

Effective: October 14, 2007

Service Agreement No. 2205

AMENDED AND RESTATED INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION d/b/a NATIONAL GRID

AND

AMERICAN REF-FUEL OF COVANTA NIAGARA, L.P.

INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

This Amended and Restated INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT (hereinafter referred to as the "AGREEMENT") is madeentered into as of October 31 December 30, 19942014, by and between NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION d/b/a NATIONAL GRID (hereinafter referred to as "NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID") and AMERICAN REF FUEL OFCOVANTA NIAGARA, L.P. (hereinafter referred to as "PRODUCER"). INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER"). NATIONAL GRID and INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER may be referred to hereunder, individually, as a "Party" or, collectively, as the "Parties".

WHEREAS, in 2005, American Ref Fuel of Niagara, L.P. ("AMER-REF FUEL") changed its name to Covanta Niagara, L.P.; and

WHEREAS, the parties hereto have NATIONAL GRID and AMER-REF FUEL entered into a power purchase agreement, dated as of June 29, 1993 (hereinafter referred to as, and amended from time to time, for the purchase of electricity by NATIONAL GRID (the "POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT") for the purchase of electricity by NIAGARA MOHAWK, and an Interconnection Agreement entered into as of October 31, 1994 (the "INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT"), each of which expires on December 29, 2014; and

WHEREAS, PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER now owns and operates an the electric generating plant (hereinafter referred to as the "PRODUCTION FACILITY"), formerly owned and operated by Occidental Chemical Corporation (hereinafter referred to as "OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL") and Hooker Energy Corporation (hereinafter together with OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL referred to as "OCCIDENTAL"), in the Town of Niagara Falls, County of Niagara, State of New York, with a nominal installed capacity not to exceed 42,400 kilowatts and associated electric energy, which is expected to be approximately 335,000,000 kilowatt-hours per year (hereinafter referred to as "ELECTRICITY"), so arranged that the ELECTRICITY can be delivered to the electric transmission system of NIAGARA. MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID (hereinafter referred to as the "TRANSMISSION SYSTEM") at the RECEIVING POINT (as defined in paragraph 1.41.7 below); and

WHEREAS, PRODUCER purchased the PRODUCTION FACILITY from OCCIDENTAL on May 5, 1993; and

WHEREAS, OCCIDENTAL CHEMICAL, PRODUCER, and NIAGARA MOHAWK have AMER-REF FUEL, and NATIONAL GRID entered into a certain Indemnification Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT"), dated as of May 5, 1993, which provides for the PRODUCTION FACILITY'S interconnection to the TRANSMISSION SYSTEM through OCCIDENTAL's substation for an interim period ending on the earlier of May 5, 1995 or when PRODUCER constructs AMER-REF FUEL constructed a new substation (hereinafter referred to as the "NEW SUBSTATION"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to in light of the expiring POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT; PRODUCER and NIAGARA MOHAWK and INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT, INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER and NATIONAL GRID have negotiated this AGREEMENT to interconnectamend and restate the INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT in its entirety and to continue the interconnection of the PRODUCTION FACILITY to the TRANSMISSION SYSTEM through the NEW SUBSTATION and associated interconnection facilities and to set forth each Party's responsibilities with regard to the design, procurement, construction, ownership, operation and maintenance of such facilities; for an additional five years, subject to the understanding that if INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER desires to remain so interconnected thereafter, then

INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER shall enter into a new interconnection agreement substantially consistent with the then current New York Independent System Operator, Inc.'s ("NYISO") pro forma Large Generator Interconnection Agreement upon the expiration of this Agreement;

Now THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual obligations and undertakings set forth herein, the Parties to this AGREEMENT covenant and agree as follows:

