mean the date on which the Transmission Facility commences Commercial Operation as agreed to by the Parties pursuant to Appendix E to this Agreement.

Confidential Information shall mean any information that is defined as confidential by Article 22 of this Agreement.

Connecting Transmission Owner shall mean the New York public utility or authority (or its designated agent) that (i) owns facilities used for the transmission of Energy in interstate commerce and provides Transmission Service under the Tariff, (ii) owns, leases or otherwise possesses an interest in the portion of the New York State Transmission System at the Point of Interconnection, and (iii) is a Party to the Standard Large Interconnection Agreement.

Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities shall mean all facilities and equipment owned, controlled or operated by the Connecting Transmission Owner from the Point of Change of Ownership to the Point of Interconnection as identified in Appendix A to this Agreement, including any modifications, additions or upgrades to such facilities and equipment. Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities are sole use facilities and shall not include Stand Alone System Upgrade Facilities or System Upgrade Facilities.

Control Area shall mean an electric power system or combination of electric power systems to which a common automatic generation control scheme is applied in order to: (1) match, at all times, the power output of the Generators within the electric power system(s) and capacity and energy purchased from entities outside the electric power system(s), with the Load within the electric power system(s); (2) maintain scheduled interchange with other Control Areas, within the limits of Good Utility Practice; (3) maintain the frequency of the electric power system(s) within reasonable limits in accordance with Good Utility Practice; and (4) provide sufficient generating capacity to maintain Operating Reserves in accordance with Good Utility Practice. A Control Area must be certified by the NPCC.

Default shall mean the failure of a Party in Breach of this Agreement to cure such Breach in accordance with Article 17 of this Agreement.

Developer shall mean an Eligible Customer developing a Transmission Facility, proposing to connect to the New York State Transmission System.

Developer's Attachment Facilities shall mean all facilities and equipment, as identified in Appendix A of this Agreement, that are located between the Transmission Facility and the Point of Change of Ownership, including any modification, addition, or upgrades to such facilities and equipment necessary to physically and electrically interconnect the Transmission Facility to the New York State Transmission System. Developer's Attachment Facilities are sole use facilities.

Dispute Resolution shall mean the procedure described in Article 27 of this Agreement for resolution of a dispute between the Parties.

Effective Date shall mean the date on which this Agreement becomes effective upon execution by the Parties, subject to acceptance by the Commission, or if filed unexecuted, upon the date specified by the Commission.

Emergency State shall mean the condition or state that the New York State Power System is in when an abnormal condition occurs that requires automatic or immediate manual action to prevent or limit loss of the New York State Transmission System or Generators that could adversely affect the reliability of the New York State Power System.

Energy Resource Interconnection Service (“ERIS”) shall mean the service provided by NYISO to interconnect the Developer’s Transmission Facility to the New York State Transmission System in accordance with the NYISO Minimum Interconnection Standard, to enable the New York State Transmission System to receive Energy and Ancillary Services from the Transmission Facility..

Engineering & Procurement (E&P) Agreement shall mean an agreement that authorizes Connecting Transmission Owner to begin engineering and procurement of long lead-time items necessary for the establishment of the interconnection in order to advance the implementation of the Interconnection Request.

Environmental Law shall mean Applicable Laws or Regulations relating to pollution or protection of the environment or natural resources.

Federal Power Act shall mean the Federal Power Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 791a *et seq.* (“FPA”).

FERC shall mean the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“Commission”) or its successor.

Force Majeure shall mean any act of God, labor disturbance, act of the public enemy, war, insurrection, riot, fire, storm or flood, explosion, breakage or accident to machinery or equipment, any order, regulation or restriction imposed by governmental, military or lawfully established civilian authorities, or any other cause beyond a Party’s control. A Force Majeure event does not include acts of negligence or intentional wrongdoing by the Party claiming Force Majeure.

Good Utility Practice shall mean any of the practices, methods and acts engaged in or approved by a significant portion of the electric 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 delineate acceptable practices, methods, or acts generally accepted in the region.

Governmental Authority shall mean 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 over any of the Parties, their respective facilities, or the respective services they provide, and exercising or entitled to exercise any administrative, executive, police, or taxing authority or power; provided, however, that such term does not include Developer, NYISO, Affected Transmission Owner, Connecting Transmission Owner, or any Affiliate thereof.

Hazardous Substances shall mean any chemicals, materials or substances defined as or included in the definition of “hazardous substances,” “hazardous wastes,” “hazardous materials,” “hazardous constituents,” “restricted hazardous materials,” “extremely hazardous substances,” “toxic substances,” “radioactive substances,” “contaminants,” “pollutants,” “toxic pollutants” or words of similar meaning and regulatory effect under any applicable Environmental Law, or any other chemical, material or substance, exposure to which is prohibited, limited or regulated by any applicable Environmental Law.

Highway shall mean 115 kV and higher transmission facilities that comprise the following NYCA interfaces: Dysinger East, West Central, Volney East, Moses South, Central East/Total East, UPNY-SENY and UPNY-ConEd, and their immediately connected, in series, Bulk Power System facilities in New York State. Each interface shall be evaluated to determine additional “in series” facilities, defined as any transmission facility higher than 115 kV that (a) is located in an upstream or downstream zone adjacent to the interface and (b) has a power transfer distribution factor (DFAX) equal to or greater than five percent when the aggregate of generation in zones or systems adjacent to the upstream zone or zones which define the interface is shifted to the aggregate of generation in zones or systems adjacent to the downstream zone or zones which define the interface. In determining “in series” facilities for Dysinger East and West Central interfaces, the 115 kV and 230 kV tie lines between NYCA and PJM located in LBMP Zones A and B shall not participate in the transfer. Highway transmission facilities are listed in ISO Procedures.

Initial Synchronization Date shall mean the date upon which the Transmission Facility is initially synchronized with the New York State Transmission System and upon which Trial Operation begins.

In-Service Date shall mean the date upon which the Developer reasonably expects it will be ready to begin use of the Connecting Transmission Owner’s Attachment Facilities or System Upgrade Facilities to obtain back feed power.

IRS shall mean the Internal Revenue Service.

Large Generating Facility shall mean a Generating Facility having a Generating Facility Capacity of more than 20 MW.

Loss shall mean any and all losses relating to injury to or death of any person or damage to property, demand, suits, recoveries, costs and expenses, court costs, attorney fees, and all other obligations by or to third parties, arising out of or resulting from the Indemnified Party's performance or non-performance of its obligations under this Agreement on behalf of the Indemnifying Party, except in cases of gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing by the Indemnified Party.

Material Modification shall mean those modifications that have a material impact on the cost or timing of any Interconnection Request with a later queue priority date.

Metering Equipment shall mean all metering equipment installed or to be installed at the Point of Interconnection, including but not limited to instrument transformers, MWh-meters, data acquisition equipment, transducers, remote terminal unit, communications equipment, phone lines, and fiber optics.

Minimum Interconnection Standard shall mean the reliability standard that must be met by any Transmission Facility proposing to connect to the New York State Transmission System. The Standard is designed to ensure reliable access by the proposed project to the New York State Transmission System. The Standard does not impose any deliverability test or deliverability requirement on the proposed interconnection.

Mothballing shall mean the taking of a generation facility out of service for an indefinite period of time.

NERC shall mean the North American Electric Reliability Council or its successor organization.

New York State Transmission System shall mean the entire New York State electric transmission system, which includes (i) the Transmission Facilities under ISO Operational Control; (ii) the Transmission Facilities Requiring ISO Notification; and (iii) all remaining transmission facilities within the New York Control Area.

Notice of Dispute shall mean a written notice of a dispute or claim that arises out of or in connection with this Agreement or its performance.

NPCC shall mean the Northeast Power Coordinating Council or its successor organization.

NYSRC shall mean the New York State Reliability Council or its successor organization.

Other Interfaces shall mean interfaces into New York capacity regions, Zone J and Zone K, and external ties into the New York Control Area.

Party or Parties shall mean , Connecting Transmission Owner, or Developer or any combination of the above.

Phase 1 shall mean the configuration of the Developer transmission expansion project and the Point of Interconnection with the Connecting Transmission Owners System Upgrade Facilities, until the completion of Phase 2 .

Phase 2 shall mean the permanent configuration of the Developer transmission expansion project and the Point of Interconnection with the Connecting Transmission Owners System Upgrade Facilities.

Point of Change of Ownership shall mean the point, as set forth in Appendix A to this Agreement, where the Developer's Transmission Expansion connect to the Connecting Transmission Owner's System Upgrade Facilities.

Point of Interconnection shall mean the point, as set forth in Appendix A to this Agreement, where the Transmission Expansion connects to the New York State Transmission System.

Reliability Issue shall mean the impending reliability problem in the Astoria East area of Queens, New York caused by the mothballing of the two generating facilities by Astoria Generating Company, LP.

Reasonable Efforts shall mean, with respect to an action required to be attempted or taken by a Party under this Agreement, efforts that are timely and consistent with Good Utility Practice and are otherwise substantially equivalent to those a Party would use to protect its own interests.

Services Tariff shall mean the NYISO Market Administration and Control Area Tariff, as filed with the Commission, and as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor tariff thereto.

Site Control shall mean documentation reasonably demonstrating: (1) ownership of, a leasehold interest in, or a right to develop a site for the purpose of constructing the Transmission Facility; (2) an option to purchase or acquire a leasehold site for such purpose; or (3) an exclusivity or other business relationship between Developer and the entity having the right to sell, lease or grant Developer the right to possess or occupy a site for such purpose.

Stand Alone System Upgrade Facilities shall mean System Upgrade Facilities that a Developer may construct without affecting day-to-day operations of the New York State

Transmission System during their construction. The Connecting Transmission Owner and the Developer must agree as to what constitutes Stand Alone System Upgrade Facilities and identify them in Appendix A to this Agreement.

System Deliverability Upgrades shall mean the least costly configuration of commercially available components of electrical equipment that can be used, consistent with Good Utility Practice and Applicable Reliability Requirements, to make the modifications or additions to Byways and Highways and Other Interfaces on the existing New York State Transmission System that are required for the proposed project to connect reliably to the system in a manner that meets the NYISO Deliverability Interconnection Standard at the requested level of Capacity Resource Interconnection Service.

System Protection Facilities shall mean the equipment, including necessary protection signal communications equipment, required to (1) protect the New York State Transmission System from faults or other electrical disturbances occurring at the Transmission Facility and (2) protect the Transmission Facility from faults or other electrical system disturbances occurring on the New York State Transmission System or on other delivery systems or other generating systems to which the New York State Transmission System is directly connected.

System Upgrade Facilities shall mean the least costly configuration of commercially available components of electrical equipment that can be used, consistent with Good Utility Practice and Applicable Reliability Requirements, to make the modifications to the existing transmission system that are required to maintain system reliability due to: (i) changes in the system, including such changes as load growth and changes in load pattern, to be addressed in the form of generic generation or transmission projects; and (ii) proposed interconnections.

Tariff shall mean the NYISO Open Access Transmission Tariff (“OATT”), as filed with the Commission, and as amended or supplemented from time to time, or any successor tariff.

Transmission Expansion shall mean generally a facility for the transmission of electricity, and specifically the Developer’s facility for the transmission of electricity as described in this Agreement and the Appendices hereto.

Transmission Facility shall mean all facilities and equipment as identified in Appendix A of this Agreement.

Transmission Facility Interconnection Agreement shall mean this Agreement.

Trial Operation shall mean the period during which Developer is engaged in on-site test operations and commissioning of the Transmission Facility prior to Commercial Operation.

ARTICLE 2. EFFECTIVE DATE, TERM AND TERMINATION

- 2.1 Effective Date.** This Agreement shall become effective upon execution by the Parties, subject to acceptance by FERC, or if filed unexecuted, upon the date specified by FERC. The Connecting Transmission Owner and the Developer shall promptly file this Agreement with FERC upon execution in accordance with Article 3.1.
- 2.2 Term of Agreement.** Subject to the provisions of Article 2.3, this Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of twenty (25) years from the Effective Date and shall be automatically renewed for each successive one-year period thereafter.
- 2.3 Termination.**
- 2.3.1 Written Notice.** This Agreement may be terminated by the Developer after giving the Connecting Transmission Owner ninety (90) Calendar Days advance written notice, or by the Connecting Transmission Owner notifying FERC after the Transmission Facility permanently ceases Commercial Operations.
- 2.3.2 Default.** Any Party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article 17.
- 2.3.3 Compliance.** Notwithstanding Articles 2.3.1 and 2.3.2, no termination of this Agreement shall become effective until the Parties have complied with all Applicable Laws and Regulations applicable to such termination, including the filing with FERC of a notice of termination of this Agreement, which notice has been accepted for filing by FERC.
- 2.4 Termination Costs.** If a Party elects to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Article 2.3.1 above, the terminating Party shall pay all costs incurred (including any cancellation costs relating to orders or contracts for Attachment Facilities and equipment) or charges assessed by the other Parties, as of the date of the other Parties' receipt of such notice of termination, that are the responsibility of the terminating Party under this Agreement. In the event of termination by a Party, all Parties shall use commercially Reasonable Efforts to mitigate the costs, damages and charges arising as a consequence of termination. Upon termination of this Agreement, unless otherwise ordered or approved by FERC:
- 2.4.1** With respect to any portion of the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities that have not yet been constructed or installed, the Connecting Transmission Owner shall to the extent possible and with Developer's authorization cancel any pending orders of, or return, any materials or equipment for, or contracts for construction of, such facilities; provided that in the event Developer elects not to authorize such cancellation, Developer shall assume all payment obligations with respect to such materials, equipment, and contracts, and the Connecting Transmission Owner shall deliver such material and equipment, and, if necessary, assign such contracts, to Developer as soon as practicable, at

Developer's expense. To the extent that Developer has already paid Connecting Transmission Owner for any or all such costs of materials or equipment not taken by Developer, Connecting Transmission Owner shall promptly refund such amounts to Developer, less any costs, including penalties incurred by the Connecting Transmission Owner to cancel any pending orders of or return such materials, equipment, or contracts.

If Developer terminates this Agreement, it shall be responsible for all costs incurred in association with Developer's interconnection, including any cancellation costs relating to orders or contracts for Attachment Facilities and equipment, and other expenses including any System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades for which the Connecting Transmission Owner has incurred expenses and has not been reimbursed by the Developer.

2.4.2 Connecting Transmission Owner may, at its option, retain any portion of such materials, equipment, or facilities that Developer chooses not to accept delivery of, in which case Connecting Transmission Owner shall be responsible for all costs associated with procuring such materials, equipment, or facilities.

2.4.3 With respect to any portion of the Attachment Facilities, and any other facilities already installed or constructed pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, Developer shall be responsible for all costs associated with the removal, relocation or other disposition or retirement of such materials, equipment, or facilities.

2.5 **Disconnection.** Upon termination of this Agreement, Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner will take all appropriate steps to disconnect the Developer's Transmission Facility from the New York State Transmission System. All costs required to effectuate such disconnection shall be borne by the terminating Party, unless such termination resulted from the non-terminating Party's Default of this Agreement or such non-terminating Party otherwise is responsible for these costs under this Agreement.

2.6 **Survival.** This Agreement shall continue in effect after termination to the extent necessary to provide for final billings and payments and for costs incurred hereunder; including billings and payments pursuant to this Agreement; to permit the determination and enforcement of liability and indemnification obligations arising from acts or events that occurred while this Agreement was in effect; and to permit Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner each to have access to the lands of the other pursuant to this Agreement or other applicable agreements, to disconnect, remove or salvage its own facilities and equipment.

ARTICLE 3. REGULATORY FILINGS

- 3.1 Filing.** Connecting Transmission Owner and the Developer shall file this Agreement (and any amendment hereto) with the appropriate Governmental Authority, if required. Any information related to studies for interconnection asserted by Developer to contain Confidential Information shall be treated in accordance with Article 22 of this Agreement and Attachment F to the NYISO OATT. If the Developer has executed this Agreement, or any amendment thereto, the Developer shall reasonably cooperate with Connecting Transmission Owner with respect to such filing and to provide any information reasonably requested by Connecting Transmission Owner needed to comply with Applicable Laws and Regulations.

ARTICLE 4. SCOPE OF INTERCONNECTION SERVICE

- 4.1 Reserved.**
- 4.2 No Transmission Delivery Service.** The execution of this Agreement does not constitute a request for, nor an agreement to provide, any Transmission Service under the NYISO OATT, and does not convey any right to deliver electricity to any specific customer or Point of Delivery. If Developer wishes to obtain Transmission Service on the New York State Transmission System, then Developer must request such Transmission Service in accordance with the provisions of the NYISO OATT.
- 4.3 No Other Services.** The execution of this Agreement does not constitute a request for, nor an agreement to provide Energy, any Ancillary Services or Installed Capacity under the NYISO Market Administration and Control Area Services Tariff (“Services Tariff”). If Developer wishes to supply Energy, Installed Capacity or Ancillary Services, then Developer will make application to do so in accordance with the NYISO Services Tariff and the NYISO Installed Capacity Manual. This Agreement does not in any way alter the Transmission Facility’s eligibility for Unforced Capacity Deliverability Rights to the extent such Unforced Capacity Deliverability Rights are requested by the Transmission Facility after execution of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5. INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION

- 5.1 Options.** Unless otherwise mutually agreed to by Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner, Developer shall select the In-Service Date, Initial Synchronization Date, and Commercial Operation Date; and either Standard Option or Alternate Option set forth below for completion of the Connecting Transmission Owner’s Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades as set forth in Appendix A hereto, and such dates and selected option shall be set forth in Appendix B hereto.

- 5.1.1 Standard Option.** The Connecting Transmission Owner shall design, procure, and construct the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades, using Reasonable Efforts to complete the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades by the dates set forth in Appendix B hereto. The Connecting Transmission Owner shall not be required to undertake any action which is inconsistent with its standard safety practices, its material and equipment specifications, its design criteria and construction procedures, its labor agreements, and Applicable Laws and Regulations. In the event the Connecting Transmission Owner reasonably expects that it will not be able to complete the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades, by the specified dates, the Connecting Transmission Owner shall promptly provide written notice to the Developer and NYISO, and shall undertake Reasonable Efforts to meet the earliest dates thereafter.
- 5.1.2 Alternate Option.** If the dates designated by Developer are acceptable to Connecting Transmission Owner, the Connecting Transmission Owner shall so notify Developer within thirty (30) Calendar Days, and shall assume responsibility for the design, procurement and construction of the System Upgrade Facilities by the designated dates.
- 5.1.3 Option to Build.** If the dates designated by Developer are not acceptable to Connecting Transmission Owner, the Connecting Transmission Owner shall so notify the Developer within thirty (30) Calendar Days, and unless the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner agree otherwise, Developer shall have the option to assume responsibility for the design, procurement and construction of System Upgrade Facilities on the dates specified in Article 5.1.2;
- 5.1.4 Negotiated Option.** If the Developer elects not to exercise its option under Article 5.1.3, Option to Build, Developer shall so notify Connecting Transmission Owner within thirty (30) Calendar Days, and the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall in good faith attempt to negotiate terms and conditions (including revision of the specified dates and liquidated damages, the provision of incentives or the procurement and construction of a portion of the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and Stand Alone System Upgrade Facilities by Developer) pursuant to which Connecting Transmission Owner is responsible for the design, procurement and construction of the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades. If the two Parties are unable to reach agreement on such terms and conditions, Connecting Transmission Owner shall assume responsibility for the design, procurement and construction of the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and System Upgrades Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades pursuant to 5.1.1, Standard Option.

5.2 General Conditions Applicable to Option to Build. If Developer assumes responsibility for the design, procurement and construction of System Upgrade Facilities,

(1) Developer shall engineer, procure equipment, and construct System Upgrade Facilities (or portions thereof) using Good Utility Practice and using standards and specifications provided in advance by the Connecting Transmission Owner;

(2) Developer's engineering, procurement and construction of the System Upgrade Facilities shall comply with all requirements of law to which Connecting Transmission Owner would be subject in the engineering, procurement or construction of the System Upgrade Facilities;

(3) Developer agrees to comply with all applicable provisions of Section 220 of the New York State Labor Law ("Section 220"), as it may be amended from time to time. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 220, Developer agrees that, for work performed on existing Connecting Transmission Owner Facilities (i.e., "public work")

(a) Each laborer, workman or mechanic shall be paid no less than the prevailing wage as defined in Section 220,

(b) The filing of payrolls should be made in a manner consistent with subdivision three-a (3(a)) of Section 220; this is a condition precedent to the payment of any sums due and owing to any person for work done upon the project, and

(c) No laborer, worker or mechanic shall be permitted or required to work more than eight hours on one calendar day or more than five days in any one week except in cases of extraordinary emergency including fire, flood or danger to life or property.¹

(4) Connecting Transmission Owner shall review and approve the engineering design, equipment acceptance tests, and the construction of the System Upgrade Facilities;

(5) Prior to commencement of construction, Developer shall provide to Connecting Transmission Owner a schedule for construction of the System Upgrade Facilities, and shall promptly respond to requests for information from Connecting Transmission Owner;

(6) At any time during construction, Connecting Transmission Owner shall have the right to gain unrestricted access to the System Upgrade Facilities and to conduct inspections of the same;

¹ Developer reserves its rights set forth in Section 220 to obtain dispensation permitting laborers, workers and mechanics to work additional hours or days per week.

(7) At any time during construction, should any phase of the engineering, equipment procurement, or construction of the Connecting Transmission Owner's System Upgrade Facilities not meet the standards and specifications provided by Connecting Transmission Owner, the Developer shall be obligated to remedy deficiencies in that portion of the System Upgrade Facilities;

(8) Developer shall indemnify Connecting Transmission Owner for claims arising from the Developer's construction of System Upgrade Facilities under procedures applicable to Article 18.1 Indemnity;

(9) Developer shall transfer control of System Upgrade Facilities to the Connecting Transmission Owner;

(10) Unless the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner otherwise agree, Developer shall transfer ownership of System Upgrade Facilities to Connecting Transmission Owner;

(11) The Connecting Transmission Owner shall be responsible for operation and maintenance the System Upgrade Facilities to the extent engineered, procured, and constructed in accordance with this Article 5.2, and Connecting Transmission Owner may transfer that responsibility to a third party by contract. Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner have entered into an operations and maintenance agreement of the Astoria Annex Substation, which governs the operations and maintenance of the Astoria Annex Substation, which O&M Agreement may be amended, terminated and/or expire pursuant to its own terms.

(12) Developer shall deliver to Connecting Transmission Owner "as built" drawings, information, and any other documents that are reasonably required by Connecting Transmission Owner to assure that the System Upgrade Facilities are built to the standards and specifications required by Connecting Transmission Owner.

5.3 Reserved.

5.4 Reserved.

5.5 Reserved

5.6 Reserved.

5.7 Work Progress. The Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner will keep each other advised periodically as to the progress of their respective design, procurement and construction efforts. Any Party may, at any time, request a progress report from the Developer or Connecting Transmission Owner. If, at any time, the Developer determines

that the completion of the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities will not be required until after the specified In-Service Date, the Developer will provide written notice to the Connecting Transmission Owner of such later date upon which the completion of the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities will be required.