- 1. Agreement to Interconnect: Description of INTERCONNECTION FACILITY
- 1.1. NIAGARA MOHAWK and PRODUCERNATIONAL GRID and INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER agree to interconnect the PRODUCTION FACILITY to the TRANSMISSION SYSTEM in accordance with the terms and conditions contained herein.
- 1.2. The TRANSMISSION SYSTEM and PRODUCTION FACILITY shall be interconnected by means of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY, which NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID shall repair, operate, own and maintain in accordance with good utility practice, at PRODUCER'SINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER'S expense. In this AGREEMENT, "good utility practice" means such practice as, at a particular time 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, would in light of the facts known at the time the decision was made, could have been expected to accomplish the desired result inat a manner reasonable cost consistent with regulations good business practices, reliability, safety, environmental protection, economy 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.
- 1.3. PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER shall provide to NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID all necessary easements sufficient for placement, construction, and maintenance of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY (such easements hereinafter referred to as the "EASEMENT"). The width of the transmission corridor shall be designated by NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID. The format and content of the EASEMENT shall be approved by NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID.
- 1.4. Prior to conveyance of said Easements, PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER agrees to provide to NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID an instrument survey of the real property; and copies of deeds and other title documents together with a title insurance policy, containing only standard exceptions, insuring marketability of the real property and interest in the real property over which the Easements will be conveyed. Prior to conveyance of the Easements, NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID shall be given the opportunity to review all title documents and PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER shall be responsible for correcting any situations which NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID reasonably deems unacceptable or any deficiencies which could impede the transfer of the Easements pursuant to this AGREEMENT.
- 1.5. PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER agrees to indemnify and save NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID harmless from all liability, cost, expense, fees, fines, penalties or amounts paid in settlement of claims (including reasonable attorney's fees), civil and criminal ("Claims"), as a result of any claim by a third Party, including governmental or regulatory authority resulting from the presence of or for the removal or management of any hazardous substance (as defined by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980) from or affecting the real property interests of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY, provided, however, that ProducerINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER shall not indemnify NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL

GRID against any Claims which are due in whole or in part by the actions of NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID or its subsidiaries, affiliates or agents.

- 1.6. PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER agrees to obtain all necessary licenses, certificates, permits and approvals for the Interconnection Facility at its sole expense. Prior to the Initial Synchronization, PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER shall convey to NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID said licenses, certificates, permits and approvals.
- 1.7. The INTERCONNECTION FACILITY shall consist of a double circuit 115 kilovolt tap and the EASEMENT. The INTERCONNECTION FACILITY shall connect the PRODUCTION FACILITY at the NEW SUBSTATION. The point of connection between the NEW SUBSTATION and the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY shall be known as the RECEIVING POINT. The RECEIVING POINT shall be as indicated on a one-line diagram attached hereto as Schedule A.

2. Representatives and Warranties of Parties

2.1. PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER is a limited partnership duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware. PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER is qualified to do business under the laws of the State of New York, is in good standing under the laws of the State of New York, has the power and authority to own its properties, to carry on its business as now being conducted, to enter into this

AGREEMENT and the transactions contemplated herein and perform and carry out all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this AGREEMENT.

2.2. NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and qualified to do business under the laws of the State of New York, is in good standing under its certificate of incorporation and the laws of the State of New York, has the corporate authority to own its properties, to carry on its business as now being conducted, and to enter into this AGREEMENT and the transactions contemplated herein and perform and carry out all covenants and obligations on its part to be performed under and pursuant to this AGREEMENT.

3. <u>Interconnection Study</u>

3.1. NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID has performed at PRODUCER'SINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER'S expense, those studies necessary to determine the equipment and facilities necessary and desirable for the construction and operation of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY, which studies are attached hereto as Schedule B.

4. Construction of INTERCONNECTION FACILITY and SYSTEM FACILITIES

4.1. NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID shall design and construct at PRODUCER's INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER's expense the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY and any reinforcements and additions to the TRANSMISSION SYSTEM necessary to connect the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY to said TRANSMISSION SYSTEM (such reinforcements and additions hereinafter referred to as "SYSTEM FACILITIES").