- 5.8 Information Exchange.** As soon as reasonably practicable after the Effective Date, the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall exchange information, regarding the design and compatibility of the Attachment Facilities and compatibility of the Attachment Facilities with the New York State Transmission System, and shall work diligently and in good faith to make any necessary design changes.
- 5.9 Reserved**
- 5.10 Reserved.**
- 5.11 Reserved**
- 5.12 Access Rights.** Upon reasonable notice and supervision by the Granting Party, and subject to any required or necessary regulatory approvals, either the Connecting Transmission Owner or Developer ("Granting Party") shall furnish to the other of those two Parties ("Access Party") at no cost any rights of use, licenses, rights of way and easements with respect to lands owned or controlled by the Granting Party, its agents (if allowed under the applicable agency agreement), or any Affiliate, that are necessary to enable the Access Party to obtain ingress and egress at the Point of Interconnection to construct, operate, maintain, repair, test (or witness testing), inspect, replace or remove facilities and equipment to: (i) interconnect the Transmission Facility with the New York State Transmission System; (ii) operate and maintain the Transmission Facility, the Attachment Facilities and the New York State Transmission System; and (iii) disconnect or remove the Access Party's facilities and equipment upon termination of this Agreement. In exercising such licenses, rights of way and easements, the Access Party shall not unreasonably disrupt or interfere with normal operation of the Granting Party's business and shall adhere to the safety rules and procedures established in advance, as may be changed from time to time, by the Granting Party and provided to the Access Party. The Access Party shall indemnify the Granting Party against all claims of injury or damage from third parties resulting from the exercise of the access rights provided for herein.
- 5.13 Lands of Other Property Owners.** If any part of the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and/or System Upgrade Facilities and/or System Deliverability Upgrades is to be installed on property owned by persons other than Developer or Connecting Transmission Owner, the Connecting Transmission Owner shall at Developer's expense use efforts, similar in nature and extent to those that it typically undertakes for its own or affiliated generation, including use of its eminent domain authority, and to the extent consistent with state law, to procure from such persons any

rights of use, licenses, rights of way and easements that are necessary to construct, operate, maintain, test, inspect, replace or remove the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and/or System Upgrade Facilities and/or System Deliverability Upgrades upon such property. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the Connecting Transmission Owner's exercise of powers and rights to acquire real property or any rights in real property, pursuant to this Section 5.13, is subject to the provisions of the Power Authority Act (or any amendments thereto).

5.14 Permits. Connecting Transmission Owner and the Developer shall cooperate with each other in good faith in obtaining all permits, licenses and authorizations that are necessary to accomplish the interconnection in compliance with Applicable Laws and Regulations. With respect to this paragraph, Connecting Transmission Owner shall provide permitting assistance to the Developer comparable to that provided to the Connecting Transmission Owner's own, or an Affiliate's generation or transmission facilities, if any.

5.15 Reserved

5.16 Suspension. Developer reserves the right, upon written notice to Connecting Transmission Owner, to suspend at any time all work by Connecting Transmission Owner associated with the construction and installation of Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and/or System Upgrade Facilities and/or System Deliverability Upgrades required for only that Developer under this Agreement with the condition that the New York State Transmission System shall be left in a safe and reliable condition in accordance with Good Utility Practice and the safety and reliability criteria of Connecting Transmission Owner and NYISO. In such event, Developer shall be responsible for all reasonable and necessary costs and/or obligations including those which Connecting Transmission Owner (i) has incurred pursuant to this Agreement prior to the suspension and (ii) incurs in suspending such work, including any costs incurred to perform such work as may be necessary to ensure the safety of persons and property and the integrity of the New York State Transmission System during such suspension and, if applicable, any costs incurred in connection with the cancellation or suspension of material, equipment and labor contracts which Connecting Transmission Owner cannot reasonably avoid; provided, however, that prior to canceling or suspending any such material, equipment or labor contract, Connecting Transmission Owner shall obtain Developer's authorization to do so.

Connecting Transmission Owner shall invoice Developer for such costs pursuant to Article 12 and shall use due diligence to minimize its costs. In the event Developer suspends work by Connecting Transmission Owner required under this Agreement pursuant to this Article 5.16, and has not requested Connecting Transmission Owner to recommence the work required under this Agreement on or before the expiration of three (3) years following commencement of such suspension, this Agreement shall be deemed terminated. The three-year period shall begin on the date the suspension is requested, or the date of the written notice to Connecting Transmission Owner if no effective date is specified.

5.17 Taxes.

5.17.1 Developer Payments Not Taxable. The Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner intend that all payments or property transfers made by Developer to Connecting Transmission Owner for the installation of the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and the System Upgrade Facilities and the System Deliverability Upgrades shall be non-taxable, either as contributions to capital, or as an advance, in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code and any applicable state income tax laws and shall not be taxable as contributions in aid of construction or otherwise under the Internal Revenue Code and any applicable state income tax laws.

5.17.2 Representations and Covenants. In accordance with IRS Notice 2001-82 and IRS Notice 88-129, as applicable to this Transmission Facility, Developer represents and covenants that (i) ownership of the electricity transmitted on the Transmission Facility will pass to another party prior to the transmission of the electricity on the New York State Transmission System, (ii) for income tax purposes, the amount of any payments and the cost of any property transferred to the Connecting Transmission Owner for the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities will be capitalized by Developer as an intangible asset and recovered using the straight-line method over a useful life of twenty (20) years, and (iii) any portion of the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities that is a "dual-use intertie," within the meaning of IRS Notice 88-129, is reasonably expected to carry only a de minimis amount of electricity in the direction of the Transmission Facility. For this purpose, "de minimis amount" means no more than 5 percent of the total power flows in both directions, calculated in accordance with the "5 percent test" set forth in IRS Notice 88-129. This is not intended to be an exclusive list of the relevant conditions that must be met to conform to IRS requirements for non-taxable treatment.

At Connecting Transmission Owner's request, Developer shall provide Connecting Transmission Owner with a report from an independent engineer confirming its representation in clause (iii), above. Connecting Transmission Owner represents and covenants that the cost of the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities paid for by Developer will have no net effect on the base upon which rates are determined.

5.17.3 Indemnification for the Cost Consequences of Current Tax Liability Imposed Upon the Connecting Transmission Owner. Notwithstanding Article 5.17.1, Developer shall protect, indemnify and hold harmless Connecting Transmission Owner from the cost consequences of any current tax liability imposed against Connecting Transmission Owner as the result of payments or property transfers made by Developer to Connecting Transmission Owner under this Agreement, as well as any interest and penalties, other than interest and penalties attributable to any delay caused by Connecting Transmission Owner.

Connecting Transmission Owner shall not include a gross-up for the cost consequences of any current tax liability in the amounts it charges Developer under this Agreement unless (i) Connecting Transmission Owner has determined, in good faith, that the payments or property transfers made by Developer to Connecting Transmission Owner should be reported as income subject to taxation or (ii) any Governmental Authority directs Connecting Transmission Owner to report payments or property as income subject to taxation; provided, however, that Connecting Transmission Owner may require Developer to provide security, in a form reasonably acceptable to Connecting Transmission Owner (such as a parental guarantee or a letter of credit), in an amount equal to the cost consequences of any current tax liability under this Article 5.17. Developer shall reimburse Connecting Transmission Owner for such costs on a fully grossed-up basis, in accordance with Article 5.17.4, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receiving written notification from Connecting Transmission Owner of the amount due, including detail about how the amount was calculated.

This indemnification obligation shall terminate at the earlier of (1) the expiration of the ten-year testing period and the applicable statute of limitation, as it may be extended by the Connecting Transmission Owner upon request of the IRS, to keep these years open for audit or adjustment, or (2) the occurrence of a subsequent taxable event and the payment of any related indemnification obligations as contemplated by this Article 5.17.

5.17.4 Tax Gross-Up Amount. Developer's liability for the cost consequences of any current tax liability under this Article 5.17 shall be calculated on a fully grossed-up basis. Except as may otherwise be agreed to by the parties, this means that Developer will pay Connecting Transmission Owner, in addition to the amount paid for the Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades, an amount equal to (1) the current taxes imposed on Connecting Transmission Owner ("Current Taxes") on the excess of (a) the gross income realized by Connecting Transmission Owner as a result of payments or property transfers made by Developer to Connecting Transmission Owner under this Agreement (without regard to any payments under this Article 5.17) (the "Gross Income Amount") over (b) the present value of future tax deductions for depreciation that will be available as a result of such payments or property transfers (the "Present Value Depreciation Amount"), plus (2) an additional amount sufficient to permit the Connecting Transmission Owner to receive and retain, after the payment of all Current Taxes, an amount equal to the net amount described in clause (1).

For this purpose, (i) Current Taxes shall be computed based on Connecting Transmission Owner's composite federal and state tax rates at the time the payments or property transfers are received and Connecting Transmission Owner will be treated as being subject to tax at the highest marginal rates in effect at that time (the "Current Tax Rate"), and (ii) the Present Value Depreciation Amount shall be computed by discounting Connecting Transmission Owner's anticipated

tax depreciation deductions as a result of such payments or property transfers by Connecting Transmission Owner's current weighted average cost of capital. Thus, the formula for calculating Developer's liability to Connecting Transmission Owner pursuant to this Article 5.17.4 can be expressed as follows: $(\text{Current Tax Rate} \times (\text{Gross Income Amount} - \text{Present Value of Tax Depreciation})) / (1 - \text{Current Tax Rate})$.

Developer's estimated tax liability in the event taxes are imposed shall be stated in Appendix A, Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades.

5.17.5 Private Letter Ruling or Change or Clarification of Law. At Developer's request and expense, Connecting Transmission Owner shall file with the IRS a request for a private letter ruling as to whether any property transferred or sums paid, or to be paid, by Developer to Connecting Transmission Owner under this Agreement are subject to federal income taxation. Developer will prepare the initial draft of the request for a private letter ruling, and will certify under penalties of perjury that all facts represented in such request are true and accurate to the best of Developer's knowledge. Connecting Transmission Owner and Developer shall cooperate in good faith with respect to the submission of such request.

Connecting Transmission Owner shall keep Developer fully informed of the status of such request for a private letter ruling and shall execute either a privacy act waiver or a limited power of attorney, in a form acceptable to the IRS, that authorizes Developer to participate in all discussions with the IRS regarding such request for a private letter ruling. Connecting Transmission Owner shall allow Developer to attend all meetings with IRS officials about the request and shall permit Developer to prepare the initial drafts of any follow-up letters in connection with the request.

5.17.6 Subsequent Taxable Events. If, within 10 years from the date on which the relevant Connecting Transmission Owner Attachment Facilities are placed in service, (i) Developer Breaches the covenants contained in Article 5.17.2, (ii) a "disqualification event" occurs within the meaning of IRS Notice 88-129, or (iii) this Agreement terminates and Connecting Transmission Owner retains ownership of the Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades, the Developer shall pay a tax gross-up for the cost consequences of any current tax liability imposed on Connecting Transmission Owner, calculated using the methodology described in Article 5.17.4 and in accordance with IRS Notice 90-60.

5.17.7 Contests. In the event any Governmental Authority determines that Connecting Transmission Owner's receipt of payments or property constitutes income that is subject to taxation, Connecting Transmission Owner shall notify Developer, in

writing, within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receiving notification of such determination by a Governmental Authority. Upon the timely written request by Developer and at Developer's sole expense, Connecting Transmission Owner may appeal, protest, seek abatement of, or otherwise oppose such determination. Upon Developer's written request and sole expense, Connecting Transmission Owner may file a claim for refund with respect to any taxes paid under this Article 5.17, whether or not it has received such a determination. Connecting Transmission Owner reserves the right to make all decisions with regard to the prosecution of such appeal, protest, abatement or other contest, including the selection of counsel and compromise or settlement of the claim, but Connecting Transmission Owner shall keep Developer informed, shall consider in good faith suggestions from Developer about the conduct of the contest, and shall reasonably permit Developer or an Developer representative to attend contest proceedings.

Developer shall pay to Connecting Transmission Owner on a periodic basis, as invoiced by Connecting Transmission Owner, Connecting Transmission Owner's documented reasonable costs of prosecuting such appeal, protest, abatement or other contest. At any time during the contest, Connecting Transmission Owner may agree to a settlement either with Developer's consent or after obtaining written advice from nationally-recognized tax counsel, selected by Connecting Transmission Owner, but reasonably acceptable to Developer, that the proposed settlement represents a reasonable settlement given the hazards of litigation. Developer's obligation shall be based on the amount of the settlement agreed to by Developer, or if a higher amount, so much of the settlement that is supported by the written advice from nationally-recognized tax counsel selected under the terms of the preceding sentence. The settlement amount shall be calculated on a fully grossed-up basis to cover any related cost consequences of the current tax liability. Any settlement without Developer's consent or such written advice will relieve Developer from any obligation to indemnify Connecting Transmission Owner for the tax at issue in the contest.

5.17.8 Refund. In the event that (a) a private letter ruling is issued to Connecting Transmission Owner which holds that any amount paid or the value of any property transferred by Developer to Connecting Transmission Owner under the terms of this Agreement is not subject to federal income taxation, (b) any legislative change or administrative announcement, notice, ruling or other determination makes it reasonably clear to Connecting Transmission Owner in good faith that any amount paid or the value of any property transferred by Developer to Connecting Transmission Owner under the terms of this Agreement is not taxable to Connecting Transmission Owner, (c) any abatement, appeal, protest, or other contest results in a determination that any payments or transfers made by Developer to Connecting Transmission Owner are not subject to federal income tax, or (d) if Connecting Transmission Owner receives a refund from any taxing authority for any overpayment of tax attributable to any payment or property transfer made by Developer to Connecting Transmission Owner pursuant

to this Agreement, Connecting Transmission Owner shall promptly refund to Developer the following:

- (i) Any payment made by Developer under this Article 5.17 for taxes that is attributable to the amount determined to be non-taxable, together with interest thereon,
- (ii) Interest on any amounts paid by Developer to Connecting Transmission Owner for such taxes which Connecting Transmission Owner did not submit to the taxing authority, calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in FERC's regulations at 18 C.F.R. §35.19a(a)(2)(iii) from the date payment was made by Developer to the date Connecting Transmission Owner refunds such payment to Developer, and
- (iii) With respect to any such taxes paid by Connecting Transmission Owner, any refund or credit Connecting Transmission Owner receives or to which it may be entitled from any Governmental Authority, interest (or that portion thereof attributable to the payment described in clause (i), above) owed to the Connecting Transmission Owner for such overpayment of taxes (including any reduction in interest otherwise payable by Connecting Transmission Owner to any Governmental Authority resulting from an offset or credit); provided, however, that Connecting Transmission Owner will remit such amount promptly to Developer only after and to the extent that Connecting Transmission Owner has received a tax refund, credit or offset from any Governmental Authority for any applicable overpayment of income tax related to the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities.

The intent of this provision is to leave both the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner, to the extent practicable, in the event that no taxes are due with respect to any payment for Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades hereunder, in the same position they would have been in had no such tax payments been made.

5.17.9 Taxes Other Than Income Taxes. Upon the timely request by Developer, and at Developer's sole expense, Connecting Transmission Owner shall appeal, protest, seek abatement of, or otherwise contest any tax (other than federal or state income tax) asserted or assessed against Connecting Transmission Owner for which Developer may be required to reimburse Connecting Transmission Owner under the terms of this Agreement. Developer shall pay to Connecting Transmission Owner on a periodic basis, as invoiced by Connecting Transmission Owner, Connecting Transmission Owner's documented reasonable costs of prosecuting such appeal, protest, abatement, or other contest. Developer and Connecting

Transmission Owner shall cooperate in good faith with respect to any such contest. Unless the payment of such taxes is a prerequisite to an appeal or abatement or cannot be deferred, no amount shall be payable by Developer to Connecting Transmission Owner for such taxes until they are assessed by a final, non-appealable order by any court or agency of competent jurisdiction. In the event that a tax payment is withheld and ultimately due and payable after appeal, Developer will be responsible for all taxes, interest and penalties, other than penalties attributable to any delay caused by Connecting Transmission Owner.

5.18 Tax Status; Non-Jurisdictional Entities.

5.18.1 Tax Status. Each Party shall cooperate with the other Parties to maintain the other Parties' tax status. Nothing in this Agreement is intended to adversely affect the tax status of any Party including the status of NYISO, or the status of any Connecting Transmission Owner with respect to the issuance of bonds including, but not limited to, Local Furnishing Bonds. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Agreement, LIPA, NYPA and Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. shall not be required to comply with any provisions of this Agreement that would result in the loss of tax-exempt status of any of their Tax-Exempt Bonds or impair their ability to issue future tax-exempt obligations. For purposes of this provision, Tax-Exempt Bonds shall include the obligations of the Long Island Power Authority, NYPA and Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., the interest on which is not included in gross income under the Internal Revenue Code.

5.18.2 Non-Jurisdictional Entities. LIPA and NYPA do not waive their exemptions, pursuant to Section 201(f) of the FPA, from Commission jurisdiction with respect to the Commission's exercise of the FPA's general ratemaking authority.

5.19 Modification.

5.19.1 General. Either the Developer or Connecting Transmission Owner may undertake modifications to its facilities covered by this Agreement. If either the Developer or Connecting Transmission Owner plans to undertake a modification that reasonably may be expected to affect the other Party's facilities, that Party shall provide to the other Party, sufficient information regarding such modification so that the other Party may evaluate the potential impact of such modification prior to commencement of the work. Such information shall be deemed to be Confidential Information hereunder and shall include information concerning the timing of such modifications and whether such modifications are expected to interrupt the flow of electricity from the Transmission Facility. The Party desiring to perform such work shall provide the relevant drawings, plans, and specifications to the other Party at least ninety (90) Calendar Days in advance of the commencement of the work or such shorter period upon which the Parties

may agree, which agreement shall not unreasonably be withheld, conditioned or delayed.

5.19.2 Standards. Any additions, modifications, or replacements made to a Party's facilities shall be designed, constructed and operated in accordance with this Agreement, NYISO requirements and Good Utility Practice.

5.19.3 Modification Costs. Developer shall not be assigned the costs of any additions, modifications, or replacements that Connecting Transmission Owner makes to the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities or the New York State Transmission System to facilitate the interconnection of a third party to the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities or the New York State Transmission System, or to provide Transmission Service to a third party under the NYISO OATT, except in accordance with the cost allocation procedures in Attachment S of the NYISO OATT. Developer shall be responsible for the costs of any additions, modifications, or replacements to the Developer Attachment Facilities that may be necessary to maintain or upgrade such Developer Attachment Facilities consistent with Applicable Laws and Regulations, Applicable Reliability Standards or Good Utility Practice.

ARTICLE 6. TESTING AND INSPECTION

6.1 Pre-Commercial Operation Date Testing and Modifications. Prior to the Commercial Operation Date, the Connecting Transmission Owner shall test the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades and Developer shall test the Transmission Facility and the Developer Attachment Facilities to ensure their safe and reliable operation. Similar testing may be required after initial operation. Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each make any modifications to its facilities that are found to be necessary as a result of such testing. Developer shall bear the cost of all such testing and modifications.

6.2 Post-Commercial Operation Date Testing and Modifications. Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each at its own expense perform routine inspection and testing of its facilities and equipment in accordance with Good Utility Practice and Applicable Reliability Standards as may be necessary to ensure the continued interconnection of the Transmission Facility with the New York State Transmission System in a safe and reliable manner. Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each have the right, upon advance written notice, to require reasonable additional testing of the other Party's facilities, at the requesting Party's expense, as may be in accordance with Good Utility Practice.

6.3 Right to Observe Testing. Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each notify the other Party in advance of its performance of tests of its Attachment Facilities

and Transmission Facility. The other Party shall each have the right, at its own expense, to observe such testing.

6.4 Right to Inspect. Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each have the right, but shall have no obligation to: (i) observe the other Party's tests and/or inspection of any of its System Protection Facilities and other protective equipment; (ii) review the settings of the other Party's System Protection Facilities and other protective equipment; and (iii) review the other Party's maintenance records relative to the Attachment Facilities, the System Protection Facilities and other protective equipment. A Party may exercise these rights from time to time as it deems necessary upon reasonable notice to the other Party. The exercise or non-exercise by a Party of any such rights shall not be construed as an endorsement or confirmation of any element or condition of the Attachment Facilities or the System Protection Facilities or other protective equipment or the operation thereof, or as a warranty as to the fitness, safety, desirability, or reliability of same. Any information that a Party obtains through the exercise of any of its rights under this Article 6.4 shall be treated in accordance with Article 22 of this Agreement and Attachment F to the NYISO OATT.

ARTICLE 7. METERING

7.1 The feeder connects Astoria Annex to Astoria East station. The Revenue Metering is already installed for the G13 feeder, which connects the Astoria Energy to Astoria Annex station. As the G13 Revenue meter, sums up the total power flow of all the feeders connected from Astoria Annex bus, including the new feeder interconnecting Astoria Annex to Astoria East, a separate Revenue meter will not be installed for this interconnection.

For telemetry, a multifunction meter will be provided at both Astoria Annex and Astoria East terminals of the feeder to record the MW, MVAR, current and voltage and provide this information to the control center through Remote Terminal units.

This telemetry data on the new Astoria Annex to Astoria East connection will be made available to all three (3) Remote Terminal Units (RTUs) in the Astoria Annex – the two (2) RTUs used by Con Edison for Data Acquisition and Control and the one (1) RTU used by NYPA for Data Acquisition only.

ARTICLE 8. COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Developer Obligations. In accordance with applicable NYISO requirements, Developer shall maintain satisfactory operating communications with Connecting Transmission Owner and NYISO. Developer shall provide standard voice line, dedicated voice line and facsimile communications at its Transmission Facility control room or central dispatch facility through use of either the public telephone system, or a voice communications system that does not rely on the public telephone system. Developer

shall also provide the dedicated data circuit(s) necessary to provide Developer data to Connecting Transmission Owner and NYISO as set forth in Appendix C hereto. The data circuit(s) shall extend from the Transmission Facility to the location(s) specified by Connecting Transmission Owner and NYISO. Any required maintenance of such communications equipment shall be performed by Developer. Operational communications shall be activated and maintained under, but not be limited to, the following events: system paralleling or separation, scheduled and unscheduled shutdowns, equipment clearances, and hourly and daily load data.

- 8.2 Remote Terminal Unit.** Prior to the Initial Synchronization Date of the Transmission Facility, a Remote Terminal Unit, or equivalent data collection and transfer equipment acceptable to the Parties, shall be installed by Developer, or by Connecting Transmission Owner at Developer's expense, to gather accumulated and instantaneous data to be telemetered to the location(s) designated by Connecting Transmission Owner and NYISO through use of a dedicated point-to-point data circuit(s) as indicated in Article 8.1. The communication protocol for the data circuit(s) shall be specified by Connecting Transmission Owner, and NYISO. Instantaneous bi-directional analog real power and reactive power flow information must be telemetered directly to the location(s) specified by Connecting Transmission Owner, and NYISO.