5. <u>Construction of the Parties' Facilities</u>

5.1. Within sixty (60) days of the execution of this AGREEMENT. The Parties shall agree upon schedules for PRODUCER'S INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER'S construction of the NEW SUBSTATION and NIAGARA MOHAWK's NATIONAL GRID'S construction of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY and SYSTEM FACILITIES. Such schedules shall be consistent with each other and with the POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT and shall provide for a scheduled date for the initial transmission of ELECTRICITY into the TRANSMISSION SYSTEM through the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY (such transmission hereinafter referred to as "INITIAL SYNCHRONIZATION") on or before May 5, 1995, and scheduled dates for completion of the NEW SUBSTATION, granting of the EASEMENT, design and construction in the field of electric transmission and substation facilities, acquisition of licenses and permits for the NEW SUBSTATION, INTERCONNECTION FACILITY and SYSTEM FACILITIES, and completion of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY and SYSTEM FACILITIES on dates prior to the scheduled date for INITIAL SYNCHRONIZATION. Each Party shall provide the other with status reports on the progress of its construction. The scheduled dates for completion of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY and SYSTEM FACILITIES and for INITIAL SYNCHRONIZATION may be postponed to the extent required by delays in **PRODUCER'S**INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER'S construction schedule. NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID shall make a good faith effort to meet the scheduled dates for completion of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY and SYSTEM FACILITIES and for INITIAL SYNCHRONIZATION. If INITIAL SYNCHRONIZATION is delayed beyond May 5, 1995 then NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID shall agree to an extension of the INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT to a date corresponding to such delay (such date hereinafter referred to as the "EXTENSION DATE") without any liability of any kind to NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID. Neither Party shall be liable to the other Party for any delays in completion of construction of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY or SYSTEM FACILITIES respectively, except that said delay is caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the other Party, provided however, that. Anything in this AGREEMENT to the contrary notwithstanding, neither Party shall be liable to the other for any indirect or consequential damages, including but not limited to, loss of profit or revenue.

6. <u>Modification to, Abandonment or Retirement of INTERCONNECTION FACILITY</u>

- If, during the term of this AGREEMENT, NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID reasonably determines in accordance with good utility practice that its TRANSMISSION SYSTEM must be relocated or rearranged or NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID is ordered by governmental authority to relocate or rearrange its TRANSMISSION SYSTEM (including without limitation in either case the abandonment or retirement of portions of its TRANSMISSION SYSTEM), and if as a result modification, abandonment or retirement of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY is required. NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID shall promptly PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER written notice of such relocation, rearrangement, abandonment or retirement and shall attempt to defer such relocation, abandonment, retirement or rearrangement until a new INTERCONNECTION FACILITY can be reconfigured so that PRODUCER'S provision of ELECTRICITY to NIAGARA MOHAWK pursuant to the POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER'S interconnection may continue without interruption.
- 6.2. Whether the relocation or rearrangement of the TRANSMISSION SYSTEM is ordered or required by governmental authority or is by NIAGARA MOHAWK'sNATIONAL GRID's own determination, NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID shall perform or have performed, at PRODUCER'SINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER'S expense, the studies necessary to identify a new interconnection facility and shall inform PRODUCER of NIAGARA MOHAWK'sINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER of NATIONAL GRID's estimate of the costs of the construction of such facility, and PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER shall either (a)

reimburse NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID for the actual costs of such construction promptly upon completion thereof; (b) construct, at its own expense, such facility; or (c) terminate this AGREEMENT upon at least thirty (30) days written notice to NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID and pay all costs associated with the retirement of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY.

- 6.3. If the relocation, rearrangement, abandonment or retirement of the TRANSMISSION SYSTEM is ordered or required by governmental authority, NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID shall cooperate with PRODUCER in PRODUCER'S INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER in INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER'S efforts to seek reimbursement from the governmental authority for its mutually agreed upon share of the costs of such relocation, rearrangement, abandonment or retirement. In no event, however, shall NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID be responsible for reimbursing PRODUCER INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER for any costs associated with such relocation, rearrangement, abandonment or retirement.
- 6.4. If <u>PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER</u> elects to construct a new interconnection facility, construction, title, and payment shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of a comprehensive <u>inter_connectioninterconnection</u> agreement which shall be entered into between the Parties.