Each Party will promptly advise the appropriate other Party if it detects or otherwise learns of any metering, telemetry or communications equipment errors or malfunctions that require the attention and/or correction by that other Party. The Party owning such equipment shall correct such error or malfunction as soon as reasonably feasible.

- 8.3 No Annexation.** Any and all equipment placed on the premises of a Party shall be and remain the property of the Party providing such equipment regardless of the mode and manner of annexation or attachment to real property, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Party providing such equipment and the Party receiving such equipment.

ARTICLE 9. OPERATIONS

- 9.1 General.** Each Party shall comply with Applicable Laws and Regulations and Applicable Reliability Standards. Each Party shall provide to the other Parties all information that may reasonably be required by the other Parties to comply with Applicable Laws and Regulations and Applicable Reliability Standards.
- 9.2 Connecting Transmission Owner Obligations.** Connecting Transmission Owner shall cause the New York State Transmission System and the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities to be operated, maintained and controlled in a safe and reliable manner in accordance with this Agreement and the NYISO Tariffs. Connecting Transmission Owner may provide operating instructions to Developer consistent with this Agreement, NYISO procedures and Connecting Transmission Owner's operating protocols and procedures as they may change from time to time. Connecting

Transmission Owner will consider changes to their respective operating protocols and procedures proposed by Developer.

9.3 Developer Obligations. Developer shall at its own expense operate, maintain and control the Transmission Facility and the Developer Attachment Facilities in a safe and reliable manner and in accordance with this Agreement. Developer shall operate the Transmission Facility and the Developer Attachment Facilities in accordance with NYISO and Connecting Transmission Owner requirements, as such requirements are set forth or referenced in Appendix C hereto. Appendix C will be modified to reflect changes to the requirements as they may change from time to time. Any Party may request that the appropriate other Party or Parties provide copies of the requirements set forth or referenced in Appendix C hereto.

9.4 Start-Up and Synchronization. Consistent with the mutually acceptable procedures of the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner, the Developer is responsible for the proper synchronization of the Transmission Facility to the New York State Transmission System in accordance with NYISO, and Connecting Transmission Owner procedures and requirements, as applicable.

9.5 Real and Reactive Power Control.

9.5.1 Power Factor Design Criteria. Developer shall design the Transmission Facility to maintain an effective power delivery at maximum net capability at the Point of Interconnection to within a power factor range of 0.85 lagging to 0.90 leading for an AC voltage range of 0.95 pu to 1.05 pu at the Point of Interconnection

9.5.2 Voltage Schedules. Once the Developer has synchronized the Transmission Facility with the New York State Transmission System, NYISO shall require Developer to operate the Transmission Facility so that the voltage at the Point of Interconnection is within the range of 346 kV to 362 kV in accordance with Connecting Transmission Owner's voltage schedule, as amended from time to time. When voltages are outside the range specified by the Connecting Transmission Owner's voltage schedule due to conditions beyond the control of Connecting Transmission Owner and NYISO, the Developer shall also provide assistance consistent with Good Utility Practice within the full capability of the Transmission Facility in restoring the voltage at the Point of Interconnection to the normal range as may be directed by the Connecting Transmission Owner or the NYISO. If the Transmission Facility is unable to provide the requested assistance, or maintain the specified power factor, it shall promptly notify both the Connecting Transmission Owner and the NYISO.

9.6 Outages and Interruptions.

9.6.1 Outages.

9.6.1.1 Outage Authority and Coordination. Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner may each, in accordance with NYISO procedures and Good Utility Practice and in coordination with the other Party, remove from service any of its respective Attachment Facilities or System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades that may impact the other Party's facilities as necessary to perform maintenance or testing or to install or replace equipment. Absent an Emergency State, the Party scheduling a removal of such facility(ies) from service will use Reasonable Efforts to schedule such removal on a date and time mutually acceptable to both the Developer and the Connecting Transmission Owner. In all circumstances either Party planning to remove such facility(ies) from service shall use Reasonable Efforts to minimize the effect on the other Party of such removal.

9.6.1.2 Outage Schedules. Developer, shall post scheduled outages of its transmission facilities on the NYISO OASIS. Developer shall submit its planned maintenance schedules for the Transmission Facility to Connecting Transmission Owner and NYISO for a minimum of a rolling thirty-six month period. Developer shall update its planned maintenance schedules as necessary. NYISO may direct, or the Connecting Transmission Owner may request, Developer to reschedule its maintenance as necessary to maintain the reliability of the New York State Transmission System. Compensation to Developer for any additional direct costs that the Developer incurs as a result of rescheduling maintenance, including any additional overtime, breaking of maintenance contracts or other costs above and beyond the cost the Developer would have incurred absent the request to reschedule maintenance, shall be in accordance with the NYISO OATT. Developer will not be eligible to receive compensation, if during the twelve (12) months prior to the date of the scheduled maintenance, the Developer had modified its schedule of maintenance activities other than at the direction of the NYISO or request of the Connecting Transmission Owner.

9.6.1.3 Outage Restoration. If an outage on the Attachment Facilities or System Upgrade Facilities or System Deliverability Upgrades of the Connecting Transmission Owner or Developer adversely affects the other Party's operations or facilities, the Party that owns the facility

that is out of service shall use Reasonable Efforts to promptly restore such facility(ies) to a normal operating condition consistent with the nature of the outage. The Party that owns the facility that is out of service shall provide the other Party and NYISO, to the extent such information is known, information on the nature of the Emergency State, an estimated time of restoration, and any corrective actions required. Initial verbal notice shall be followed up as soon as practicable with written notice explaining the nature of the outage.

9.6.2 Interruption of Service. If required by Good Utility Practice or Applicable Reliability Standards to do so, the NYISO or Connecting Transmission Owner may require Developer to interrupt or reduce transmission of electricity over the Transmission Facility if such transmission could adversely affect the ability of NYISO and Connecting Transmission Owner to perform such activities as are necessary to safely and reliably operate and maintain the New York State Transmission System. The following provisions shall apply to any interruption or reduction permitted under this Article 9.6.2:

- 9.6.2.1** The interruption or reduction shall continue only for so long as reasonably necessary under Good Utility Practice;
- 9.6.2.2** Any such interruption or reduction shall be made on an equitable, non-discriminatory basis with respect to all transmission facilities directly connected to the New York State Transmission System;
- 9.6.2.3** When the interruption or reduction must be made under circumstances which do not allow for advance notice, NYISO or Connecting Transmission Owner shall notify Developer by telephone as soon as practicable of the reasons for the curtailment, interruption, or reduction, and, if known, its expected duration. Telephone notification shall be followed by written notification as soon as practicable;
- 9.6.2.4** Except during the existence of an Emergency State, when the interruption or reduction can be scheduled without advance notice, NYISO or Connecting Transmission Owner shall notify Developer in advance regarding the timing of such scheduling and further notify Developer of the expected duration. NYISO or Connecting Transmission Owner shall coordinate with each other and the Developer using Good Utility Practice to schedule the interruption or reduction during periods of least impact to the Developer, the Connecting Transmission Owner and the New York State Transmission System;
- 9.6.2.5** The Parties shall cooperate and coordinate with each other to the extent necessary in order to restore the Transmission Facility,

Attachment Facilities, and the New York State Transmission System to their normal operating state, consistent with system conditions and Good Utility Practice.

9.6.3 Under-Frequency and Over Frequency Conditions. The New York State Transmission System is designed to automatically activate a load-shed program as required by the NPCC in the event of an under-frequency system disturbance. Developer shall implement under-frequency and over-frequency relay set points for the Transmission Facility as required by the NPCC to ensure “ride through” capability of the New York State Transmission System. Transmission Facility response to frequency deviations of predetermined magnitudes, both under-frequency and over-frequency deviations, shall be studied and coordinated with the NYISO and Connecting Transmission Owner in accordance with Good Utility Practice. The term “ride through” as used herein shall mean the ability of a Transmission Facility to stay connected to and synchronized with the New York State Transmission System during system disturbances within a range of under-frequency and over-frequency conditions, in accordance with Good Utility Practice and with NPCC Regional Reliability Reference Directory # 12.

9.6.4 System Protection and Other Control Requirements.

9.6.4.1 System Protection Facilities. Developer shall, at its expense, install, operate and maintain System Protection Facilities as a part of the Transmission Facility or Developer Attachment Facilities. Connecting Transmission Owner shall install at Developer’s expense any System Protection Facilities that may be required on the Connecting Transmission Owner Attachment Facilities or the New York State Transmission System as a result of the interconnection of the Transmission Facility and Developer Attachment Facilities.

9.6.4.2 The protection facilities of both the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall be designed and coordinated with other systems in accordance with Good Utility Practice and Applicable Reliability Standards.

9.6.4.3 The Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each be responsible for protection of its respective facilities consistent with Good Utility Practice and Applicable Reliability Standards.

9.6.4.4 The protective relay design of the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each incorporate the necessary test switches to perform the tests required in Article 6 of this Agreement. The required test switches will be placed such that they allow operation of lockout relays while preventing breaker failure schemes from operating and causing unnecessary breaker operations and/or the

tripping of the Developer's Transmission Facility or the Connecting Transmission Owner's facilities.

9.6.4.5 The Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner will each test, operate and maintain System Protection Facilities in accordance with Good Utility Practice and NPCC criteria.

9.6.4.6 Prior to the In-Service Date, and again prior to the Commercial Operation Date, the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each perform, or their agents shall perform, a complete calibration test and functional trip test of the System Protection Facilities. At intervals suggested by Good Utility Practice and following any apparent malfunction of the System Protection Facilities, the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each perform calibration and functional trip tests of the System Protection Facilities in a manner and at intervals consistent with Connecting Transmission Owner's standard practice for performing such tests. These tests do not require the tripping of any in-service generation unit. These tests do, however, require that all protective relays and lockout contacts be activated.

9.6.5 Requirements for Protection. In compliance with NPCC requirements, applicable requirements of other Applicable Reliability Councils, and Good Utility Practice, Developer shall provide, install, own, and maintain relays, circuit breakers and all other devices necessary to remove any fault contribution of the Transmission Facility to any short circuit occurring on the New York State Transmission System not otherwise isolated by Connecting Transmission Owner's equipment, such that the removal of the fault contribution shall be coordinated with the protective requirements of the New York State Transmission System. Developer shall be solely responsible to disconnect the Transmission Facility and Developer's other equipment if conditions on the New York State Transmission System could adversely affect the Transmission Facility.

9.6.6 Power Quality. Neither the facilities of Developer nor the facilities of Connecting Transmission Owner shall cause excessive voltage flicker nor introduce excessive distortion to the sinusoidal voltage or current waves as defined by ANSI Standard C84.1-1989, in accordance with IEEE Standard 519, or any applicable superseding electric industry standard. In the event of a conflict between ANSI Standard C84.1-1989, or any applicable superseding electric industry standard, ANSI Standard C84.1-1989, or the applicable superseding electric industry standard, shall control.

9.7 Switching and Tagging Rules. The Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each provide the other Party a copy of its switching and tagging rules that are applicable to the other Party's activities. Such switching and tagging rules shall be

developed on a nondiscriminatory basis. The Parties shall comply with applicable switching and tagging rules, as amended from time to time, in obtaining clearances for work or for switching operations on equipment.

9.8 Use of Attachment Facilities by Third Parties.

9.8.1 Purpose of Attachment Facilities. Except as may be required by Applicable Laws and Regulations, or as otherwise agreed to among the Parties, the Attachment Facilities shall be constructed for the sole purpose of interconnecting the Transmission Facility to the New York State Transmission System and shall be used for no other purpose.

9.8.2 Third Party Users. If required by Applicable Laws and Regulations or if the Parties mutually agree, such agreement not to be unreasonably withheld, to allow one or more third parties to use the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities, or any part thereof, Developer will be entitled to compensation for the capital expenses it incurred in connection with the Attachment Facilities based upon the pro rata use of the Attachment Facilities by Connecting Transmission Owner, all third party users, and Developer, in accordance with Applicable Laws and Regulations or upon some other mutually-agreed upon methodology. In addition, cost responsibility for ongoing costs, including operation and maintenance costs associated with the Attachment Facilities, will be allocated between Developer and any third party users based upon the pro rata use of the Attachment Facilities by Connecting Transmission Owner, all third party users, and Developer, in accordance with Applicable Laws and Regulations or upon some other mutually agreed upon methodology. If the issue of such compensation or allocation cannot be resolved through such negotiations, it shall be submitted to FERC for resolution.

9.9 Disturbance Analysis Data Exchange. The Parties will cooperate with one another and the NYISO in the analysis of disturbances to either the Transmission Facility or the New York State Transmission System by gathering and providing access to any information relating to any disturbance, including information from disturbance recording equipment, protective relay targets, breaker operations and sequence of events records, and any disturbance information required by Good Utility Practice.

ARTICLE 10. MAINTENANCE

10.1 Connecting Transmission Owner Obligations. Connecting Transmission Owner shall maintain its transmission facilities and Attachment Facilities in a safe and reliable manner and in accordance with this Agreement.

- 10.2 Developer Obligations.** Developer shall maintain its Transmission Facility and Attachment Facilities in a safe and reliable manner and in accordance with this Agreement.
- 10.3 Coordination.** The Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall confer regularly to coordinate the planning, scheduling and performance of preventive and corrective maintenance on the Transmission Facility and the Attachment Facilities. The Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall keep NYISO fully informed of the preventive and corrective maintenance that is planned, and shall schedule all such maintenance in accordance with NYISO procedures.
- 10.4 Secondary Systems.** The Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each cooperate with the other in the inspection, maintenance, and testing of control or power circuits that operate below 600 volts, AC or DC, including, but not limited to, any hardware, control or protective devices, cables, conductors, electric raceways, secondary equipment panels, transducers, batteries, chargers, and voltage and current transformers that directly affect the operation of Developer or Connecting Transmission Owner's facilities and equipment which may reasonably be expected to impact the other Party. The Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each provide advance notice to the other Party, and to NYISO, before undertaking any work on such circuits, especially on electrical circuits involving circuit breaker trip and close contacts, current transformers, or potential transformers.
- 10.5 Operating and Maintenance Expenses.** Subject to the provisions herein addressing the use of facilities by others, and except for operations and maintenance expenses associated with modifications made for providing interconnection or transmission service to a third party and such third party pays for such expenses, Developer shall be responsible for all reasonable expenses including overheads, associated with: (1) owning, operating, maintaining, repairing, and replacing Developer Attachment Facilities; and (2) operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities.

ARTICLE 11. PERFORMANCE OBLIGATION

- 11.1 Developer Attachment Facilities.** Developer shall design, procure, construct, install, own and/or control the Developer Attachment Facilities described in Appendix A, hereto, at its sole expense.
- 11.2 Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities.** Connecting Transmission Owner shall design, procure, construct, install, own and/or control the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities described in Appendix A hereto, at the sole expense of the Developer.

11.3 System Upgrade Facilities. The Developer shall design, procure, construct, install, and where applicable, remove the System Upgrade Facilities described in Appendix A hereto. The Developer shall be responsible for costs related to System Upgrade Facilities, except as provided for in section 5.2(11). The Connecting Transmission Owner shall own the System Upgrade Facilities, described in Appendix A.

11.4 Reserved

11.5 Provision of Security. No security is required to be posted because the Developer will be responsible for performing all the construction activities related to the Project and has assumed all such cost responsibility.

11.6 Developer Compensation for Emergency Services. If, during an Emergency State, the Developer provides services at the request or direction of the NYISO or Connecting Transmission Owner, the Developer will be compensated for such services in accordance with the NYISO Services Tariff.

11.7 Line Outage Costs. Notwithstanding anything in the NYISO OATT to the contrary, the Connecting Transmission Owner may propose to recover line outage costs associated with the installation of Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities or System Upgrade Facilities or System Deliverability Upgrades on a case-by-case basis.

ARTICLE 12. INVOICE

12.1 General. The Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each submit to the other Party, on a monthly basis, invoices of amounts due for the preceding month. Each invoice shall state the month to which the invoice applies and fully describe the services and equipment provided. The Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner may discharge mutual debts and payment obligations due and owing to each other on the same date through netting, in which case all amounts one Party owes to the other Party under this Agreement, including interest payments or credits, shall be netted so that only the net amount remaining due shall be paid by the owing Party.

12.2 Final Invoice. Within six months after completion of the construction of the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and the System Upgrade Facilities, Connecting Transmission Owner shall provide an invoice of the final cost of the construction of the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and the System Upgrade Facilities and shall set forth such costs in sufficient detail to enable Developer to compare the actual costs with the estimates and to ascertain deviations, if any, from the cost estimates. Connecting Transmission Owner shall refund to Developer any amount by which the actual payment by Developer for estimated costs exceeds the

actual costs of construction within thirty (30) Calendar Days of the issuance of such final construction invoice.

- 12.3 Payment.** Invoices shall be rendered to the paying Party at the address specified in Appendix F hereto. The Party receiving the invoice shall pay the invoice within thirty (30) Calendar Days of receipt. All payments shall be made in immediately available funds payable to the other Party, or by wire transfer to a bank named and account designated by the invoicing Party. Payment of invoices will not constitute a waiver of any rights or claims the paying Party may have under this Agreement.
- 12.4 Disputes.** In the event of a billing dispute between Connecting Transmission Owner and Developer, Connecting Transmission Owner shall continue to perform under this Agreement as long as Developer: (i) continues to make all payments not in dispute; and (ii) pays to Connecting Transmission Owner or into an independent escrow account the portion of the invoice in dispute, pending resolution of such dispute. If Developer fails to meet these two requirements for continuation of service, then Connecting Transmission Owner may provide notice to Developer of a Default pursuant to Article 17. Within thirty (30) Calendar Days after the resolution of the dispute, the Party that owes money to the other Party shall pay the amount due with interest calculated in accord with the methodology set forth in FERC's Regulations at 18 C.F.R. § 35.19a(a)(2)(iii).

ARTICLE 13. EMERGENCIES

- 13.1 Obligations.** Each Party shall comply with the Emergency State procedures of NYISO, the applicable Reliability Councils, Applicable Laws and Regulations, and any emergency procedures agreed to by the NYISO Operating Committee.
- 13.2 Notice.** NYISO or, as applicable, Connecting Transmission Owner shall notify Developer promptly when it becomes aware of an Emergency State that affects the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities or the New York State Transmission System that may reasonably be expected to affect Developer's operation of the Transmission Facility or the Developer's Attachment Facilities. Developer shall notify NYISO and Connecting Transmission Owner promptly when it becomes aware of an Emergency State that affects the Transmission Facility or the Developer Attachment Facilities that may reasonably be expected to affect the New York State Transmission System or the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities. To the extent information is known, the notification shall describe the Emergency State, the extent of the damage or deficiency, the expected effect on the operation of Developer's or Connecting Transmission Owner's facilities and operations, its anticipated duration and the corrective action taken and/or to be taken. The initial notice shall be followed as soon as practicable with written notice.
- 13.3 Immediate Action.** Unless, in Developer's reasonable judgment, immediate action is required, Developer shall obtain the consent of Connecting Transmission Owner, such consent to not be unreasonably withheld, prior to performing any manual switching

operations at the Transmission Facility or the Developer Attachment Facilities in response to an Emergency State either declared by NYISO, Connecting Transmission Owner or otherwise regarding New York State Transmission System.

13.4 NYISO and Connecting Transmission Owner Authority.

13.4.1 General. NYISO or Connecting Transmission Owner may take whatever actions with regard to the New York State Transmission System or the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities it deems necessary during an Emergency State in order to (i) preserve public health and safety, (ii) preserve the reliability of the New York State Transmission System or the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities, (iii) limit or prevent damage, and (iv) expedite restoration of service.

NYISO and Connecting Transmission Owner shall use Reasonable Efforts to minimize the effect of such actions or inactions on the Transmission Facility or the Developer Attachment Facilities. NYISO or Connecting Transmission Owner may, on the basis of technical considerations, require the Transmission Facility to mitigate an Emergency State by taking actions necessary and limited in scope to remedy the Emergency State, including, but not limited to, directing Developer to shut-down, start-up, increase or decrease the real or reactive power output of the Transmission Facility; implementing a reduction or disconnection pursuant to Article 13.4.2; directing the Developer to assist with blackstart (if available) or restoration efforts; or altering the outage schedules of the Transmission Facility and the Developer Attachment Facilities. Developer shall comply with all of the NYISO and Connecting Transmission Owner's operating instructions concerning Transmission Facility real power and reactive power output within the manufacturer's design limitations of the Transmission Facility's equipment that is in service and physically available for operation at the time, in compliance with Applicable Laws and Regulations.

13.4.2 Reduction and Disconnection. NYISO or Connecting Transmission Owner may disconnect the Transmission Facility or the Developer Attachment Facilities, when such reduction or disconnection is necessary under Good Utility Practice due to an Emergency State. These rights are separate and distinct from any right of Curtailment of NYISO pursuant to the NYISO OATT. When NYISO or Connecting Transmission Owner can schedule the reduction or disconnection in advance, NYISO or Connecting Transmission Owner shall notify Developer of the reasons, timing and expected duration of the reduction or disconnection. NYISO or Connecting Transmission Owner shall coordinate with the Developer using Good Utility Practice to schedule the reduction or disconnection during periods of least impact to the Developer and the New York State Transmission System. Any reduction or disconnection shall continue only for so long as reasonably necessary under Good Utility Practice. The Parties shall cooperate with each other to restore the Transmission Facility, the Attachment Facilities,

and the New York State Transmission System to their normal operating state as soon as practicable consistent with Good Utility Practice.

- 13.5 Developer Authority.** Consistent with Good Utility Practice and this Agreement, the Developer may take whatever actions or inactions with regard to the Transmission Facility or the Developer Attachment Facilities during an Emergency State in order to (i) preserve public health and safety, (ii) preserve the reliability of the Transmission Facility or the Developer Attachment Facilities, (iii) limit or prevent damage, and (iv) expedite restoration of service. Developer shall use Reasonable Efforts to minimize the effect of such actions or inactions on the New York State Transmission System and the Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities. NYISO and Connecting Transmission Owner shall use Reasonable Efforts to assist Developer in such actions.
- 13.6 Limited Liability.** Except as otherwise provided in Article 11.6 of this Agreement, no Party shall be liable to another Party for any action it takes in responding to an Emergency State so long as such action is made in good faith and is consistent with Good Utility Practice and the NYISO Tariffs.

ARTICLE 14. REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS AND GOVERNING LAW

- 14.1 Regulatory Requirements.** Each Party's obligations under this Agreement shall be subject to its receipt of any required approval or certificate from one or more Governmental Authorities in the form and substance satisfactory to the applying Party, or the Party making any required filings with, or providing notice to, such Governmental Authorities, and the expiration of any time period associated therewith. Each Party shall in good faith seek and use its Reasonable Efforts to obtain such other approvals. Nothing in this Agreement shall require Developer to take any action that could result in its inability to obtain, or its loss of, status or exemption under the Federal Power Act or the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 or the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended.
- 14.2 Governing Law.**
- 14.2.1** The validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement and each of its provisions shall be governed by the laws of the state of New York, without regard to its conflicts of law principles.
- 14.2.2** This Agreement is subject to all Applicable Laws and Regulations.
- 14.2.3** Each Party expressly reserves the right to seek changes in, appeal, or otherwise contest any laws, orders, rules, or regulations of a Governmental Authority.

ARTICLE 15. NOTICES

15.1 General. Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement, any notice, demand or request required or permitted to be given by a Party to the other Parties and any instrument required or permitted to be tendered or delivered by a Party in writing to the other Parties shall be effective when delivered and may be so given, tendered or delivered, by recognized national courier, or by depositing the same with the United States Postal Service with postage prepaid, for delivery by certified or registered mail, addressed to the Party, or personally delivered to the Party, at the address set out in Appendix F hereto.

A Party may change the notice information in this Agreement by giving five (5) Business Days written notice prior to the effective date of the change.

15.2 Billings and Payments. Billings and payments shall be sent to the addresses set out in Appendix F hereto.

15.3 Alternative Forms of Notice. Any notice or request required or permitted to be given by a Party to the other Parties and not required by this Agreement to be given in writing may be so given by telephone, facsimile or email to the telephone numbers and email addresses set out in Appendix F hereto.

15.4 Operations and Maintenance Notice. Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each notify the other Party in writing of the identity of the person(s) that it designates as the point(s) of contact with respect to the implementation of Articles 9 and 10 of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 16. FORCE MAJEURE

16.1 Force Majeure.

16.1.1 Economic hardship is not considered a Force Majeure event.

16.1.2 A Party shall not be responsible or liable, or deemed, in Default with respect to any obligation hereunder, (including obligations under Article 4 of this Agreement) , other than the obligation to pay money when due, to the extent the Party is prevented from fulfilling such obligation by Force Majeure. A Party unable to fulfill any obligation hereunder (other than an obligation to pay money when due) by reason of Force Majeure shall give notice and the full particulars of such Force Majeure to the other Parties in writing or by telephone as soon as reasonably possible after the occurrence of the cause relied upon. Telephone notices given pursuant to this Article shall be confirmed in writing as soon as reasonably possible and shall specifically state full particulars of the Force Majeure, the time and date when the Force Majeure occurred and when the Force Majeure is reasonably expected to cease. The Party affected shall exercise due

diligence to remove such disability with reasonable dispatch, but shall not be required to accede or agree to any provision not satisfactory to it in order to settle and terminate a strike or other labor disturbance.

ARTICLE 17. DEFAULT

17.1 Default.

17.1.1 General. No Breach shall exist where such failure to discharge an obligation (other than the payment of money) is the result of Force Majeure as defined in this Agreement or the result of an act or omission of the other Parties. Upon a Breach, the non-Breaching Parties shall give written notice of such to the Breaching Party. The Breaching Party shall have thirty (30) Calendar Days from receipt of the Breach notice within which to cure such Breach; provided however, if such Breach is not capable of cure within thirty (30) Calendar Days, the Breaching Party shall commence such cure within thirty (30) Calendar Days after notice and continuously and diligently complete such cure within ninety (90) Calendar Days from receipt of the Breach notice; and, if cured within such time, the Breach specified in such notice shall cease to exist.

17.1.2 Right to Terminate. If a Breach is not cured as provided in this Article 17, or if a Breach is not capable of being cured within the period provided for herein, the non-Breaching Parties acting together shall thereafter have the right to declare a Default and terminate this Agreement by written notice at any time until cure occurs, and be relieved of any further obligation hereunder and, whether or not those Parties terminate this Agreement, to recover from the defaulting Party all amounts due hereunder, plus all other damages and remedies to which they are entitled at law or in equity. The provisions of this Article will survive termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 18. INDEMNITY, CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES AND INSURANCE

18.1 Indemnity. Each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall at all times indemnify, defend, and save harmless, as applicable, the other Parties (each an "Indemnified Party") from, any and all damages, losses, claims, including claims and actions relating to injury to or death of any person or damage to property, the alleged violation of any Environmental Law, or the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Substance, demand, suits, recoveries, costs and expenses, court costs, attorney fees, and all other obligations by or to third parties, arising out of or resulting from (i) the Indemnified Party's performance of its obligations under this Agreement on behalf of the Indemnifying Party, except in cases where the Indemnifying Party can demonstrate that the Loss of the Indemnified Party was caused by the gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing of the Indemnified Party or (ii) the violation by the Indemnifying Party of any Environmental Law or the release by the Indemnifying Party of any Hazardous Substance.

18.1.1 Indemnified Party. If a Party is entitled to indemnification under this Article 18 as a result of a claim by a third party, and the indemnifying Party fails, after notice and reasonable opportunity to proceed under Article 18.1.3, to assume the defense of such claim, such Indemnified Party may at the expense of the Indemnifying Party contest, settle or consent to the entry of any judgment with respect to, or pay in full, such claim.

18.1.2 Indemnifying Party. If an Indemnifying Party is obligated to indemnify and hold any Indemnified Party harmless under this Article 18, the amount owing to the Indemnified Party shall be the amount of such Indemnified Party's actual Loss, net of any insurance or other recovery.

18.1.3 Indemnity Procedures. Promptly after receipt by an Indemnified Party of any claim or notice of the commencement of any action or administrative or legal proceeding or investigation as to which the indemnity provided for in Article 18.1 may apply, the Indemnified Party shall notify the Indemnifying Party of such fact. Any failure of or delay in such notification shall not affect a Party's indemnification obligation unless such failure or delay is materially prejudicial to the Indemnifying Party.

Except as stated below, the Indemnifying Party shall have the right to assume the defense thereof with counsel designated by such Indemnifying Party and reasonably satisfactory to the Indemnified Party. If the defendants in any such action include one or more Indemnified Parties and the Indemnifying Party and if the Indemnified Party reasonably concludes that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other Indemnified Parties which are different from or additional to those available to the Indemnifying Party, the Indemnified Party shall have the right to select separate counsel to assert such legal defenses and to otherwise participate in the defense of such action on its own behalf. In such instances, the Indemnifying Party shall only be required to pay the fees and expenses of one additional attorney to represent an Indemnified Party or Indemnified Parties having such differing or additional legal defenses.

The Indemnified Party shall be entitled, at its expense, to participate in any such action, suit or proceeding, the defense of which has been assumed by the Indemnifying Party. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Indemnifying Party (i) shall not be entitled to assume and control the defense of any such action, suit or proceedings if and to the extent that, in the opinion of the Indemnified Party and its counsel, such action, suit or proceeding involves the potential imposition of criminal liability on the Indemnified Party, or there exists a conflict or adversity of interest between the Indemnified Party and the Indemnifying Party, in such event the Indemnifying Party shall pay the reasonable expenses of the Indemnified Party, and (ii) shall not settle or consent to the entry of any judgment in

any action, suit or proceeding without the consent of the Indemnified Party, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

18.2 No Consequential Damages. Other than the Liquidated Damages heretofore described and the indemnity obligations set forth in Article 18.1, in no event shall any Party be liable under any provision of this Agreement for any losses, damages, costs or expenses for any special, indirect, incidental, consequential, or punitive damages, including but not limited to loss of profit or revenue, loss of the use of equipment, cost of capital, cost of temporary equipment or services, whether based in whole or in part in contract, in tort, including negligence, strict liability, or any other theory of liability; provided, however, that damages for which a Party may be liable to another Party under separate agreement will not be considered to be special, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages hereunder.

18.3 Insurance. Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each, at its own expense, maintain in force throughout the period of this Agreement, and until released by the other Parties, the following minimum insurance coverages:

18.3.1 Employers' Liability and Workers' Compensation Insurance providing statutory benefits in accordance with the laws and regulations of New York State.

18.3.2 Commercial General Liability Insurance including premises and operations, personal injury, broad form property damage, contractual liability coverage products and completed operations coverage, coverage for explosion, collapse and underground hazards, independent contractors coverage, coverage for pollution to the extent normally available and , with minimum limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence/One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate combined single limit for personal injury, bodily injury, including death and property damage.

18.3.3 Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance for coverage of owned and non-owned and hired vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers designed for travel on public roads, with a minimum, combined single limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury, including death, and property damage.

18.3.4 Excess Liability Insurance over and above the Employers' Liability Commercial General Liability and Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance coverage, with a minimum combined single limit of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) per occurrence/Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) aggregate.

18.3.5 The Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Insurance and Excess Liability Insurance policies of Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall name the other Party, its parent, associated and

Affiliate companies and their respective directors, officers, agents, servants and employees (“Other Party Group”) as additional insured. All policies shall contain provisions whereby the insurers waive all rights of subrogation in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement against the Other Party Group.

- 18.3.6** The Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance and Excess Liability Insurance policies shall contain provisions that specify that the policies are primary and shall apply to such extent without consideration for other policies separately carried and shall state that each insured is provided coverage as though a separate policy had been issued to each, except the insurer’s liability shall not be increased beyond the amount for which the insurer would have been liable had only one insured been covered. Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each be responsible for its respective deductibles or retentions.
- 18.3.7** The Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance and Excess Liability Insurance policies, if written on a Claims First Made Basis, shall be maintained in full force and effect for two (2) years after termination of this Agreement, which coverage may be in the form of tail coverage or extended reporting period coverage if agreed by the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner.
- 18.3.8** The requirements contained herein as to the types and limits of all insurance to be maintained by the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner are not intended to and shall not in any manner, limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by those Parties under this Agreement.
- 18.3.9** Within ten (10) days following execution of this Agreement, and as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year or at the renewal of the insurance policy and in any event within ninety (90) days thereafter, Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall provide certification of all insurance required in this Agreement, executed by each insurer or by an authorized representative of each insurer.
- 18.3.10** Notwithstanding the foregoing, Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner may each self-insure to meet the minimum insurance requirements of Articles 18.3.2 through 18.3.8 to the extent it maintains a self-insurance program; provided that, such Party’s senior debt is rated at investment grade, or better, by Standard & Poor’s and that its self-insurance program meets the minimum insurance requirements of Articles 18.3.2 through 18.3.8. For any period of time that a Party’s senior debt is unrated by Standard & Poor’s or is rated at less than investment grade by Standard & Poor’s, such Party shall comply with the insurance requirements applicable to it under Articles 18.3.2 through 18.3.9. In the event that a Party is permitted to self-insure pursuant to this Article 18.3.10, it shall notify the other Party that it meets the requirements to self-insure and

that its self-insurance program meets the minimum insurance requirements in a manner consistent with that specified in Article 18.3.9.

18.3.11 Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner agree to report to each other in writing as soon as practical all accidents or occurrences resulting in injuries to any person, including death, and any property damage arising out of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 19. ASSIGNMENT

19.1 Assignment. This Agreement may be assigned by a Party only with the written consent of the other Parties; provided that a Party may assign this Agreement without the consent of the other Parties to any Affiliate of the assigning Party with an equal or greater credit rating and with the legal authority and operational ability to satisfy the obligations of the assigning Party under this Agreement; provided further that a Party may assign this Agreement without the consent of the other Parties in connection with the sale, merger, restructuring, or transfer of a substantial portion or all of its assets, including the Attachment Facilities it owns, so long as the assignee in such a transaction directly assumes in writing all rights, duties and obligations arising under this Agreement; and provided further that the Developer shall have the right to assign this Agreement, without the consent of the Connecting Transmission Owner, for collateral security purposes to aid in providing financing for the Transmission Facility, provided that the Developer will promptly notify the Connecting Transmission Owner of any such assignment. Any financing arrangement entered into by the Developer pursuant to this Article will provide that prior to or upon the exercise of the secured party's, trustee's or mortgagee's assignment rights pursuant to said arrangement, the secured creditor, the trustee or mortgagee will notify the Connecting Transmission Owner of the date and particulars of any such exercise of assignment right(s) and will provide the Connecting Transmission Owner with proof that it meets the requirements of Article 18.3. Any attempted assignment that violates this Article is void and ineffective. Any assignment under this Agreement shall not relieve a Party of its obligations, nor shall a Party's obligations be enlarged, in whole or in part, by reason thereof. Where required, consent to assignment will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

ARTICLE 20. SEVERABILITY

20.1 Severability. If any provision in this Agreement is finally determined to be invalid, void or unenforceable by any court or other Governmental Authority having jurisdiction, such determination shall not invalidate, void or make unenforceable any other provision, agreement or covenant of this Agreement; provided that if the Developer (or any third party, but only if such third party is not acting at the direction of the Connecting Transmission Owner) seeks and obtains such a final determination with respect to any provision of the Alternate Option (Article 5.1.2), or the Negotiated Option (Article 5.1.4),

then none of these provisions shall thereafter have any force or effect and the rights and obligations of Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall be governed solely by the Standard Option (Article 5.1.1).

ARTICLE 21. COMPARABILITY

- 21.1 Comparability.** The Parties will comply with all applicable comparability and code of conduct laws, rules and regulations, as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE 22. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 22.1 Confidentiality.** Certain information exchanged by the Parties during the term of this Agreement shall constitute confidential information (“Confidential Information”) and shall be subject to this Article 22.

If requested by a Party receiving information, the Party supplying the information shall provide in writing, the basis for asserting that the information referred to in this Article warrants confidential treatment, and the requesting Party may disclose such writing to the appropriate Governmental Authority. Each Party shall be responsible for the costs associated with affording confidential treatment to its information.

- 22.1.1 Term.** During the term of this Agreement, and for a period of three (3) years after the expiration or termination of this Agreement, except as otherwise provided in this Article 22, each Party shall hold in confidence and shall not disclose to any person Confidential Information.

- 22.1.2 Confidential Information.** The following shall constitute Confidential Information: (1) any non-public information that is treated as confidential by the disclosing Party and which the disclosing Party identifies as Confidential Information in writing at the time, or promptly after the time, of disclosure; or (2) information designated as Confidential Information by the NYISO Code of Conduct contained in Attachment F to the NYISO OATT.

- 22.1.3 Scope.** Confidential Information shall not include information that the receiving Party can demonstrate: (1) is generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure by the receiving Party; (2) was in the lawful possession of the receiving Party on a non-confidential basis before receiving it from the disclosing Party; (3) was supplied to the receiving Party without restriction by a third party, who, to the knowledge of the receiving Party after due inquiry, was under no obligation to the disclosing Party to keep such information confidential; (4) was independently developed by the receiving Party without reference to Confidential Information of the disclosing Party; (5) is, or becomes, publicly known, through no wrongful act or omission of the receiving Party or Breach of this Agreement; or (6) is required, in accordance with Article 22.1.8 of this

Agreement, Order of Disclosure, to be disclosed by any Governmental Authority or is otherwise required to be disclosed by law or subpoena, or is necessary in any legal proceeding establishing rights and obligations under this Agreement. Information designated as Confidential Information will no longer be deemed confidential if the Party that designated the information as confidential notifies the other Party that it no longer is confidential.

22.1.4 Release of Confidential Information. No Party shall release or disclose Confidential Information to any other person, except to its Affiliates (limited by FERC Standards of Conduct requirements), subcontractors, employees, consultants, or to parties who may be considering providing financing to or equity participation with Developer, or to potential purchasers or assignees of a Party, on a need-to-know basis in connection with this Agreement, unless such person has first been advised of the confidentiality provisions of this Article 22 and has agreed to comply with such provisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Party providing Confidential Information to any person shall remain primarily responsible for any release of Confidential Information in contravention of this Article 22.

22.1.5 Rights. Each Party retains all rights, title, and interest in the Confidential Information that each Party discloses to the other Party. The disclosure by each Party to the other Parties of Confidential Information shall not be deemed a waiver by any Party or any other person or entity of the right to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure.

22.1.6 No Warranties. By providing Confidential Information, no Party makes any warranties or representations as to its accuracy or completeness. In addition, by supplying Confidential Information, no Party obligates itself to provide any particular information or Confidential Information to the other Parties nor to enter into any further agreements or proceed with any other relationship or joint venture.

22.1.7 Standard of Care. Each Party shall use at least the same standard of care to protect Confidential Information it receives as it uses to protect its own Confidential Information from unauthorized disclosure, publication or dissemination. Each Party may use Confidential Information solely to fulfill its obligations to the other Party under this Agreement or its regulatory requirements, including the NYISO OATT and NYISO Services Tariff.

22.1.8 Order of Disclosure. If a court or a Government Authority or entity with the right, power, and apparent authority to do so requests or requires any Party, by subpoena, oral deposition, interrogatories, requests for production of documents, administrative order, or otherwise, to disclose Confidential Information, that Party shall provide the other Parties with prompt notice of such request(s) or requirement(s) so that the other Parties may seek an

appropriate protective order or waive compliance with the terms of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the absence of a protective order or waiver, the Party may disclose such Confidential Information which, in the opinion of its counsel, the Party is legally compelled to disclose. Each Party will use Reasonable Efforts to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be accorded any Confidential Information so furnished.

- 22.1.9 Termination of Agreement.** Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, each Party shall, within ten (10) Calendar Days of receipt of a written request from the other Parties, use Reasonable Efforts to destroy, erase, or delete (with such destruction, erasure, and deletion certified in writing to the other Parties) or return to the other Parties, without retaining copies thereof, any and all written or electronic Confidential Information received from the other Parties pursuant to this Agreement.
- 22.1.10 Remedies.** The Parties agree that monetary damages would be inadequate to compensate a Party for another Party's Breach of its obligations under this Article 22. Each Party accordingly agrees that the other Parties shall be entitled to equitable relief, by way of injunction or otherwise, if the first Party Breaches or threatens to Breach its obligations under this Article 22, which equitable relief shall be granted without bond or proof of damages, and the receiving Party shall not plead in defense that there would be an adequate remedy at law. Such remedy shall not be deemed an exclusive remedy for the Breach of this Article 22, but shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or in equity. The Parties further acknowledge and agree that the covenants contained herein are necessary for the protection of legitimate business interests and are reasonable in scope. No Party, however, shall be liable for indirect, incidental, or consequential or punitive damages of any nature or kind resulting from or arising in connection with this Article 22.
- 22.1.11 Disclosure to FERC, its Staff, or a State.** Notwithstanding anything in this Article 22 to the contrary, and pursuant to 18 C.F.R. section 1b.20, if FERC or its staff, during the course of an investigation or otherwise, requests information from one of the Parties that is otherwise required to be maintained in confidence pursuant to this Agreement or the NYISO OATT, the Party shall provide the requested information to FERC or its staff, within the time provided for in the request for information. In providing the information to FERC or its staff, the Party must, consistent with 18 C.F.R. section 388.112, request that the information be treated as confidential and non-public by FERC and its staff and that the information be withheld from public disclosure. Parties are prohibited from notifying the other Parties to this Agreement prior to the release of the Confidential Information to the Commission or its staff. The Party shall notify the other Parties to the Agreement when it is notified by FERC or its staff that a request to release Confidential Information has been received by FERC, at which time the Parties may respond before such information would be made public, pursuant to 18 C.F.R. section 388.112. Requests from a state regulatory body

conducting a confidential investigation shall be treated in a similar manner if consistent with the applicable state rules and regulations. A Party shall not be liable for any losses, consequential or otherwise, resulting from that Party divulging Confidential Information pursuant to a FERC or state regulatory body request under this paragraph.

22.1.12 Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, no Party shall disclose Confidential Information to any person not employed or retained by the Party possessing the Confidential Information, except to the extent disclosure is (i) required by law; (ii) reasonably deemed by the disclosing Party to be required to be disclosed in connection with a dispute between or among the Parties, or the defense of litigation or dispute; (iii) otherwise permitted by consent of the other Party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; or (iv) necessary to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement, the NYISO OATT or the NYISO Services Tariff. Prior to any disclosures of a Party's Confidential Information under this subparagraph, or if any third party or Governmental Authority makes any request or demand for any of the information described in this subparagraph, the disclosing Party agrees to promptly notify the other Party in writing and agrees to assert confidentiality and cooperate with the other Party in seeking to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure by confidentiality agreement, protective order or other reasonable measures.

ARTICLE 23. ENVIRONMENTAL RELEASES

23.1 Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner Notice. Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall each notify the other Party, first orally and then in writing, of the release of any Hazardous Substances, any asbestos or lead abatement activities, or any type of remediation activities related to the Transmission Facility or the Attachment Facilities, each of which may reasonably be expected to affect the other Party. The notifying Party shall: (i) provide the notice as soon as practicable, provided such Party makes a good faith effort to provide the notice no later than twenty-four hours after such Party becomes aware of the occurrence; and (ii) promptly furnish to the other Party copies of any publicly available reports filed with any Governmental Authorities addressing such events.

ARTICLE 24. INFORMATION REQUIREMENT

24.1 Information Acquisition. Connecting Transmission Owner and Developer shall each submit specific information regarding the electrical characteristics of their respective facilities to the other, as described below and in accordance with Applicable Reliability Standards.

24.2 Information Submission by Connecting Transmission Owner. The initial information submission by Connecting Transmission Owner shall occur no later than one hundred eighty (180) Calendar Days prior to Trial Operation and shall include New York State

Transmission System information necessary to allow the Developer to select equipment and meet any system protection and stability requirements, unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner. On a monthly basis Connecting Transmission Owner shall provide Developer and if requested, to the NYISO, a status report on the construction and installation of Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades, including, but not limited to, the following information: (1) progress to date; (2) a description of the activities since the last report; (3) a description of the action items for the next period; and (4) the delivery status of equipment ordered.

24.3 Updated Information Submission by Developer. The updated information submission by the Developer, including manufacturer information, shall occur no later than one hundred eighty (180) Calendar Days prior to the Trial Operation. Developer shall submit a completed copy of the Transmission Facility data requirements contained in Appendix 1 to the Large Facility Interconnection Procedures. It shall also include any additional information provided to Connecting Transmission Owner for the Interconnection Feasibility Study and Interconnection Facilities Study. Information in this submission shall be the most current Transmission Facility design or expected performance data. Information submitted for stability models shall be compatible with NYISO standard models. If there is no compatible model, the Developer will work with a consultant mutually agreed to by the Parties to develop and supply a standard model and associated information.

If the Developer's data is different from what was originally provided to Connecting Transmission Owner and this difference may be reasonably expected to affect the other Parties' facilities or the New York State Transmission System, then Connecting Transmission Owner and the Developer will conduct appropriate studies to determine the impact on the New York State Transmission System based on the actual data submitted pursuant to this Article 24.3. Such studies will provide an estimate of any additional modifications to the New York State Transmission System, Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities, or System Upgrade Facilities or System Deliverability Upgrades based on the actual data and a good faith estimate of the costs thereof. The Developer shall not begin Trial Operation until such studies are completed. The Developer shall be responsible for the cost of any modifications required by the actual data, including the cost of any required studies.

24.4 Information Supplementation. Prior to the Commercial Operation Date, the Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall supplement their information submissions described above in this Article 24 with any and all "as-built" Transmission Facility information or "as-tested" performance information that differs from the initial submissions or, alternatively, written confirmation that no such differences exist. The Developer shall conduct tests on the Transmission Facility as required by Good Utility Practice.