7. <u>Cost Payments</u>

- 7.1. PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER shall reimburse NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID for any cost or expense actually and reasonably incurred by NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID pursuant to this AGREEMENT for the construction, and installation of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY and SYSTEM FACILITIES in accordance with the terms of this Article 7.3.
- 7.2. PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER agrees to pay NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID twenty six thousand dollars (\$26,000) a year as total compensation for the operation, maintenance and repair of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY and SYSTEM FACILITIES by NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID.
- 7.3. PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER agrees to pay all invoices within thirty (30) days from date of the invoice. In accordance with NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION's NATIONAL GRID's P.S.C. 207No. 220 Schedule for Electric Service ("PSC No. 220 Electricity Tariff"), if any invoice remains unpaid thirty (30) days from the invoice date, NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID shall apply to the unpaid balance, and PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER shall pay, a finance charge at the rate of one and one-halfone-half percent (1.5%) per month, but in no event more than the maximum allowed by law.

8. Insurance Provisions

8.1. PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER agrees to insure the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY against all loss or damage of the kinds usually insured against by operators similarly situated.

NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID shall be named an additional insured on the policy and evidence of such property damage insurance shall be provided to NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID as its interest may appear, either by delivery of the original policy, or a Certified Copy of the policy or by a Certificate of Insurance. The amount of the insurance shall not be less than the "full insurable value" which shall mean the total replacement cost of excavation and

underground structures or equipment.

PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER may insure the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY under the blanket insurance policy or policies which cover other properties, and evidence of this insurance shall be provided to Niagara Mohawk NATIONAL GRID.

- 8.2. PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER agrees to provide and maintain Public Liability Insurance including contractual liability in a minimum amount of \$1,000,000 each occurrence for Bodily Injury (including death) and \$1,000,000 each occurrence for Property Damage, or if a Combined Single Limit (CSL) is applicable, a limit of \$1,500,000 each occurrence for Bodily Injury and Property Damage shall be provided.
- 8.3. Each Party shall provide Workers' Compensation and Employers Liability covering each Party's employees as required by New York State Law.
- 8.4. All insurance policies shall be written by reputable insurance companies acceptable to NIAGARA MOHAWK. PRODUCERNATIONAL GRID. INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER agrees that the insurance required by this AGREEMENT shall be maintained for the life of the AGREEMENT. All insurance policies shall provide that in the event of cancellation or material diminution of coverage, ten (10) days prior written notice shall be given to NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID.

9. Taxes

- 9.1. PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER shall reimburse NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID for any and all federal, state, local or other taxes properly imposed pursuant to law by any governmental authority on NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID as a result of PRODUCER'SINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER'S payments to NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID for the acquisition, construction, installation, operation, maintenance and repair of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY pursuant to this AGREEMENT; subject, however, to the following limitations:
 - (a) PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER shall not be required to reimburse NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID for any taxes resulting from the payment for construction of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY being treated as a contribution in aid of construction (within the meaning of Internal Revenue Service Notice 88-129, 1988-2, C.B. 541 and Notice 90-60, 1990-2, C.B. 345, or subsequent law or authority) if such treatment results from (i) a markup charged by NIAGARA MOHAWK to PRODUCERNATIONAL GRID to INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER or (ii) inclusion of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY by NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID in its rate base.
 - (b) Any taxes reimbursable by <u>PRODUCER to NIAGARA MOHAWKINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER to NATIONAL GRID</u> under this provision shall be net of any tax benefits available to <u>NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID</u>, including but not limited to income tax deductions or tax depreciation; and
- 9.2. Any payment or reimbursement of tax by PRODUCER to NIAGARA MOHAWKINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER to NATIONAL GRID under this Article 9 shall include an amount necessary to reimburse NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID for any net actual federal or New York state income taxes, if any, resulting from the payment or reimbursement itself. Any payments by PRODUCER to NIAGARA MOHAWKINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER to

<u>NATIONAL GRID</u> required by this Article 9 shall be made in accordance with Article 7.3 above.