Developer shall provide the Connecting Transmission Owner validated test recordings showing the responses of its Transmission Facility.

Subsequent to the Commercial Operation Date, the Developer shall provide Connecting Transmission Owner any information changes due to equipment replacement, repair, or adjustment. Connecting Transmission Owner shall provide the Developer any information changes due to equipment replacement, repair or adjustment in the directly connected substation or any adjacent Connecting Transmission Owner substation that may affect the Transmission Facility or Developer Attachment Facilities equipment ratings, protection or operating requirements. The Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner shall provide such information no later than thirty (30) Calendar Days after the date of the equipment replacement, repair or adjustment.

ARTICLE 25. INFORMATION ACCESS AND AUDIT RIGHTS

- 25.1 Information Access.** Each Party (“Disclosing Party”) shall make available to another Party (“Requesting Party”) information that is in the possession of the Disclosing Party and is necessary in order for the Requesting Party to: (i) verify the costs incurred by the Disclosing Party for which the Requesting Party is responsible under this Agreement; and (ii) carry out its obligations and responsibilities under this Agreement. The Parties shall not use such information for purposes other than those set forth in this Article 25.1 of this Agreement and to enforce their rights under this Agreement.
- 25.2 Reporting of Non-Force Majeure Events.** Each Party (the “Notifying Party”) shall notify the other Parties when the Notifying Party becomes aware of its inability to comply with the provisions of this Agreement for a reason other than a Force Majeure event. The Parties agree to cooperate with each other and provide necessary information regarding such inability to comply, including the date, duration, reason for the inability to comply, and corrective actions taken or planned to be taken with respect to such inability to comply. Notwithstanding the foregoing, notification, cooperation or information provided under this Article shall not entitle the Party receiving such notification to allege a cause for anticipatory breach of this Agreement.
- 25.3 Audit Rights.** Subject to the requirements of confidentiality under Article 22 of this Agreement, each Party shall have the right, during normal business hours, and upon prior reasonable notice to another Party, to audit at its own expense the other Party’s accounts and records pertaining to the other Party’s performance or satisfaction of its obligations under this Agreement. Such audit rights shall include audits of the other Party’s costs, calculation of invoiced amounts, and each Party’s actions in an Emergency State. Any audit authorized by this Article shall be performed at the offices where such accounts and records are maintained and shall be limited to those portions of such accounts and records that relate to the Party’s performance and satisfaction of obligations under this Agreement. Each Party shall keep such accounts and records for a period equivalent to the audit rights periods described in Article 25.4 of this Agreement.

25.4 Audit Rights Periods.

25.4.1 Audit Rights Period for Construction-Related Accounts and Records.

Accounts and records related to the design, engineering, procurement, and construction of Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades shall be subject to audit for a period of twenty-four months following Connecting Transmission Owner's issuance of a final invoice in accordance with Article 12.2 of this Agreement.

25.4.2 Audit Rights Period for All Other Accounts and Records. Accounts and records related to a Party's performance or satisfaction of its obligations under this Agreement other than those described in Article 25.4.1 of this Agreement shall be subject to audit as follows: (i) for an audit relating to cost obligations, the applicable audit rights period shall be twenty-four months after the auditing Party's receipt of an invoice giving rise to such cost obligations; and (ii) for an audit relating to all other obligations, the applicable audit rights period shall be twenty-four months after the event for which the audit is sought.

25.5 Audit Results. If an audit by a Party determines that an overpayment or an underpayment has occurred, a notice of such overpayment or underpayment shall be given to the other Party together with those records from the audit which support such determination.

ARTICLE 26. SUBCONTRACTORS

26.1 General. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent a Party from utilizing the services of any subcontractor as it deems appropriate to perform its obligations under this Agreement; provided, however, that each Party shall require its subcontractors to comply with all applicable terms and conditions of this Agreement in providing such services and each Party shall remain primarily liable to the other Parties for the performance of such subcontractor.

26.2 Responsibility of Principal. The creation of any subcontract relationship shall not relieve the hiring Party of any of its obligations under this Agreement. The hiring Party shall be fully responsible to the other Parties for the acts or omissions of any subcontractor the hiring Party hires as if no subcontract had been made; provided, however, that in no event shall the Connecting Transmission Owner be liable for the actions or inactions of the Developer or its subcontractors with respect to obligations of the Developer under Article 5 of this Agreement. Any applicable obligation imposed by this Agreement upon the hiring Party shall be equally binding upon, and shall be construed as having application to, any subcontractor of such Party.

26.3 No Limitation by Insurance. The obligations under this Article 26 will not be limited in any way by any limitation of subcontractor's insurance.

ARTICLE 27. DISPUTES

27.1 Submission. In the event any Party has a dispute, or asserts a claim, that arises out of or in connection with this Agreement or its performance (a "Dispute"), such Party shall provide the other Parties with written notice of the Dispute ("Notice of Dispute"). Such Dispute shall be referred to a designated senior representative of each Party for resolution on an informal basis as promptly as practicable after receipt of the Notice of Dispute by the other Parties. In the event the designated representatives are unable to resolve the Dispute through unassisted or assisted negotiations within thirty (30) Calendar Days of the other Parties' receipt of the Notice of Dispute, such Dispute may, upon mutual agreement of the Parties, be submitted to arbitration and resolved in accordance with the arbitration procedures set forth below. In the event the Parties do not agree to submit such Dispute to arbitration, each Party may exercise whatever rights and remedies it may have in equity or at law consistent with the terms of this Agreement.

27.2 External Arbitration Procedures. Any arbitration initiated under this Agreement shall be conducted before a single neutral arbitrator appointed by the Parties. If the Parties fail to agree upon a single arbitrator within ten (10) Calendar Days of the submission of the Dispute to arbitration, each Party shall choose one arbitrator who shall sit on a three-member arbitration panel. In each case, the arbitrator(s) shall be knowledgeable in electric utility matters, including electric transmission and bulk power issues, and shall not have any current or past substantial business or financial relationships with any party to the arbitration (except prior arbitration). The arbitrator(s) shall provide each of the Parties an opportunity to be heard and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall conduct the arbitration in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association ("Arbitration Rules") and any applicable FERC regulations or RTO rules; provided, however, in the event of a conflict between the Arbitration Rules and the terms of this Article 27, the terms of this Article 27 shall prevail.

27.3 Arbitration Decisions. Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the arbitrator(s) shall render a decision within ninety (90) Calendar Days of appointment and shall notify the Parties in writing of such decision and the reasons therefor. The arbitrator(s) shall be authorized only to interpret and apply the provisions of this Agreement and shall have no power to modify or change any provision of this Agreement in any manner. The decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be final and binding upon the Parties, and judgment on the award may be entered in any court having jurisdiction. The decision of the arbitrator(s) may be appealed solely on the grounds that the conduct of the arbitrator(s), or the decision itself, violated the standards set forth in the Federal Arbitration Act or the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act. The final decision of the arbitrator must also be filed with FERC if it affects jurisdictional rates, terms and conditions of service, Attachment Facilities, or System Upgrade Facilities, or System Deliverability Upgrades.

27.4 Costs. Each Party shall be responsible for its own costs incurred during the arbitration process and for the following costs, if applicable: (1) the cost of the arbitrator chosen by the Party to sit on the three member panel; or (2) one-third the cost of the single arbitrator jointly chosen by the Parties.

27.5 Termination. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article 27, any Party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with its provisions or pursuant to an action at law or equity. The issue of whether such a termination is proper shall not be considered a Dispute hereunder.

ARTICLE 28. REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

28.1 General. Each Party makes the following representations, warranties and covenants:

28.1.1 Good Standing. Such Party is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state in which it is organized, formed, or incorporated, as applicable; that it is qualified to do business in the state or states in which the Transmission Facility, Attachment Facilities and System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades owned by such Party, as applicable, are located; and that it has the corporate power and authority to own its properties, to carry on its business as now being conducted and to enter into this Agreement and carry out the transactions contemplated hereby and perform and carry out all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this Agreement.

28.1.2 Authority. Such Party has the right, power and authority to enter into this Agreement, to become a Party hereto and to perform its obligations hereunder. This Agreement is a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Party, enforceable against such Party in accordance with its terms, except as the enforceability thereof may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general equitable principles (regardless of whether enforceability is sought in a proceeding in equity or at law).

28.1.3 No Conflict. The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement does not violate or conflict with the organizational or formation documents, or bylaws or operating agreement, of such Party, or any judgment, license, permit, order, material agreement or instrument applicable to or binding upon such Party or any of its assets.

28.1.4 Consent and Approval. Such Party has sought or obtained, or, in accordance with this Agreement will seek or obtain, each consent, approval, authorization, order, or acceptance by any Governmental Authority in connection with the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, and it will provide to

any Governmental Authority notice of any actions under this Agreement that are required by Applicable Laws and Regulations.

ARTICLE 29. MISCELLANEOUS

- 29.1 Binding Effect.** This Agreement and the rights and obligations hereof, shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and permitted assigns of the Parties hereto.
- 29.2 Conflicts.** The Parties expressly agree that the terms and conditions of the Appendices shall take precedence over the provisions of this cover agreement in case of a discrepancy or conflict between or among the terms and conditions of same.
- 29.3 Rules of Interpretation.** This Agreement, unless a clear contrary intention appears, shall be construed and interpreted as follows: (1) the singular number includes the plural number and vice versa; (2) reference to any person includes such person's successors and assigns but, in the case of a Party, only if such successors and assigns are permitted by this Agreement, and reference to a person in a particular capacity excludes such person in any other capacity or individually; (3) reference to any agreement (including this Agreement), document, instrument or tariff means such agreement, document, instrument, or tariff as amended or modified and in effect from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof and, if applicable, the terms hereof; (4) reference to any Applicable Laws and Regulations means such Applicable Laws and Regulations as amended, modified, codified, or reenacted, in whole or in part, and in effect from time to time, including, if applicable, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; (5) unless expressly stated otherwise, reference to any Article, Section or Appendix means such Article of this Agreement or such Appendix to this Agreement, or such Section to the Large Facility Interconnection Procedures or such Appendix to the Large Facility Interconnection Procedures, as the case may be; (6) "hereunder", "hereof", "herein", "hereto" and words of similar import shall be deemed references to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular Article or other provision hereof or thereof; (7) "including" (and with correlative meaning "include") means including without limiting the generality of any description preceding such term; and (8) relative to the determination of any period of time, "from" means "from and including", "to" means "to but excluding" and "through" means "through and including".
- 29.4 Compliance.** Each Party shall perform its obligations under this Agreement in accordance with Applicable Laws and Regulations, Applicable Reliability Standards, the NYISO OATT and Good Utility Practice. To the extent a Party is required or prevented or limited in taking any action by such regulations and standards, such Party shall not be deemed to be in Breach of this Agreement for its compliance therewith. When any Party becomes aware of such a situation, it shall notify the other Parties promptly so that the Parties can discuss the amendment to this Agreement that is appropriate under the circumstances.

- 29.5 Joint and Several Obligations.** Except as otherwise stated herein, the obligations of Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner are several, and are neither joint nor joint and several.
- 29.6 Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, including all Appendices and Schedules attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with reference to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings or agreements, oral or written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no other agreements, representations, warranties, or covenants which constitute any part of the consideration for, or any condition to, either Party's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement.
- 29.7 No Third Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is not intended to and does not create rights, remedies, or benefits of any character whatsoever in favor of any persons, corporations, associations, or entities other than the Parties, and the obligations herein assumed are solely for the use and benefit of the Parties, their successors in interest and permitted their assigns.
- 29.8 Waiver.** The failure of a Party to this Agreement to insist, on any occasion, upon strict performance of any provision of this Agreement will not be considered a waiver of any obligation, right, or duty of, or imposed upon, such Party. Any waiver at any time by either Party of its rights with respect to this Agreement shall not be deemed a continuing waiver or a waiver with respect to any other failure to comply with any other obligation, right, duty of this Agreement. Termination or Default of this Agreement for any reason by the Developer shall not constitute a waiver of the Developer's legal rights to obtain Capacity Resource Interconnection Service and Energy Resource Interconnection Service from the NYISO and Connecting Transmission Owner in accordance with the provisions of the NYISO OATT. Any waiver of this Agreement shall, if requested, be provided in writing.
- 29.9 Headings.** The descriptive headings of the various Articles of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are of no significance in the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.
- 29.10 Multiple Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which is deemed an original but all constitute one and the same instrument.
- 29.11 Amendment.** The Parties may by mutual agreement amend this Agreement, by a written instrument duly executed by all three of the Parties.
- 29.12 Modification by the Parties.** The Parties may by mutual agreement amend the Appendices to this Agreement, by a written instrument duly executed by all three of the Parties. Such an amendment shall become effective and a part of this Agreement upon satisfaction of all Applicable Laws and Regulations.

- 29.13 Reservation of Rights.** Connecting Transmission Owner shall have the right to make unilateral filings with FERC to modify this Agreement with respect to any rates, terms and conditions, charges, classifications of service, rule or regulation under section 205 or any other applicable provision of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder, and Developer shall have the right to make a unilateral filing with FERC to modify this Agreement pursuant to section 206 or any other applicable provision of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder; provided that each Party shall have the right to protest any such filing by another Party and to participate fully in any proceeding before FERC in which such modifications may be considered. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the rights of the Parties or of FERC under sections 205 or 206 of the Federal Power Act and FERC's rules and regulations thereunder, except to the extent that the Parties otherwise mutually agree as provided herein.
- 29.14 No Partnership.** This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture, agency relationship, or partnership among 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, any other Party.
- 29.15 Other Transmission Rights.** Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, nothing herein shall be construed as relinquishing or foreclosing any rights, including but not limited to firm transmission rights, capacity rights, or transmission congestion rights that the Developer shall be entitled to, now or in the future under any other agreement or tariff as a result of, or otherwise associated with, the transmission capacity, if any, created by the System Upgrade Facilities and System Deliverability Upgrades.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement in duplicate originals, each of which shall constitute and be an original effective Agreement between the Parties.

NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY.

By: Edward A. Richardson

Title: V.P., Transmission

Date: 4/25/12

CONSOLIDATED EDISON COMPANY OF NEW YORK.

By: Abelit Sanchez

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ATTACHMENT FACILITIES AND SYSTEM UPGRADE FACILITIES

1. Project Overview

The Developer of this Project is Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., the local electric utility serving the five (5) boroughs of New York City. The Project responds to a Reliability Issue that arose during December of 2011, and February 2012, when Astoria Generating Company, L.P. gave formal notice to the NYS PSC and NYISO of its intent to mothball both Astoria Unit 2 and Astoria Unit #4, respectively.

In order to mitigate the Reliability Issue beginning the summer of 2012, the Developer has embarked on an aggressive project schedule to implement the Project. All of the work required will not be completed by summer of 2012, so a two (2) phase approach is being utilized.

The Project consists of a transmission connection between the Con Edison 138kV Astoria East Substation and the New York Power Authority's (NYPA) 345kV Astoria Annex GIS Substation (the "Astoria Annex").

NYPA is the Connecting Transmission Owner, as it is the owner of the Astoria Annex Substation, the Q 35L and Q 35M transmission feeders, and associated shunt reactors, breakers, grounding equipment, fencing and other equipment.

The Point of Interconnection for Phase 1 (POI-Phase 1") of the Project will be at the Connecting Transmission Owner's Astoria Annex 345 kilovolt ("kV") Gas Insulated Switchgear ("GIS") substation ("the Astoria Annex") between existing circuit breaker R2 and Reactor 2. As part of Phase 1, new relay protection panels and associated equipment, as indicated in figure A-1 are being installed in the Astoria Annex relay rooms, designated as the Line 1 and Line 2 relay panels in their respective relay rooms.

The Point of Interconnection for Phase 2 ("POI-Phase 2") of the Project will be on a permanent basis at the air to GIS bushing on the Connecting Transmission Owner's Astoria Annex 345 kilovolt ("kV") GIS, which is between existing circuit breaker 3 and circuit breaker 5, as indicated in figure A-2. Phase 2 includes additional relay protection panels and associated equipment. Upon completion of Phase 2, the relay protection system will be moved to bus section 3-5, and the relay panels installed during Phase 1 will be retired, removed, and replaced by Developer at no cost to the Connecting Transmission Owner. Upon completion of Phase 2, three wood poles, with their cross arms and guide wires will also be removed at no cost to the Connecting Transmission Owner.

The Astoria Annex 345kV Substation is an existing indoor GIS design and is configured as a ring bus as shown on Figures A-1 and A-2.

2. Attachment Facilities:

(a) Developer's Attachment Facilities ("DAF"):

There are no Developer Attachment Facilities for the Project. The Project is a reliability driven transmission expansion designed to remedy the Reliability Issue commencing by summer 2012. The transmission expansion will connect Connecting Transmission Owner's Astoria Annex GIS Substation to the Astoria East Substation, owned by the Developer. There are no DAF because the Project will include all facilities located between Developer's Astoria East Substation and the Point of Interconnection.

(b) Connecting Transmission Owner's Attachment Facilities ("CTOAF"):

There are no CTOAFs that are covered by this Agreement.

3. System Upgrade Facilities:

(a) **System Upgrade Facilities:** The System Upgrade Facilities ("SUF") shall include the following equipment, as illustrated in Figures A-1 and A-2.

The SUF's for Phase 1 of the Project consist of Relay Panels and associated equipment.

The SUFs for Phase 2 of the Project include (i) the addition of GIS equipment (ii) approximately one hundred fifty (150) total feet of 345KV, 3000 amps GIS bus which will connect to existing GIS bus containing disconnect and ground switches; (iii) approximately 12 elbows, 3 misalignment joints, 3 gas/air bushings and required structures for bus and bushing supports; and (iv) the necessary removal, addition or modifications to the existing structural steel termination and accessories stand at the Astoria Annex Substation allowing the Developer transmission expansion to interconnect to the point.

The GIS bus section between breakers 3 and 5 will continue to conform to the following existing technical specifications:

- Rated Voltage - 362kV;
- Rated Interrupting Rating - 63kA;
- Rated Current - 3000A;

- Rated 60 Hz. Withstand - 555kV;
 - Rated BIL in the pressurized SF₆ housing - 1050kV;
 - Rated BIL across any open contacts – 1300kV;
 - Rated Test Voltage Withstand for Pothead Compartments – 540kVDC for 15 minutes.
- All electrical components associated with installation of new 345kV feeder, will be SF₆ GIS design. The installation will require a penetration to the Astoria Annex wall and the Developer will restore the Astoria Annex wall in a manner satisfactory to the Connecting Transmission Owner.
 - Surge Arrestors, if installed, must be done with the review and approval of the Connecting Transmission Owner (capability rating to be determined at the conclusion of an on-going technical switching surge analysis).
 - As required, and with NYPA's approval, the GIS equipment supplier will provide platforms to the GIS equipment view ports, gas pressure gauges, and related equipment to ensure easy future safe personnel access and maintenance. The platforms design shall adhere to the OSHA requirements.

The following are details regarding the protection and control equipment required at the Astoria Annex Substation:

- Existing metering and protection current transformers will be utilized. Two relay protection panels will be installed consisting of new control, supervisory and protection equipment along with all wiring, terminations and raceways. The existing relay room layout will be modified to provide space for the installation of two relay panels associated with Developer's new 345kV to 138kV feeder. The existing zones of relay protection will be modified and new zones of relay protection will be established in compliance with Connecting Transmission Owner's Engineering Specifications and NPCC Bulk Power System Protection requirements.
- AC and DC control power feeds to interface control cabinet will be installed.
- Developer to wire RTU alarm inputs from the autotransformer, phase angle regulator and protective relays.

(b) Other System Upgrade Facilities:

There are no Other System Upgrade Facilities that are covered by this Agreement.

43. System Deliverability Upgrades:

There are no System Deliverability Upgrades that are covered by this Agreement.

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Figure A-1 – Single Line Diagram for Phase 1 System Interconnection

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Figure A-2 – Single Line Diagram for Phase 2 System Interconnection

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5. Deliverability System Upgrades

There are no Deliverability System Upgrades for the Transmission Facility that are covered by this Agreement.

6 Tax Liability

As of the Effective Date, Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner are not aware of Developer having any tax liability under Article 5.17 of this Agreement.

APPENDIX B

MILESTONES

1. Selected Option Pursuant to Article 5.1

Under section 5.1 of this Agreement, Developer and Connecting Transmission Owner have agreed that, pursuant to Subsection 5.13 (Option to Build), Developer shall be responsible for designing, procuring and constructing System Upgrade Facilities identified in Section 3a of Appendix A of this Agreement. Developer shall, at its expense, and with the Connecting Transmission Owner's approval, be responsible for dismantling and removal of any of the equipment that was installed in Phase 1, that is determined to be temporary and not used in Phase 2, as described in Appendix A of this Agreement. Developer shall transfer to Connecting Transmission Owner, and Connecting Transmission Owner shall own System Upgrades Facilities as identified in Section 3a of Appendix A to this Agreement. Developer shall cooperate with Connecting Transmission Owner to insure that these transfers are done in a timely manner.

The following milestones shall apply to the engineering, procurement, construction, and testing for the interconnection of the transmission expansion and SUFs.

The actual dates for completion of the milestones are highly dependent upon lead times for the procurement of equipment and material, the availability of labor, outage scheduling, receipt of regulatory approvals, and the results of equipment testing. The completion and results of environmental remediation of the site, and other unforeseen events could also affect the achievement of the milestones. Connecting Transmission Owner and Developer are mutually undertaking the required engineering, procurement, or construction work to implement this emergency reliability solution pursuant to this Agreement and as defined in Section 2 of this Agreement. Developer accepts cost responsibility for all engineering, procurement and construction costs associated with the transmission expansion and SUF's.

2. Milestones PHASE 1 SOLUTION

Item	Milestone	Responsible Party	Due Date
(a)	Developer Phase I Cable installed, tested and ready for Energization	Developer	5/9/2012
(b)	Completion of Phase 1 System Upgrade Facilities	Developer	5/9/2012

Item	Milestone	Responsible Party	Due Date
(c)	Commercial Operation Date (“COD”)	Developer	5/15/2012

Milestones PHASE 2 SOLUTION

Item	Milestone	Responsible Party	Due Date
(a)	Connecting Transmission Owner initiates authorization to issue GIS Purchase Order	Connecting Transmission Owner	9/1/2012
(b)	Developer Phase II Cable installed, tested and ready for Energization	Developer	5/13/2013
(c)	Completion of Permanent System Upgrade Facilities	Developer	5/13/2013
(d)	Commercial Operation Date (“COD”)	Developer	5/15/2013

- * Prior to the In-Service Date, Developer shall comply with NYISO procedures and request and obtain written approval for synchronization from Connecting Transmission Owner. If the facility is determined ready for synchronization by Connecting Transmission Owner, Connecting Transmission Owner shall grant such approval within ten (10) days of receiving the request by Developer.

The following notes apply to all work performed on Connecting Transmission Owner’s System Upgrade Facilities.

- A. No permits are required for the Phase 1 work. If permits are required for the Phase 2 work, the developer will obtain the permits and submit to Connecting Transmission Owner copies of all required construction permits including all supporting documentation such as calculations, applications and drawings in a timely fashion.
- B. Transmission system emergencies take precedence over all other work and could significantly impact the schedule depending upon the duration of the emergency.

- C. Connecting Transmission Owner schedules its resources months in advance, and its ability to reschedule manpower is limited by resource allocation to other Connecting Transmission Owner projects and tasks. Missing a schedule task or milestone date may result in some delay before Connecting Transmission Owner can reschedule its manpower to work on the assigned task.
- D. Developer shall be responsible for all fines imposed on Connecting Transmission Owner by a Governmental Authority or Applicable Reliability Councils due to any Developer action or inaction relating to Developer's Transmission Facility as described in Appendix C.

APPENDIX C

INTERCONNECTION DETAILS

1. Description of Facilities including Point of Interconnection

(a) Overview of the Transmission Expansion

The transmission expansion facility is a 234 MVA Phase Angle Regulator 345kV to 138kV transmission project that will connect the existing Developer's 138kV Astoria East Substation located in Astoria, New York, with the Connecting Transmission Owner's Astoria Annex 345kV GIS Substation in Astoria, New York.

The transmission expansion includes approx. 2000 feet of 138 and 345kV alternating current ("AC"), cable system connection from the Astoria East 138kV Substation to the Astoria Annex 345kV GIS Substation. A simplified schematic illustrating the major components of the transmission expansion are included in Appendix A, as Figures A-1 and A-2. The transmission expansion will have an operating capability of 234 MVA.

The POI-Phase 1 is identified in Figure A-1 (the Phase I solution) at the Astoria Annex 345kV GIS Substation between existing circuit breakers R2 and the R2 Shunt reactor and as shown in Figure A-1. Phase 1 is scheduled to be in service by the summer of 2012.

The POI-Phase 2 is identified in Figure A-2 (the Phase 2 solution) at the Astoria Annex 345kV GIS Substation between existing circuit breakers 3 and 5 as shown in Figure A-2. Phase 2 is scheduled to be in service by the summer of 2013.

(b) Detailed Description of the Transmission Facility

The major components for the transmission expansion are as follows:

Phase 1 Reliability Solution :

- One (1) Autotransformer, rated 125.4/234 MVA, 335/136/13.8KV, Impedance: 14.0% at 234MVA, 335KV, LTC position N.
- One (1) Phase Angle Regulator, rated 125.8/234/300 MVA, 138KV, Impedance: 4.17% at 125.8MVA, 138KV LTC position N.
- Three (3) 345KV Lightning Arresters.
- Three (3) 138KV Lightning Arresters.

- Approx. 350 feet run of 2500kcmil solid dielectric cable, 138KV, above grade to the new pothead stand between existing breakers, located at the Astoria East 138KV Substation.
- Approx. 1500 feet run of 795 MCM ACRS (Aluminum Conductor Steel Reinforced) cable.
- Twelve (12) wood poles (six H frames) with associated hardware.
- Two (2) Relay Panels for first & second line protection of the new feeder.
- Miscellaneous fiber optic, control, power & grounding cables with associated raceways and terminations.
- New grounding grid in auto transformer and PAR area.
- Security and lighting systems.

Phase 2 Reliability Solution :

- Approx. one hundred fifty (150) total feet of 345KV, 3000 amps GIS bus which will connect to existing GIS bus containing disconnect and ground switch, approx. 12 elbows, 3 misalignment joints, 3 gas/air bushings and required structures for bus and bushing supports.
- Same Autotransformer and Phase Angle Regulator, as listed in PHASE I above (items 1 and 2).
- Same Lightning Arresters, as listed in Phase I above (items 3 and 4).
- Same solid dielectric cable, as listed in Phase I above (item 5).
- Approx. 2000 feet run of 795 MCM ACRS cable.
- Two (2) new Relay Panels for first & second line protection of the new feeder.
- Miscellaneous fiber optic, control, power and grounding cables with associated raceways and terminations.
- Two (2) lighting masts.
- Approx. six (6) additional wood poles.

2 Developer Operating Requirements

(a) Developer shall comply with all provisions of NYISO tariffs and procedures, as amended from time to time, which apply to any aspect of the Transmission Facility's operations. Tariff revisions and/or operating protocols with NYISO, the Connecting Transmission Owner, and Developer may need to be developed to coordinate the operational control of the facility.

(b) Developer shall comply with Connecting Transmission Owner operating instructions and requirements, which requirements shall include the dedicated data circuits to be maintained by Developer in accordance with Article 8.1 of this Agreement. Operating instructions will be communicated by telephone, or such other means of communication as the Parties may agree upon.

3. System Protection and Other Control Requirements

Developer shall provide, install and test relay protection systems associated with the control and protection of the transmission expansion to interface with those systems installed by Connecting Transmission Owner at the Astoria Annex 345kV GIS Substation.

4. Transmission Expansion Design and Construction

In accordance with Article 5.2 and Article 24.4, Developer shall provide to Connecting Transmission Owner all detailed design drawings, requirements, specifications, calculations, equipment drawings, "as-built" drawings, information and documents for the Transmission Facility and transmission expansion, including the following:

- a) Final design and performance verification studies as described in Section 5 below;
- b) A one-line diagram;
- c) Site plan and elevation drawings;
- d) Relay functional diagram(s), AC and DC schematic wiring diagrams and device settings for all facilities associated with the; and
- e) Autotransformer and Phase Angle Regulator impedances (determined by factory tests) for the 345kV to 138kV transformer and 138 kV PAR, respectively.

APPENDIX D

SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

Infrastructure security of New York State Transmission System equipment and operations and control hardware and software is essential to ensure day-to-day New York State Transmission System reliability and operational security. The Commission will expect the NYISO, all Transmission Owners, all Developers and all other Market Participants to comply with the recommendations offered by the President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board and, eventually, best practice recommendations from the electric reliability authority. All public utilities will be expected to meet basic standards for system infrastructure and operational security, including physical, operational, and cyber-security practices.

APPENDIX E1

COMMERCIAL OPERATION DATE – PHASE 1

[Date]

New York Power Authority
123 Main Street
White Plains, NY 10601
Attn: Vice President,
Transmission
Phone: Fax:

Re: Astoria Reliability Project (Cable 34091) Transmission Facility Phase 1

Dear _____:

On **[Date]** Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. has completed Trial Operation. This letter confirms that Con Edison commenced Commercial Operation of the Transmission Facility, effective as of **[Date plus one day]**.

Thank you.

[Signature]

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

4 Irving Place

New York NY, 10003

APPENDIX E2

COMMERCIAL OPERATION DATE - PHASE 2

New York Power Authority
123 Main Street
White Plains, NY 10601
Attn: Vice President, Transmission
Phone: Fax:

Re: Astoria Reliability Project (Cable 34091) Transmission Facility Phase 2

Dear _____:

On **[Date]** Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. has completed Trial Operation. This letter confirms that Con Edison commenced Commercial Operation of the Transmission Facility, effective as of **[Date plus one day]**.

Thank you.

[Signature]

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

4 Irving Place

New York NY, 10003

APPENDIX F

ADDRESSES FOR DELIVERY OF NOTICES AND BILLINGS

CONFIRM WHO AT CON EDISON SHOULD RECEIVE THE NOTICES AND BILLS.

1. Notices:

(b) Connecting Transmission Owner:

New York Power Authority
123 Main Street
White Plains, NY 10601
Attn: Vice President, Transmission
Phone: (914) 681-6574

(c) Developer:

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.
4 Irving Place
New York, NY 10003
Attn: Vice President
System and Transmission Operations
Phone: (212) 460-1210
Fax: (212) 353-8831

2. Billings and Payments:

(a) Connecting Transmission Owner:

New York Power Authority
Operating Fund
c/o J.P. Morgan Chase, N.A.
ABA No.: 021000021
Account No. 573-804206

(b) **Developer:**

Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.
4 Irving Place
New York, NY 10003
Attn: Vice President
System and Transmission Operations
Phone: (212) 460-1210
Fax: (212) 353-8831

AMENDED

COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

Between

**NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
d/b/a/ National Grid**

and

**NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY
(NYISO OATT Service Agreement No. 2177)**

COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT

THIS COST REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT (the "*Agreement*"), made and entered into as of this November [___], 2014 (the "*Effective Date*"), by and between the **NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY**, having an office and place of business at 123 Main Street, White Plains, New York 10601 (the "*Customer*"), 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*"). Customer and Company may be referred to hereunder, individually, as a "*Party*" or, collectively, as the "*Parties*".

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Customer is planning to install new Series Compensation Equipment (the "*Project*") on the existing Edic –Frazier 345 kV transmission line; and

WHEREAS, Customer has undertaken a study of adjoining transmission facilities and has identified equipment on Company's transmission system that will require the Company to engineer, design, procure, construct, test and commission replacements or up-grades as part of the Project; and

WHEREAS, Customer shall be responsible for all costs arising from such engineering, design, procurement, construction, testing and commissioning; and

WHEREAS, all such construction, testing and commissioning shall be performed solely on Company facilities and property and Company shall own and operate such replacements and up-grades on Company's transmission system as described in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Company is willing to perform these requested replacements and upgrades to its equipment, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement;

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

1.0 Definitions

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

"*Agreement*" means this Cost Reimbursement Agreement including all annexes, appendices, attachments, schedules and exhibits and any subsequent amendments, supplements, or

modifications thereto, as mutually agreed to and executed by the Parties in accordance with the terms 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 Work (as defined below) or otherwise incurred by Company and/or its affiliates in connection with the Project (as defined below) or this Agreement. Without limiting the foregoing, these Company Reimbursable Costs shall include the actual expenses for labor (including internal labor), services, materials, subcontracts, equipment or other expenses incurred in the execution of the Work or otherwise in connection with the Project, all applicable overhead, all federal, state and local taxes incurred (including all applicable taxes arising from amounts paid to Company that are determined 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 consents, releases, approvals, or authorizations, including the Required Regulatory Approvals.

“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.

“Dollars” and “\$” mean United States of America dollars.

“Estimated Cost of Work” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6.1 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. Good Utility Practice shall include, but not be limited to, NERC (defined below) criteria, rules, guidelines, and standards, NPCC (defined below) criteria, rules, guidelines, and standards, NYSRC (defined below) criteria, rules, guidelines, and standards, and NYISO (defined below) 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. When applied to Customer, the term Good Utility Practice shall include standards applicable to a utility generator connecting to the distribution or transmission facilities or system of another utility.

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

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

"NYISO" shall mean the New York Independent System Operator, Inc.

"NYSRC" shall mean the New York State Reliability Council.

"Project Manager" means the respective representative of Customer and the Company appointed pursuant to Section 26.1 of this Agreement.

"Project" means the Work to be performed under this Agreement by the Company.

"Subcontractor" means any organization, firm or individual, regardless of tier, which Company retains in connection with the Agreement.

"Supplemental Conditions" means those terms and conditions, if included in the Agreement by mutual written agreement of the Parties, which add to or modify the Agreement and are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth in the Agreement. In the case of a conflict between the Supplemental Conditions and the Agreement, the Supplemental Conditions shall prevail.

"Work" shall have the meaning specified in Section 3.1 of this Agreement.

2.0 Term

- 2.1 This Agreement shall become effective as of the Effective Date and shall remain in full force and effect until all amounts due and owing hereunder from Customer to Company have been paid in full as contemplated by this Agreement, or until terminated in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, whichever occurs first. From and after the date of receipt of final payment and written acknowledgement by Company that full payment for the Work has been paid by Customer, this Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force or effect and the Parties shall have no obligation to each other hereunder, provided, however, that such termination shall not affect or excuse the performance of either Party under any provision of this Agreement that by its terms survives any such termination.

3.0 Scope of Work

- 3.1 The scope of work is set forth in Schedule A of this Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (the "Work").

- 3.2 Company shall use reasonable efforts to perform the Work in accordance with Good Utility Practice. Prior to completion of the Work, Customer shall have the right to notify the Company in writing of the need for correction of defective Work that does not meet the standards of this Section 3.2 and the Company shall promptly complete, correct, repair or replace such defective Work, as appropriate, at no added cost to the Customer if the previously incurred total Company Reimbursable Costs are equal to or in excess of the Estimated Cost of Work. However, as long as the total Company Reimbursable Costs do not exceed the Estimated Cost of Work, then items of defective Work identified by the Customer prior to completion of the Work that Company reasonably determines need to be re-performed in order to comply with the standards in this Section 3.2 shall be completed or re-performed subject to reimbursement of all costs associated therewith as part of Company Reimbursable Costs. The remedy set forth in this Section shall be the sole and exclusive remedy available to Customer for any failure of Company to meet the performance standards or requirements set forth in this Agreement.

4.0 Changes in the Work

- 4.1 If Customer requests a change in the Work, such request shall be submitted to the Company in writing. If the Parties agree to a change in the Work, such agreed change will be set forth in writing, and the Work schedule shall be adjusted and/or extended as mutually agreed by the Parties. Any additional costs arising from such change shall be paid by the Customer as part of Company Reimbursable Costs when invoiced by the Company in accordance with Section 7.3 of this Agreement.
- 4.2 Notwithstanding the above, and subject to compliance with the last sentence of this Section, Company, without Customer's consent, may make any reasonable changes in the Work in order to ensure the completion of the Project, prevent delays in the schedule, meet the requirements of governmental authorities, laws, regulations, ordinances, Good Utility Practice and/or codes or to enable Company's utility facilities to continue, commence or recommence commercial operations in accordance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements and all applicable industry codes and standards ("Company Changes"). The Work schedule shall be adjusted accordingly and any additional costs shall be paid by the Customer as part of Company Reimbursable Costs when invoiced by the Company in accordance with Section 7.3 of this Agreement. If Company becomes aware of the need to make a Company Change that is reasonably expected to have a significant impact on cost or schedule, Company shall provide Customer with written notice of such contemplated Company Change, each such notice to be provided in advance, if possible, but, in any event, as soon as may be reasonably practicable under the circumstances.

5.0 **Performance and Schedule**

- 5.1 The Company shall use commercially-reasonable efforts to attempt to have Work performed by its direct employees performed during normal working hours. The foregoing notwithstanding, if Work is performed outside of normal working hours, Customer shall be responsible for paying all actual costs incurred in connection therewith, including, without limitation, applicable overtime costs, as part of Company Reimbursable Costs.
- 5.2 If Customer requests, and the Company agrees, to work outside normal working hours due to delays in the Project schedule or for other reasons, Company shall be entitled to recover all actual costs resulting therefrom as part of Company Reimbursable Costs.
- 5.3 The Projected Milestone Schedule is set forth in Schedule B, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The Projected Milestone Schedule is a projection only and subject to change. Neither Party shall be liable for failure to meet the Projected Milestone Schedule, any milestone, or any other projected or preliminary schedule in connection with this Agreement, the Work or the Project.

6.0 **Estimate Only; Customer Obligation to Pay Company Reimbursable Costs.**

- 6.1 The current good faith estimate of the total Company Reimbursable Costs, exclusive of applicable taxes, to complete the Work is Four Million One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand Dollars (\$4,113,000) ("*Estimated Cost of Work*"). The Estimated Cost of Work, including any revisions thereto, is an estimate only. The Estimated Cost of Work (and any revisions thereto) and any other estimates provided under or in connection with this Agreement or the Work shall not limit Customer's obligation to pay Company for all Company Reimbursable Costs actually incurred by Company and/or its affiliates.

7.0 **Payment**

- 7.1 Customer shall pay or reimburse Company for all Company Reimbursable Costs incurred in connection with performance of the Work described in PART 1 of Schedule A hereto ("*Preliminary Engineering & Design Work*"). Within thirty (30) Days following the Effective Date, the Company shall invoice Customer for an initial prepayment of Five Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$590,000) ("*Initial Prepayment*") and Customer shall pay the Initial Prepayment to Company within thirty (30) Days of invoice receipt. Company shall not be obligated to commence Work under this Agreement prior to receiving the Initial Prepayment.
- 7.2 Once Company has completed the Preliminary Engineering & Design Work and Customer has delivered a written consent to proceed ("*Consent to Proceed*"), the

Company shall commence the Work described in PART 2 of Schedule A hereto (the "Implementation Work"). Customer shall pay or reimburse Company for all Company Reimbursable Costs actually incurred in connection with performance of the Implementation Work. Monies remaining from the Initial Prepayment after payment of all Company Reimbursable Costs for the Preliminary Engineering & Design Work, if any, shall be credited to the Customer for use toward defraying Company Reimbursable Costs for the Implementation Work.

- 7.3 Company may periodically invoice Customer for Company Reimbursable Costs incurred. Company is not required to issue periodic invoices to Customer and may elect, in its sole discretion, to continue performance hereunder after the depletion of the Initial Prepayment or any subsequent prepayment made by Customer, and invoice Customer at a later date. Except as otherwise expressly provided for in this Agreement, all invoices shall be due and payable within thirty (30) Days following receipt of the invoice. The payment of interest by Customer on overdue amounts in connection with this Agreement shall be governed by subparagraphs 5 through 8 of paragraph D as set forth in the Customer's prompt payment policy attached hereto as Schedule E ("Prompt Payment Policy Interest Provisions"). . For the avoidance of doubt: in the event of any difference or conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Prompt Payment Policy Interest Provisions, the Prompt Payment Policy Interest Provisions shall govern. In addition to any other rights and remedies available to Company, if any payment due from Customer under this Agreement is not received within thirty (30) Days following the applicable due date, Company may suspend any or all Work pending receipt of all overdue amounts from Customer.

If Customer claims exemption from sales tax, Customer agrees to provide Company with an appropriate, current and valid tax exemption certificate, in form and substance satisfactory to Company, relieving Company from any obligation to collect sales taxes from Customer ("Sales Tax Exemption Certificate"). During the term of this Agreement, Customer shall promptly provide Company with any modifications, revisions or updates to the Sales Tax Exemption Certificate or to Customer's exemption status. If Customer fails to provide an acceptable Sales Tax Exemption Certificate for a particular transaction, Company shall add the sales tax to the applicable invoice to be paid by Customer.

- 7.4 Company's invoices to Customer 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 Customer may designate upon written notice to the Company:

New York Power Authority
ATTN: Manna Yu, Accounts Payable
P. O. Box 437
White Plains, N.Y. 10602-0437

- 7.5 Payments to the Company shall be made by Automated Clearing House transfer in accordance with the following bank instructions (please include a copy of the invoice):

Wire Payment: JP Morgan Chase
ABA#.021000021
Credit: National Grid USA
Account #777149642

8.0 **Final Payment, Books & Recordkeeping**

- 8.1 Following completion of the Work, the Company shall perform an overall reconciliation of the total of all Company Reimbursable Costs to the invoiced costs previously paid to Company by Customer under this Agreement (“*Total Payments Made*”). If the total of all Company Reimbursable Costs is greater than the Total Payments Made, the Company shall provide a final invoice to Customer 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, Company shall reimburse the difference to Customer (“*Reimbursement Amount*”). The Reimbursement Amount or Balance Amount, as applicable, shall be due and payable upon final reconciliation but no later than sixty (60) Days after such reconciliation.

- 8.2 The Company shall keep accurate books and records of accounts to reasonably document the Company Reimbursable Costs incurred in connection with performance of the Project and Work or otherwise incurred in connection with this Agreement (such books and records kept in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles). All such books and records to the extent relating to amounts charged to Customer in connection with this Agreement shall be available for review (at Customer’s sole cost) by authorized representatives of Customer upon reasonable advanced written request (of not less than ten (10) days), any such review to be conducted at Company’s facilities during customary business hours. If any such review determines that there has been an amount under or overpaid in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, then the Party owing such amount shall promptly pay the amount due to the other Party. The obligations under this Article shall expire one (1) year after the termination or cancellation of this Agreement.

9.0 **Customer’s Responsibilities-**

- 9.1 The Customer shall perform the obligations set forth in Schedule C of this Agreement, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.
- 9.2 Customer shall reasonably cooperate with Company as required to facilitate Company’s performance of the Work.

9.3 Company shall have no responsibility or liability under this Agreement for any delay in performance, defective performance or nonperformance to the extent such delay in performance, defective performance or nonperformance is caused by the inability or failure of (a) Customer to cooperate or to perform any tasks or responsibilities contemplated to be performed or undertaken by the Customer under this Agreement or (b) Customer and Company to reach agreement on any matter requiring their mutual agreement under the terms of this Agreement.

10.0 **Meetings**

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

11.0 **Disclaimers**

11.1 THE COMPANY IS NOT IN THE BUSINESS OF PERFORMING DESIGN, ENGINEERING OR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR PROFIT AND IS NOT RECEIVING ANY FEE OR PROFIT (AS CONTRASTED WITH COST REIMBURSEMENT) FOR ITS PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK HEREUNDER. THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY GRANTED TO CUSTOMER FOR ANY ALLEGED FAILURE OF COMPANY TO MEET THE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS OR REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SECTION 3.2 OF THIS AGREEMENT. COMPANY MAKES NO WARRANTIES, REPRESENTATIONS, OR GUARANTEES IN CONNECTION WITH THE AGREEMENT, ANY PROJECTOR ANY WORK PERFORMED IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, WHETHER WRITTEN, ORAL OR STATUTORY, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, ALL OF WHICH ARE HEREBY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED. CUSTOMER ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY WARRANTIES PROVIDED BY ORIGINAL MANUFACTURERS, LICENSORS, OR PROVIDERS OF MATERIAL, EQUIPMENT, SERVICES OR OTHER ITEMS PROVIDED OR USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WORK, INCLUDING ITEMS INCORPORATED IN THE WORK ("THIRD PARTY WARRANTIES"), ARE NOT TO BE CONSIDERED WARRANTIES OF THE COMPANY AND THE COMPANY MAKES NO REPRESENTATIONS, GUARANTEES, OR WARRANTIES AS TO THE APPLICABILITY OR ENFORCEABILITY OF ANY SUCH THIRD PARTY WARRANTIES.

11.2 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Article shall survive the termination, cancellation or expiration of this Agreement.

12.0 **Liability and Indemnification**

- 12.1 To the fullest extent allowed by law, Customer shall indemnify and hold harmless, and at Company's option, defend Company, its parents and affiliates and their respective contractors, officers, directors, servants, agents, representatives, and employees (each, individually, an "*Indemnified Party*" and, collectively, the "*Indemnified Parties*"), from and against any and all direct liabilities, damages, losses, costs, expenses (including, without limitation, any and all reasonable attorneys' fees and disbursements), causes of action, suits, liens, claims, penalties, obligations, demands or judgments of any nature, including, without limitation, for death, personal injury and property damage, and claims brought by third parties for personal injury and/or property damage (collectively, "*Damages*"), incurred by any Indemnified Party to the extent caused by the negligence, unlawful act or omission, or intentional misconduct of Customer, its parents or affiliates, third-party contractors, or their respective officers, directors, servants, agents, representatives, and employees, arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, the Project, or Work, except to the extent such Damages are caused by the negligence, intentional misconduct or unlawful act of the Company, the Company's contractors or any person or entity for whom Company is legally responsible.