10. <u>Notices</u>

10.1. All written notifications pursuant to this AGREEMENT shall be personally delivered or mailed by certified or registered first class mail, return receipt requested, as follows:

To NIAGARA MOHAWK: To PRODUCER:

MANAGER TRANSMISSION CONTRACTS PLANT MANAGER

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION AMERICAN REF FUEL COMPANY OF NIAGARA,

L.P.

300 Erie Boulevard West

Syracuse, New York 13202

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Niagara Falls, New York 14304

To COVANTA NIAGARA:

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Either Party may change its address for notices by written notice to the other in the manner provided above.

11. Term

- 11.1. This AGREEMENT, when executed by the Parties, shall be <u>effective on in effect</u> <u>from</u> the date first above written <u>to December 29, 2019</u>, <u>subject to acceptance for filing or approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission</u>.
- 11.2. Upon such effectiveness, the expiration of this Agreement shall expire upon expiration or termination of the POWER PURCHASE, if INTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER desires to remain interconnected to the TRANSMISSION SYSTEM thereafter, then the Parties shall enter into a new interconnection agreement substantially consistent with the then current NYISO pro forma Large Generator Interconnection Agreement.

12. <u>Termination for Breach/Default</u>

- 12.1. Each Party (the "Aggrieved Party") may, by written notice to the other, terminate this AGREEMENT in the event the other (the "Defaulting Party") abandons its work or facilities under this AGREEMENT or the POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT; becomes insolvent; or assigns or sublets this AGREEMENT in a manner which is inconsistent with the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT; or is violating any of the conditions, terms, obligations, or covenants of this AGREEMENT.
- 12.2. If within a period of one hundred eighty (180) days of receipt of such notice the Defaulting Party cures the default or breach cited by the Aggrieved Party in such notice, to the reasonable satisfaction of that Party, such notice shall become null and void and of no effect. Otherwise, such notice shall remain in effect, and the obligations of the Aggrieved Party under this AGREEMENT shall cease and terminate at the expiration of such one hundred eighty (180) day period.
- 12.3. The Defaulting Party shall be liable to and indemnify the Aggrieved Party for all costs, expenses, liabilities, damages and obligations, including attorneys' fees, that result from or relate to a material breach or default of this AGREEMENT.
- 12.4. Termination of this AGREEMENT shall not relieve the Defaulting Party of any of its outstanding liabilities and obligations hereunder, and the Aggrieved Party may take whatever judicial or administrative actions as appear necessary or desirable to enforce its rights hereunder. The rights specified herein are not exclusive and shall be in addition to all other remedies available to the Aggrieved Party, either at law or in equity, for default or breach of any provision of this AGREEMENT.

13. Force Majeure

- 13.1. Neither Party shall be considered to be in default or breach hereunder, and shall be excused from performance hereunder, if and to the extent that it shall be delayed in or prevented from performing or carrying out any provision of this AGREEMENT by reason of or through storm, flood, lightning, earthquake, fire, ice, snow, epidemic, war, invasion, riot, civil disturbance, sabotage, explosion, insurrection, military or usurped power, strikes, stoppage of labor, labor dispute, failure of contractors or supplies of material, action of any court or governmental authority, or any civil or military authority de facto or de jure, act of God or public enemy, or any other cause beyond such Party's control.
- 13.2. The Party claiming force majeure shall use due diligence to resume performance or the provision of service hereunder as soon as practicable.

14. Relationship of Parties

14.1. Nothing contained in this AGREEMENT shall be construed or deemed to cause, create, constitute, give effect to, or otherwise recognize **PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION** CUSTOMER and NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID to be partners, joint venturers, employer and employee, principal and agent, or any other business association, with respect to any matter.

15. Third-Party Beneficiary

15.1. No person or party shall have any rights or interests, direct or indirect, in this AGREEMENT or the services or facilities to be provided hereunder, or both, except the Parties, their successors, and authorized assigns.

16. <u>Assignment</u>

- 16.1. Except as provided in paragraph 14.2, PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER may not assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior consent of NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Any assignment in contravention of this Article 1416 without the prior written consent of NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID shall be considered null and void from its inception.
- 16.2. PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER may upon written notice to NIAGARA MOHAWKNATIONAL GRID, collaterally assign the AGREEMENT to a lender for collateral security purposes in connection with the financing or refinancing of the PRODUCTION FACILITY and/or INTERCONNECTION FACILITY.
- 16.3. Any <u>NIAGARA MOHAWK authorized NATIONAL GRID-authorized</u> assignment shall not relieve <u>PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER</u> of the responsibility of full compliance with the requirements of this AGREEMENT.
- 16.4. PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER shall not make any assignment unless and until its assignee in interest has agreed to undertake the obligations accepted by PRODUCERINTERCONNECTION CUSTOMER herein, and has provided written assurances of continued performance and protection against liability upon assignment; however this provision shall not apply to any collateral assignment pursuant to paragraph 14.116.2 above.
- 16.5. This AGREEMENT shall bind and inure to the benefit of the Parties to this AGREEMENT, their successors and permitted assigns.

17. Waiver

- 17.1. No provision of this AGREEMENT may be waived except by mutual agreement of the Parties as expressed in writing and signed by both Parties.
- 17.2. No express waiver in any specific instance as provided in a required writing shall be construed as a waiver of future instances unless specifically so provided in the required writing.
- 17.3. The failure of either Party to insist in anyone or more instances upon the strict performance of any of the provisions of this AGREEMENT, or to exercise any right herein, shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment for the future of such strict performance of such provision or the exercise of such right.

18. Amendment/Modification

18.1. This AGREEMENT may be amended or modified only if the amendment or modification is in writing and executed by both Parties.

19. <u>Choice of Law/Jurisdiction/Service of Process</u>

- 19.1. This AGREEMENT shall be deemed to be executed in the State of New York and shall be interpreted and enforced according to the Laws of the State of New York.
- 19.2. The Parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the courts in the State of New York for the purposes of interpretation and enforcement of this AGREEMENT; provided, however, that this Article 19 shall not divest an administrative agency of competent jurisdiction from interpreting or enforcing this AGREEMENT.

20. <u>Severability</u>

20.1. If any term of this AGREEMENT, or the interpretation or application of any term or provision to any prior circumstance, is held to be unenforceable, illegal, or invalid by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this AGREEMENT, or the interpretation or application of all other terms or provisions to persons or circumstances other than those that are unenforceable, illegal, or invalid, shall not be affected thereby and each term and provision shall be valid and be enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

21. Headings

21.1. The headings in this AGREEMENT are included herein for convenience of reference only and shall not constitute a part of this AGREEMENT for any other purpose, or limit or be used as an aid in construing the provisions of this AGREEMENT.

22. Integration/Merger/Survivability

- 22.1. This AGREEMENT sets forth the entire understanding and agreement of between the Parties as to the subject matter of this AGREEMENT, and merges and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings or agreements, oral or written, between the Parties as to the subject matter of this AGREEMENT. Except as provided in paragraph 22.2 below, this AGREEMENT merges and supersedes all prior agreements, commitments, representations, writings and discussions between the parties regarding the subject matter herein.
- 22.2. For purposes of the POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT, (a) the definition and description of the INTERCONNECTION FACILITY given in paragraph 1.7 above shall supersede the description in paragraph FOURTH of the POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT, and (b) the definition of RECEIVING POINT given in the preamble to this AGREEMENT shall supersede the definition given in paragraph FOURTH of the POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT. Except as provided in the foregoing sentence, in the event of any conflict between the terms and conditions of this AGREEMENT and those of the POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT, the terms and conditions of the POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT shall control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed

as of the day and year first above written.

AMERICAN REF-FUEL COMPANY-OFCOVANTA NIAGARA, L.P.	NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION <u>d/b/a NATIONAL GRID</u>
By:	
Title:	Ву:
Title:	
Date:	5
	Date:

Schedule A

NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION DIAGRAM IDENTIFYING RECEIVING POINT

AND-Interconnection Diagram