Customer shall also 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 as the result of payments 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.

- 12.2 The Company's total cumulative liability to Customer 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 made to Company by Customer as Company Reimbursable Costs under this Agreement.

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.

- 12.3 Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for consequential, indirect, special, incidental, multiple, or punitive damages (including, without limitation, attorney's 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.
- 12.4 Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for claims of, or damages 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.
- 12.5 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 other Party or any person or entity for whom such other Party is legally responsible) or any third party.
- 12.6 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Article shall survive the termination, cancellation or expiration of this Agreement.

13.0 **Employee Claims; Insurance**

- 13.1 The Company and Customer elect to self-insure and to maintain the insurance coverage amounts set forth in Schedule D of this Agreement.
- 13.2 Each Party shall be separately responsible for insuring its own property and operations.

14.0 **Assignment and Subcontracting**

- 14.1 Each Party may assign this Agreement or any part thereof to any affiliated entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, the assigning Party provided such assignee shall be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement. For purposes of this Section, "control" of an entity shall mean the ownership of, with right to vote, fifty percent (50%) or more of the outstanding voting securities or equity of such entity. Any assignment of this Agreement in violation of the foregoing shall be voidable at the option of the non-assigning Party.

15.0 **Independent Contractor; No Utility Services**

15.1 Company and Customer shall be independent contractors, and neither Party shall be deemed to be an agent of 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 **Examination, Inspection and Witnessing**

16.1 Subject to Customer's and its representatives' compliance with Company's security and other access requirements, the Customer and/or its representatives shall have the right to inspect and examine the Work, from time to time, at Customer's sole cost and expense, with reasonable prior notice to Company. Unless otherwise agreed between the Parties, such inspections, examinations and tests shall be scheduled during normal business hours.

16.2 Company shall inspect all Work and make or cause to be made all tests required by Good Utility Practice at Customer's sole cost and expense as part of Company Reimbursable Costs.

16.3 At times and places mutually agreed to by the Parties, Customer and Company, or their respective designated representatives, shall be entitled to witness any test contemplated by this Agreement.

17.0 **Safety**

17.1 Each Party shall be solely responsible for the safety and supervision of its own employees, representatives and contractors involved with the Work or on the Site(s). In connection with the Project, 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. While on the property (including, without limitation, easements or rights of way) of, or accessing the facilities of, the other Party, each Party's employees and/or contractors and representatives shall at all times abide by such other Party's safety standards and policies, switching and tagging rules, and escort and other applicable access requirements. The Party owning or controlling the property or facilities shall have the authority to suspend the other Party's access, work or operations in and around such property or facilities if, in its sole judgment, at any time hazardous conditions arise or any unsafe practices are being followed by the other Party's employees, agents, representatives or contractors.

18.0 **Approvals, Permits and Easements**

18.1 The actual cost of seeking and/or obtaining all permits, licenses, permissions, consents and Required Regulatory Approvals sought and/or obtained by or on behalf of Company for the Project and the Work shall be paid for by Customer as part of Company Reimbursable Costs. If Company anticipates that the cost of obtaining any such permit, license, permission, consent or Required Regulatory Approval will represent a substantial portion of Project costs, Company shall provide written notice thereof to Customer, such notice to be provided promptly following Company's determination that such costs will be incurred.

19.0 **Suspension of Work**

19.1 Subject to Section 19.2, below, Customer may interrupt, suspend, or delay the Project upon written notice to the Company specifying the nature and expected duration of the interruption, suspension, or delay. Company will use commercially reasonable efforts to suspend performance of the Work when so requested by Customer. Customer shall be responsible to pay Company (as part of Company Reimbursable Costs) for all costs incurred by Company that arise as a result of such interruption, suspension or delay.

19.2 As a precondition to the Company resuming the Work following a suspension under Section 19.1, the Projected Milestone Schedule and the Estimated Cost of Work shall be revised as mutually agreed by the Parties to reflect the interruption, suspension, or delay. Adjustments to the Company Reimbursable Costs shall include any costs or expenses the Company incurs as a result of the interruption, suspension, or delay.

20.0 **Right to Terminate Agreement**

20.1 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if either Party (the "Breaching Party") (a) fails to pay any amount when due under the terms of this Agreement, or (b) fails to comply with or perform, in any material respect, any other terms or conditions of this Agreement; 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 other 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, in whole or in part, and thereupon each Party shall promptly discontinue its performance hereunder to the extent feasible and make every reasonable effort to procure cancellation of existing Work- and/or Project- related commitments, orders and contracts upon terms that are reasonably expected to minimize all associated costs. However, nothing herein will restrict Company's ability to complete aspects of the Work that Company must reasonably complete in order return its facilities and the Sites to a configuration in compliance with Good Utility Practice

and all applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards. Subject to compliance with Section 26.3 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 limitations on liability contained herein).

20.2 If the event of termination or cancellation of the Work in connection in this Agreement, Customer shall pay Company for:

- a. all Company Reimbursable Costs for Work performed on or before the effective date of termination or cancellation;
- b. all other Company Reimbursable Costs reasonably incurred by Company in connection with the Work prior to the effective date of termination or cancellation, including, without limitation, for materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, engineering and other items, materials, assets or services which cannot reasonably be avoided, mitigated or cancelled;
- c. all Company Reimbursable Costs reasonably incurred to unwind Work that was performed prior to the effective date of termination or cancellation to the extent reasonably necessary to return Company's facilities and the Site(s) to a configuration in compliance with Good Utility Practice and all applicable laws, codes, regulations and standards, including, without limitation, applicable NERC and NPCC protection requirements; and
- d. all Company Reimbursable Costs arising from cancellation costs relating to orders or contracts entered into in connection with the Work prior to the effective date of termination or cancellation; and
- e. all Company Reimbursable Costs arising from other reasonable demobilization expenses incurred by Company which cannot be reasonably avoided or mitigated.

21.0 **Delays; Unforeseen Difficulties**

21.1 Any delays or failure of performance by Company shall not constitute a default and shall be excused hereunder, if and to the extent such delays or failures of performance are caused by unforeseen conditions or occurrences beyond the reasonable control of the Company (including, without limitation, conditions of or at the Site(s), delays in shipments of materials and equipment and the unavailability of materials.) If Company becomes aware of circumstances that make it reasonably likely that such a delay or failure will occur and will have a significant impact on cost or schedule, Company shall provide Customer with written notice thereof, each such notice to (i) include the estimated impact of such delay or failure and (ii) be provided in advance, if possible, but, in any event, as soon as may be reasonably practicable under the circumstances.

22.0 **Force Majeure**

22.1 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 permit requests necessary in connection with the Work or Project, or order by any federal or state regulatory agency, or other similar causes 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 condition. 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, in whole or in part, with no further obligation or liability; provided, however, that, notwithstanding any such termination, Customer shall pay the Company all of the Company Reimbursable Costs as contemplated by Section 20.2 of this Agreement. 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.

22.2 Within thirty (30) Days after the termination of any delay occasioned by a Force Majeure Event, the affected Party shall give written notice to the other Party specifying the estimated impacts regarding price and time for performance as a result of the delay.

23.0 **[Reserved]**

24.0 **Proprietary and Confidential Information**

24.1 The rights and obligations of the Parties with respect to confidential and proprietary information (including, without limitation, critical energy infrastructure information and critical infrastructure protection information) shall be governed by the Confidentiality Agreement made as of July 31, 2014 by and among Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc., Orange & Rockland Utilities, Inc., the Company, New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, the Customer, Long Island Power Authority, Long Island Lighting Company, and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation (the "Confidentiality Agreement").

25.0 **Governing Law**

25.1 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.

25.2 The Company and Customer agree to submit to the personal jurisdiction of the courts in the State of New York, or the Federal District courts in the State of New York, as permitted by law, with respect to any matter or dispute arising out of this Agreement.

26.0 **Miscellaneous**

- 26.1 **Project Managers.** Promptly following the Effective Date, each Party shall designate a Project Manager and shall provide the other Party with a written notice containing the name and contact information of its Project Manager. Whenever either Party is entitled to approve a matter, the Project Manager for the Party responsible for the matter shall notify the Project Manager of the other Party of the nature of such matter. The Project Managers shall discuss such matter, and each Project Manager shall confer on such matter on behalf of his/her Party. The foregoing notwithstanding, in no event shall Project Managers be authorized to amend or modify the provisions of this Agreement. Each Party may change its Project Manager, from time to time, by providing written notice thereof to the other Party.
- 26.2 **Company Intellectual Property.** 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.
- 26.3 **Dispute Resolution.** Any dispute arising under this Agreement shall be the subject of good-faith negotiations between the Parties. Each Party shall designate one or more representatives with the authority to negotiate the 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 sixty (60) 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 agreement of both Parties to participate in such an alternative dispute resolution process.

- 26.4 **Compliance with Law, Standard Safety Practices, etc.** Each Party shall comply, at all times, with, and procure the compliance, at all times, by all of its subcontractors with, all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, codes, regulations, and ordinances in connection with this Agreement and performance of the 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 laws or regulations.
- 26.5 **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, (ii) upon acknowledgment of receipt if sent by facsimile, (iii) upon the expiration of the third (3rd) business Day after being deposited in the United States mails, postage prepaid, certified or registered mail, or (iv) upon the expiration of one (1) business 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. Each 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.
- 26.6 **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.
- 26.7 **Additional Actions and Documents.** Each Party hereby agrees to take or cause to be taken such further actions, to execute, acknowledge, deliver and file, or cause to be executed, acknowledged, delivered and filed, such further documents and instruments, and to use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain such consents, as may be necessary or as may be reasonably requested in order to fully effectuate the purposes, terms, and conditions of this Agreement, whether at or after the execution of this Agreement.
- 26.8 **Headings.** 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.

- 26.9 **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 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.
- 26.10 **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.
- 26.11 **Prior Agreements; Modifications.** This Agreement and the schedules, attachments, and exhibits attached hereto, together with the Confidentiality Agreement, 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 contained herein. 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.
- 26.12 **Severability.** Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed so as to require the commission of any act contrary to law, and wherever there is any conflict between any provision of this Agreement and any law, such law shall prevail; provided, however, that in such event, the provisions of this Agreement so affected shall be curtailed and limited only to the extent necessary to permit compliance with the minimum legal requirement, and no other provisions of this Agreement shall be affected thereby and all such other provisions shall continue in full force and effect.
- 26.13 **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.
- 26.14 **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.

- 26.15 **Validity; Required Regulatory Approvals.** 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.

The obligations of each Party under this Agreement are expressly contingent upon (i) each Party receiving all approvals, authorizations, consents, franchises, Permits, and licenses from any local, state, or federal regulatory agency or other governmental agency 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 Regulatory Approvals*"), (ii) each Required Regulatory 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 Regulatory 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. If any application or request is made in connection with seeking any Required Regulatory 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 Customer's obligation to pay Company in accordance with the terms of this Agreement (including, without limitation, Section 20.2 hereof) for all Company Reimbursable Costs incurred. All of the Company's actual costs in connection with seeking Required Regulatory Approvals shall be included within the meaning of the term Company Reimbursable Costs and shall be paid for by Customer.

- 26.16 **Notices** All formal notices, demands, or communications under this Agreement shall be submitted in writing either by hand, registered or certified mail, or recognized overnight mail carrier to:

To Customer:

Mr. Andrew Sumner
Acting VP – Project Management
New York Power Authority
123 Main Street
White Plains, NY 10601
(914) 681-6706

To Company:

Mr. William Malee
Director, Transmission Commercial Services
National Grid
40 Sylvan Road
Waltham, MA 02451
(781) 907-2422

[Signatures are on following page.]

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

NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY

By: _____
Name:
Title:

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION d/b/a National Grid

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Schedule A: Scope of Work

Company shall, engineer, design, procure, construct, test and commission the changes to the Company's electric delivery facilities described below.

Please Note:

This Scope of Work ("Scope") covers National Grid system upgrade facilities ("SUF") identified to date directly affected by the Marcy South Series Compensation Project.

The identified SUFs consist of multiple protective relaying upgrades, installation of addition telecommunications, and the replacement of multiple breakers at existing National Grid facilities. National Grid facilities affected include Edic, New Scotland, Clay and Volney stations.

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PART 1 - Preliminary Engineering & Design Work

Company shall perform the preliminary engineering and design work necessary to procure, construct, test and commission the changes to the Company's electric delivery facilities contemplated by PART 2 of this Schedule A. Upon completion of this preliminary engineering and design work, Company shall provide the Customer with a revised Estimated Cost of Work (+/- 25%) , and, following delivery of such revised Estimated Cost of Work, shall suspend Work pending Customer's delivery of its Consent to Proceed.

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PART 2 - Implementation Work

Company shall perform final engineering and design for, and procure, construct, test and commission, the changes to the Company's electric delivery facilities as contemplated by (i) Sections IA, IIA, IIIA, and IVA of the Revised Preliminary Engineering Report for National Grid Work to Support MSSC Project dated August 12, 2015 attached as Annex 1 to this Schedule A (the "Preliminary Engineering Report"), and (ii) the portion of the Preliminary Engineering Report entitled "DISTRIBUTION LINE INTERFERENCE MODIFICATION".

Annex 1 to Schedule A

**REVISED PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT FOR
NATIONAL GRID WORK TO SUPPORT MSSC PROJECT**

REVISED PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT
For
NATIONAL GRID WORK TO SUPPORT MSSC PROJECT

August 12, 2015

Based upon the preliminary engineering and design work that has been performed, National Grid is seeking approval to proceed with the scope of work as defined in the Cost Reimbursement Agreement, Schedule A, Part 2, per the original scope as modified per the specific changes and clarifications below. Also included is the updated estimated cost per Station. If no clarifications or changes are provided below, the work will be performed per the original scope.

Edic Station work – Original Scope

Edic-Fraser Line 24-40 will need relaying and telecommunications upgrades along with breaker replacements.

Edic Station Upgrades

Replace two (2) existing circuit breakers (R400 & R915) with ones capable of handling the anticipated Transient Recovery Voltage (“TRV”);

Replace / add six (6) line and bus Capacitance Coupled Voltage Transformers (“CCVTs”);

Replace wave trap;

New cable and raceway for separation between system ‘A’ and ‘B’ packages;

Protection

Replace existing system ‘A’ and ‘B’ line protection packages with microprocessor based series compensated line protection packages;

Control & Integration (C&I)

Reuse existing RTU / EMS points;

Upgrade controls to current standards;

Telecommunications

Replace existing system ‘A’ protection package power line carrier (“PLC”) equipment with new RFL PLC DCUB and Direct Transfer Trip (“DTT”) communications;

Replace existing system ‘B’ protection package audio tone equipment with new audio tone equipment with POTT and DTT communications;

Assumptions, Clarifications and Exceptions

New circuit breakers referred to above are assumed to be of similar physical size as the existing circuit breakers;

Existing Edic control house does not have the necessary space for additional panels, therefore, this Scope assumes that any new panels will be installed in

outdoor panels or in a new Edic control house that may be constructed by National Grid;

This Scope assumes that the existing above-referenced RTU / EMS points are adequate for reuse, if outdoor cabinets utilized.

Marcy-Edic Line UE1-7 will need relaying and telecommunications upgrades.

Edic Station Upgrades

New cable and raceway for separation between system 'A' and 'B' packages;

Protection

Replace existing system 'A' pilot distance protection package with a microprocessor based line differential relay protection package.

Replace existing system 'B' line differential protection package with a microprocessor based line differential relay protection package.

Replace existing system 'A' DTT relay with a microprocessor based one for breaker failure DTT over fiber;

Control & Integration (C&I)

Reuse existing RTU / EMS points;

Telecommunications

Replace existing system 'A' protection package pilot communication equipment with fiber optic equipment;

Assumptions, Clarifications and Exceptions

Existing Edic control house does not have the necessary space for additional panels, therefore, this Scope assumes any new panels will be installed in outdoor panels or in a new Edic control house may be constructed by National Grid;

This Scope assumes that the existing above-referenced RTU / EMS points are adequate for reuse, if outdoor cabinets utilized;

This Scope also assumes that redundant fiber optic cable will be run between Marcy and Edic by others; therefore, work and cost for this are not included in the Scope.

Edic-Clay Lines 15 and 16

Protection

Replace existing 'B' protection package with a microprocessor based series compensated line protection package at each terminal.

Edic-New Scotland (14) Line

Protection

Replace existing 'B' protection package with a microprocessor based series compensated line protection package (SEL 421-5) at Edic Terminal.

Fitzpatrick-Edic (FE-1) Line

Protection

Replacement of existing 'A' and 'B' protection packages with microprocessor based series compensated line protection packages (GE D60 and SEL 421-5) at Edic Terminal.

IA. Edic Station REVISED and Updated Scope (see Reference Drawing # Drawing # D-66895-C, sht 1)

1. Due to NPCC Bulk Power separation criteria and the overcrowded conditions existing in the Edic control building, the new protective relays and telecommunications equipment for MSSC/TOTS must be installed in a new control building that will be constructed by National Grid. Evaluation of site conditions has led to a determination that the upgrades cannot be performed using outdoor panels or cabinets while still meeting Bulk Power System (BES) separation criteria.
2. The Edic-Fraser Line 24-40 protective relays and telecommunications are being designed as follows:

The A line protection package will be a directional comparison unblocking (DCUB) scheme using a GE D60 and RFL 9780 carrier equipment. Switch onto fault and stub bus protection shall be utilized.

The B line protection package will be a permissive overreaching transfer trip (POTT) scheme using an SEL-421-5 and RFL GARD8000 tone equipment. Switch onto fault protection shall be utilized.

3. The Marcy-Edic Line UE1-7 protective relays and telecommunications are being designed as follows:

The A line protection package will be a line differential SEL-411L. Redundant fiber pairs will be used for communication to Marcy. Switch onto fault and stub bus protection shall be utilized. Back up distance functions will be enabled for backup when both differential channels are lost.

The B line protection package will be a line differential SEL-311L. Redundant fiber pairs will be used for communication to Marcy. Switch onto fault and stub bus protection shall be utilized. Back up distance functions will be enabled for backup when both differential channels are lost.

A redundant direct transfer trip scheme for breaker failure at Marcy will be used. The A and B packages will use mirrored bits on fiber using SEL-351 relays. The schemes will trip the breakers and drive the reclosing relay to lockout.

The new, second fiber optic channel from Marcy (SkyWrap to be installed by Others for NYPA) will require the fiber pairs to be directed from the NYPA splice box at the Edic switchyard entry to the Edic control building, and terminated / patched by National Grid to the relay panels in order to complete the fiber path.

4. The Edic-New Scotland Line 14 protective relays and telecommunications are being designed as follows:

The A line protection package will be a permissive overreaching transfer (POTT) scheme using a GE D60 and RFL IMUX 2000 multiplexer with DS-TT cards.

The B line protection package will be a directional comparison unblocking (DCUB) scheme using an SEL-421-5 and RFL IMUX 2000 multiplexer with DS-TT cards.

5. The Edic-Clay Lines 2-15 and 1-16 protective relays have been designed and installed as follows:

The A line protection relay on each line has been replaced with an SEL-421-5 with series compensation settings capabilities. The relays have been programmed and placed in service on 5/27/15.

The existing B line protection relay on each line (ERL Phase LPro-2100) has been reprogrammed with new settings to accommodate the series compensation.

6. Certain cabling and control cabling costs were added not identified in the first version of the preliminary engineering report.

IB. Edic Station Revised and Updated Cost Estimate

Company Field Labor = \$448,000

Company Project Management and Engineering = \$186,000

Contract Labor = \$337,000

Materials = \$581,000

Transportation/Equipment = \$84,000

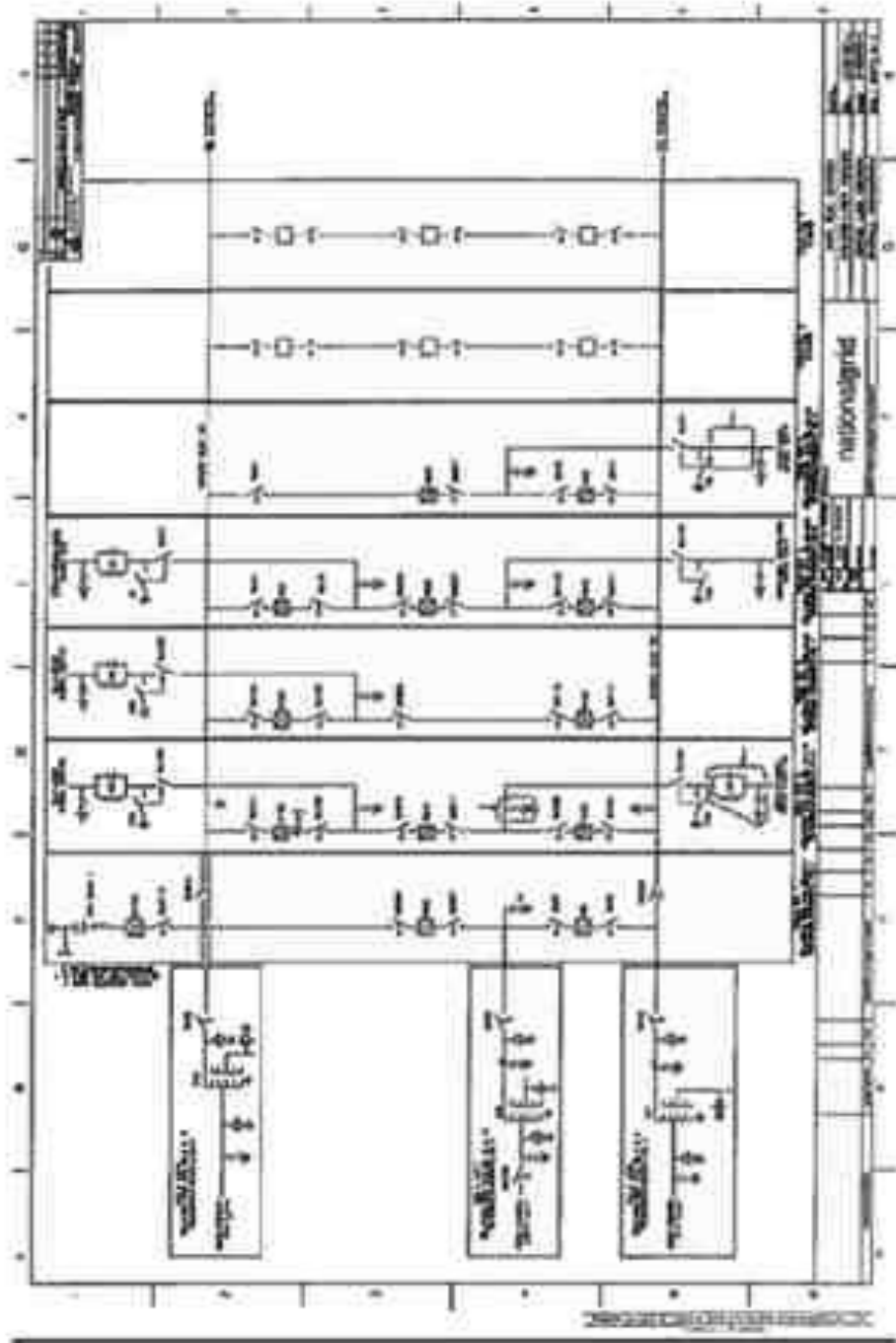
Other = \$16,000

Company Overheads and Costs = \$430,000

Contingency (25%) = \$520,000

TOTAL = \$2,602,000

EDIC STATION DIAGRAM



II. New Scotland Station work – Original Scope and Assumptions

Gilboa-New Scotland Line 1 will need relaying upgrades.

Protection

Replace existing system ‘A’ line protection package with a microprocessor based series compensated line protection package;

Control & Integration (C&I)

Reuse existing RTU / EMS points;

Assumptions, Clarifications and Exceptions

This Scope assumes that adequate system ‘A’ and ‘B’ separation exists.

Edic-New Scotland (14) Line

Protection

Replace existing ‘B’ protection package with a microprocessor based series compensated line protection package (SEL 421-5) at New Scotland Terminal.

Marcy-New Scotland (18) Line

Protection

Replace existing ‘B’ protection package with a microprocessor based series compensated line protection package (SEL 421-5) at New Scotland Terminal.

IIA. New Scotland – Updated Scope (see Reference Drawings C-8059-E shts 4, 7, 8)

1. The Original Scope assumed that New Scotland Station had proper A and B separation to meet NPCC Bulk Power criteria. During preparation of National Grid’s technical scope, it was determined that control buildings 1 and 2 do not have proper separation. Only control building 3 has proper separation. In order to ensure proper separation, it was determined to install all the new relays in control building 3.
2. The Gilboa-New Scotland Line 1 protective relays and telecommunications are being designed as follows:

The A line relay protection package will be a microprocessor-based directional distance relay (GE-D60) in a permissive overreaching (POTT) scheme. An RFL GARD8000 will be used for communication to Gilboa station. The GARD8000 will be programmed to match the RFL9745 installed at Gilboa.

A leased line will be used for the communication medium. This relay and telecommunications package will be installed in control building 2.

The existing B line relay protection will be renamed and re-used, with updated relay settings to accommodate the series compensation. The 21TTB/46TTB/LN1 relay will be renamed to 94TTB/LN1 and all potential and current sources will be disconnected.

3. The Edic-New Scotland Line 14 protective relays and telecommunications are being designed as follows:

To achieve proper A and B separation, the new relays for Line 14 will be installed in control building 3. This will necessitate replacement of both the A and B line protection packages.

The A line relay protection package will be a microprocessor-based directional distance relay (GE D60) in a permissive overreaching (POTT) scheme. A DS-TT card in an RFL IMUX 2000 will be used for communication to Edic station.

The B line relay protection package will be a microprocessor-based directional distance relay (SEL-421-5) configured in a permissive overreaching (POTT) scheme. A DS-TT card in an RFL IMUX 2000 will be used for communication to Edic station.

4. The Marcy-New Scotland Line 18 protective relays and telecommunications are being designed as follows:

To achieve proper A and B separation, the new relays for Line 18 will be installed in control building 3. This will necessitate replacement of both the A and B line protection packages.

The A line relay protection package will be a microprocessor-based directional distance relay (GE D60) in a directional comparison unblocking (DCUB) scheme. An RFL 9780 FSK power line carrier set will be used for communication to Marcy station.

The B line relay protection package will be a microprocessor-based directional distance relay (SEL-421-5) configured in a permissive overreaching transfer trip (POTT) scheme. An RFL GARD8000 will be used for communication to Marcy station. The GARD8000 will be programmed to match the RFL9745 installed at Marcy. A leased phone line will be used for the communication medium.

IIB. Total Estimated Cost for New Scotland Scope as revised;

Company Field Labor = \$256,000

Company Project Management and Engineering = \$133,000

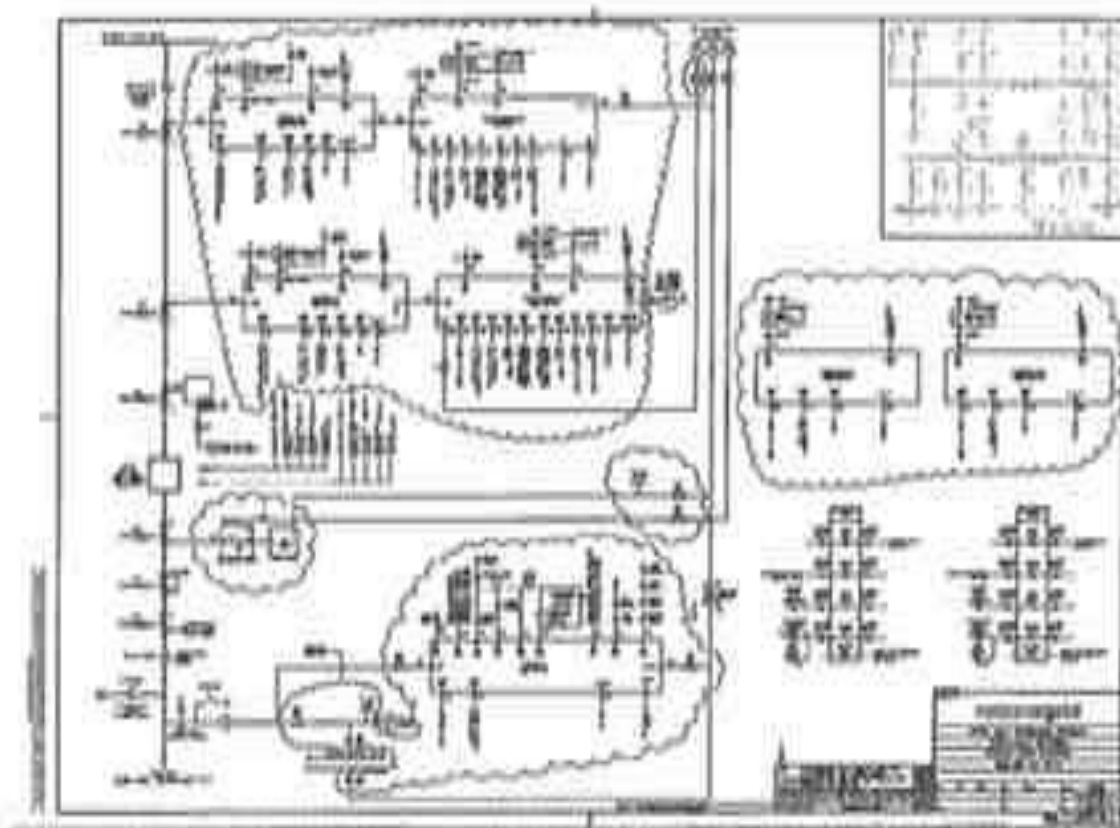
Contract Labor = \$36,000

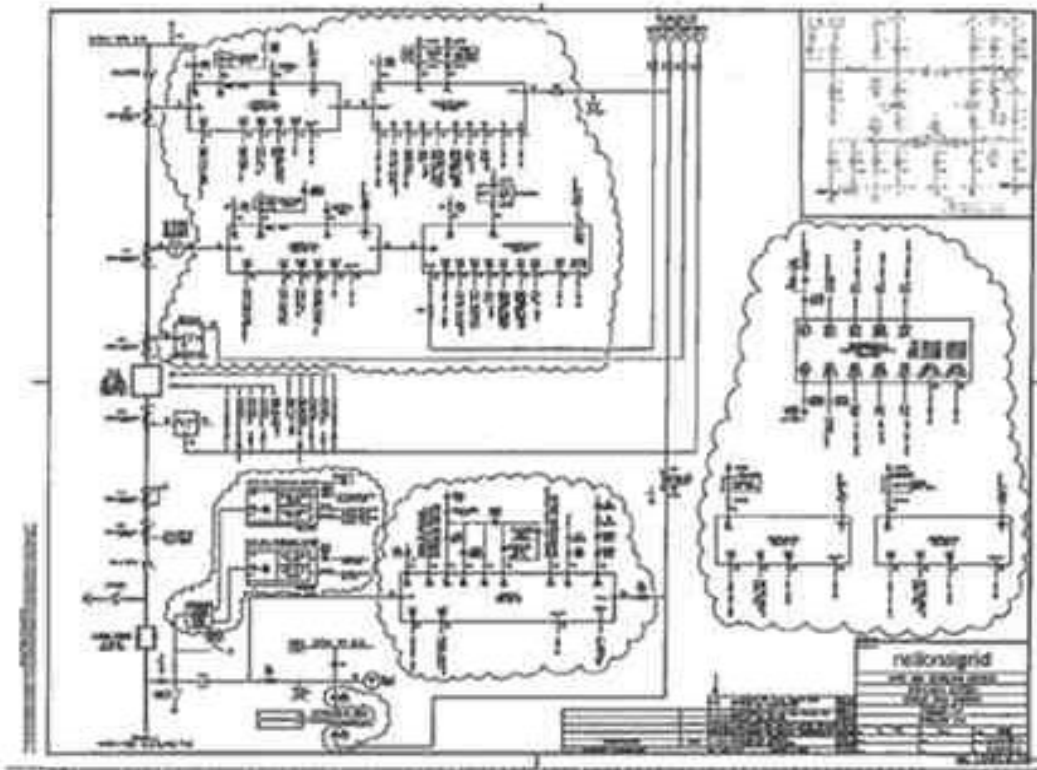
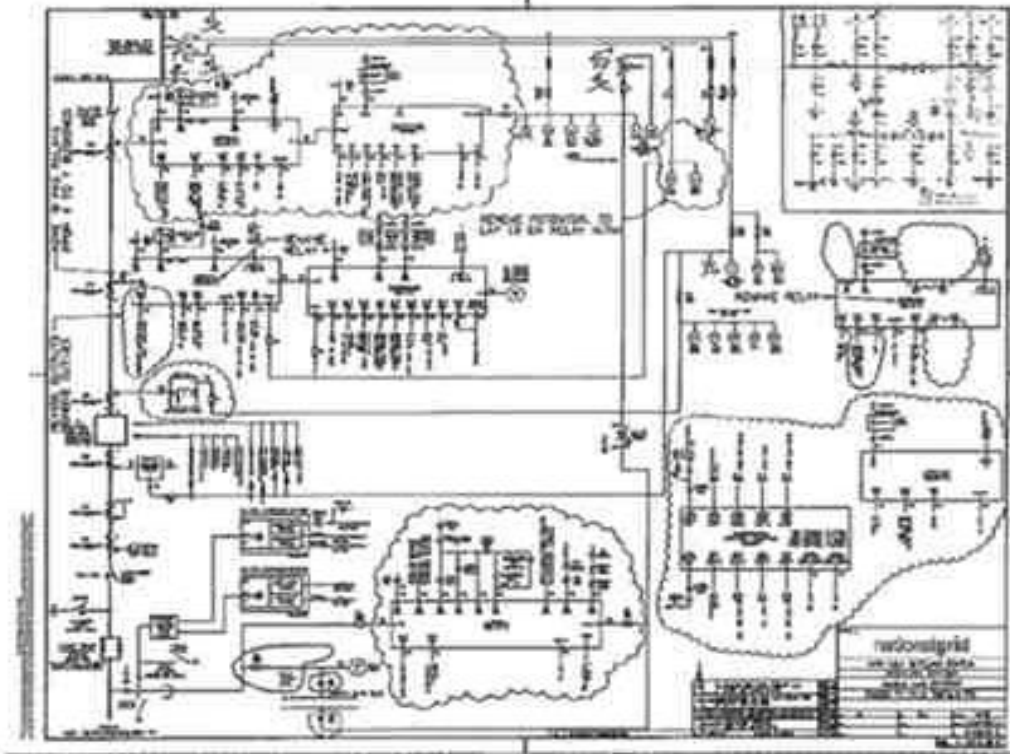
Materials = \$261,000

Transportation/Equipment = \$33,000
Other = \$8,000
Company Overheads and Costs = \$274,000
Contingency (25%) = \$249,000

TOTAL = \$1,250,000

New Scotland Diagrams





III. Volney Station work – Original Scope

Volney-Marcy Line 19 will need additional relaying upgrades.

Protection

Replace existing ‘B’ protection package with a microprocessor based series compensated line protection package;

Control & Integration (C&I)

Reuse existing RTU / EMS points

Assumptions, Clarifications and Exceptions

This Scope assumes that the existing Volney control house panels have space for additional equipment and that the existing above-referenced RTU / EMS has spare points for use.

IIIA. Volney Station – Updated Scope

The Volney-Marcy Line 19 protective relays have been designed and installed as of 5/13/15 as follows.

The existing B line protection relay (SEL-321) has been replaced with an SEL-421-5 with series compensation settings capabilities. The relay has been programmed and placed in service.

The existing A line protection relay (ERL Phase LPro-2100) has been reprogrammed with new settings to accommodate the series compensation.

IIIB. Volney Station Cost Estimate

Company Field Labor = \$27,000

Company Project Management and Engineering = \$12,000

Contract Labor = \$16,000

Materials = \$8,000

Transportation/Equipment = \$3,000

Other = \$1,000

Company Overheads and Costs = \$15,000

Contingency (5%) = \$4,000

TOTAL = \$86,000

IV. Clay Station work – Original Scope

Edic-Clay Lines 15 and 16

Protection

Replace existing 'B' protection package with a microprocessor based series compensated line protection package at each terminal.

IVA. Clay Station Updated Scope

1. The Edic-Clay Lines 2-15 and 1-16 protective relays have been designed and installed as of 5/27/15 as follows.

The B line protection relay on each line has been replaced with an SEL-421-5 with series compensation settings capabilities. The relays have been programmed and placed in service.

The existing A line protection relay on each line (ERL Phase LPro-2100) has been reprogrammed with new settings to accommodate the series compensation.

IVB. Clay Station Updated Estimate

Company Field Labor = \$59,000
Company Project Management and Engineering = \$10,000
Contract Labor = \$20,000
Materials = \$25,000
Transportation/Equipment = \$7,000
Other = \$1,000
Company Overheads and Costs = \$34,000
Contingency (5%) = \$8,000

TOTAL = \$167,000

DISTRIBUTION LINE INTERFERENCE MODIFICATION

For modification to our distribution system to remove a potential high voltage line interference related to changes caused by the MSSC Project affecting NYPA's 345 kV UCCs-41 transmission line.;

1. Scope: National Grid will modify the distribution line by lowering the crossarm on our structure #4 a distance of three feet, and installing an intermediate pole
2. Estimated Cost for proposed scope:

Labor = \$4800

Transportation = \$500

Materials = \$1100

Company Overheads = \$1600

Total Estimated Cost = \$8000

V. TOTAL REVISED and UPDATED NATIONAL GRID PROJECT ESTIMATE

Edic Station Estimate = \$2,602,000

New Scotland Station Estimate = \$1,250,000

Volney Station Estimate = \$167,000

Distribution Line Interference Modification = \$8,000

Total Revised and Updated Project Estimate = \$4,113,000

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Schedule B: Projected Milestone Schedule

PROJECTED MILESTONE SCHEDULE*

Task	Milestone	Date	Responsible Party
1.	Execute Agreement	November 21, 2014	Customer/Company
2.	Invoice and Payment of Initial Prepayment	November 26, 2014	Customer/Company
3.	Start Part 1 (Preliminary Engineering & Design Work)	December 12, 2014	Company
4.	Complete Part 1	March 1, 2015	Company
5.	Delivery of Consent to Proceed with Part 2 (Implementation Work)	March 15, 2015	Customer
6.	Complete Final Engineering, Design and Procurement	February 15, 2016	Company
7.	Start Construction	March 1, 2016	Company
8.	Complete testing; become operational	June 30, 2016	Company

* Company, under a separate project (and not as part of the Work and at no cost to the Customer), may elect to design and construct a new control house building at Edic Station, any such project will have a direct relationship to, and may result in delays in, the Work and the preliminary schedule contemplated by this Schedule B.

The dates above represent the Parties' preliminary schedule, which is subject to adjustment, alteration, and extension in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

Schedule C: Customer's Responsibilities

Customer shall provide:

1. If and to the extent applicable or under the control of the Customer, complete and accurate information regarding requirements for Work, including, without limitation, constraints, space, requirements, underground or hidden facilities and structures, and all applicable drawings and specifications; and
2. At Sites where Customer has site control, provide access to the Site where services are to be performed for Company and its contractors and adequate parking for Company and contractor vehicles; and.
3. Other responsibilities and access deemed necessary by Company to facilitate performance of the Work

Schedule D: Insurance Requirements

- Workers Compensation and Employers Liability Insurance as required by the State of **New York**. If required, coverage shall include the U.S. Longshoremen's, Harbor Workers Compensation Act & the Jones Act.
- Commercial General Liability (Including Contractual Liability), covering all activities and operations to be performed by it under this Agreement, with following minimum limits:
 - (A) Bodily Injury - \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000
Property Damage - \$1,000,000/\$1,000,000
OR
 - (B) Combined Single Limit - \$1,000,000
OR
 - (C) Bodily Injury and Property Damage per Occurrence - \$1,000,000
General Aggregate & Product Aggregate - \$2,000,000 each
- Umbrella or Excess Liability, coverage with a minimum limit of \$ 4,000,000.

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

To: National Grid c/o NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION
Attention: Risk Management, A-4
300 Erie Boulevard West
Syracuse, NY 13202

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

To: Procurement Department
123 Main Street
White Plains, NY 10601

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, both Parties shall furnish to each other with copies of any accidents report(s) sent to the a party's insurance carriers covering accidents or incidents occurring in connection with or as a result of the performance of the Work for the Project 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 that it will have full policy limits available and shall notify each other in writing when coverage's required herein have been reduced as a result of claim payments, expenses, or both.

Schedule E: Prompt Payment Policy

<p>A. GENERAL</p> <p>1. This Agreement is entered into according to the requirements of Section 2009 of the Public Authorities Law (hereinafter referred to as the "Contract") of the State of New York, and the Authority is hereby authorized to promulgate and enforce all rules and regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of the Contract. Subject to the conditions and exceptions set forth in Section 2009 and herein, in the event any project proceeds are not paid promptly, the Authority shall be held to be responsible for the payment of interest on the payments. The interest shall apply to all payments not made on or after April 30, 2009.</p>
<p>B. DEFINITIONS</p> <p>1. "CONTRACT" means an enforceable agreement entered into between the Authority and a Contractor.</p> <p>2. "CONTRACTOR" means any person, partnership, private corporation or association or other individual, partnership or entity or having power or authority to the Authority, in connection therewith, or any other person, partnership or other individual or entity or having power or authority to the Authority, or (3) receiving or providing services to the Authority pursuant to a Contract.</p> <p>3. "DELEGATED PAYMENT OFFICE" means the office designated by the Authority to accept a project invoice or to be submitted by a Contractor.</p> <p>4. "DISBURSE PROCEED" means a written request for a Contract Proceed that is submitted by a Contractor to the Authority's designated payment office (MPO) with the description, date and amount of goods, property or services delivered or rendered in accordance with the terms of the Contract. In each case you supported by such other substantiating documentation as the Authority may reasonably require.</p> <p>5. "INVOICE OF THE PROCEED" and "INVOICE SUBMISSION" mean on the date on which a project invoice is actually received at the designated payment office, or if that date is after the Authority has issued the payment of goods, property or services rendered, whichever is later. "MPO" refers to the payment or accounting contract. It shall mean the date on which all the Contract Proceeds have been accepted as complete by the Authority and entered into the Contract book.</p> <p>6. "TOTAL" means the total of the Authority of a payment due a Contractor by an amount equal to the amount of an agreed monthly disbursement less paid by the Contractor to the Authority.</p>
<p>C. RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROMPT PAYMENT</p> <p>1. The Authority's policies shall make the responsibility for the implementation of the Prompt Payment Policy and the prompt payment of all project invoices the joint and several responsibility of the Contractor's President & Chief Financial Officer.</p>
<p>D. PROMPT PAYMENT PROCEDURE</p> <p>1. A Contractor shall request payment under a Contract by submitting a project invoice to the Authority at its designated payment office at the time and in the manner specified in the Contract.</p> <p>2. The Authority shall have when (1) a project invoice, after receipt of an invoice of its designated payment office is valid, the Contractor of certain items and conditions, including but not limited to those listed below, which, in the opinion of the Authority's Committee, qualify as items of the contract payment process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) There is a defect in the invoice (print, signature or notation);(b) There is a defect in the invoice;(c) There are unexplained defects or irregularities of any kind in the invoice or which prevent the commencement of the invoice payment period;(d) There is payment or a duplicate or irregular invoice received at a payment office in an effort to circumvent the payment office of record by the Contractor or failing to follow the contract terms;(e) A project invoice must be accompanied by the federal government prior to payment;(f) The Authority is prevented from making payment by reason of the filing of a lien, attachment, claim, legal process or enforcement of law. <p>Any item listed in (a) through (f) may be subject to conditions that extend the date by which contract payment shall be made in order for the Authority not to become liable for interest payments by any party to this Agreement.</p> <p>3. Where the Authority fails to notify a Contractor of such items and conditions within fifteen calendar days of the receipt of a valid invoice, the number of days allowed for payment of the invoice shall be extended by the number of days between the fifteenth day and the date that notification was furnished to the Contractor. Should the Authority, in such situations, be in a valid reasonable dispute for its contractors that a valid contract payment is due, it shall be held to be a contract payment receipt made in order for the Authority not to become liable for interest payments and shall be held liable for the interest payment due.</p> <p>4. The Authority shall make payment within forty-five (45) calendar days after the invoice received date. (Effective July 1, 2009, the Authority shall make payment within forty (40) calendar days, excluding any holidays, after the invoice received date, including after July 1, 2009.)</p> <p>5. Except for the payments described in Paragraph 4, any payment by the Authority to a Contractor pursuant to a Contract is subject to interest provided the Authority, and its designated payment office, shall pay the invoice received date for contracts entered into commencing April 30, 1999 and after July 1, 2009 and after July 1, 2009 (Contract entered into on or after July 1, 2009).</p> <p>6. The Authority shall not be liable for interest on any amount amount submitted by the Authority in accordance with the terms of the Contract.</p> <p>7. Interest shall be computed at the rate set by the state law continuously in effect from the date of the invoice received date of submission of a valid invoice of the invoice, and the Authority shall not be liable for payment of interest on any amount amount received from the Contractor.</p> <p>8. The Authority has available funds in its treasury to make all interest payments.</p>
<p>E. EXCEPTIONS</p> <p>1. Payments are not eligible for interest when they are not due solely to the Authority:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) under the contract payment procedures;(b) otherwise allowed or authorized by a court judgment or any provision of law other than Section 2009 of the Public Authorities Law;(c) by the federal government, to the state or any of its instrumentalities, to any state controlled unit of local government including but not limited to counties, cities, towns, villages, school districts, or any of their various instrumentalities, to any other public authority or public benefit corporation, or to its instrumentalities, or to any public employment agency;(d) in situations where the Authority has made a specific authorized contract payment of or part of the proceeds from the Contractor.
<p>NYISO 28 Rev. 12/2008</p>