# PETITION FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND AFFIDAVIT

A PETITION TO THE CITY OF BLUE ASH, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO SEEKING THE IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PETITIONER TO PAY THE COSTS OF VARIOUS SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS WHICH SPECIALLY BENEFIT SUCH PROPERTY, INCLUDING A WAIVER OF ALL RIGHTS TO NOTICES, HEARINGS AND APPEALS RESPECTING THE REQUESTED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

To: The City Council of the City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio

Redhill Investors Group, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company (the "Petitioner"), is the owner of 100% of the real property described on **Exhibit A** attached to this Petition (the "Property").

The Board of Directors of the Blue Ash, Deer Park, Loveland, Sharonville, Springdale, Sycamore Township, Symmes Township Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., doing business as the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District, Inc. (the "Corporation"), an Ohio nonprofit corporation formed to govern the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District (the "District"), initially created within the boundaries of the Township of Sycamore, Hamilton County, Ohio, has approved a plan (the "Project Plan") for the purpose of developing and implementing special energy improvement projects, as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.01(I). The Project Plan is attached to this Petition as **Exhibit C**. The Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation are attached to this Petition as **Exhibit D**.

Pursuant to the Project Plan, the Corporation has caused special energy improvement projects to be provided from time to time. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and the Project Plan, the Project Plan may be amended from time to time by supplemental plans (the "Supplemental Plans") (the Project Plan and every Supplemental Plan together constituting the "Plan") to provide for additional special energy improvement projects, and the District may be enlarged from time to time to include additional property so long as at least one special energy improvement project is designated for each parcel of real property within the additional territory added to the District.

As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.02, the Petitioner, as the owner of the Property, being 100% of the area proposed to be assessed for the Authorized Improvements (as defined hereinafter), hereby (a) petitions the Council (the "Council") of the City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio (the "City") to approve the addition of the Property to the District, for the Authorized Improvements to be undertaken by the District, and for the total cost of those Authorized Improvements to be assessed on the Property in proportion to the special benefits that will result from the Authorized Improvements.

In connection with this Petition and in furtherance of the purposes hereof, the Petitioner acknowledges that it has reviewed or caused to be reviewed (i) the Supplemental Plan, (ii) the

plans, specifications and profiles for the Authorized Improvements, (iii) the estimate of cost for the Authorized Improvements included in the Supplemental Plan and (iv) the schedule of maximum special assessments to be levied for the Authorized Improvements also included in the Supplemental Plan. The Petitioner acknowledges that the maximum special assessment is in proportion to the benefits that may result from the Authorized Improvements.

Accordingly, the Petitioner hereby petitions for the construction of the Authorized Improvements identified in this Petition and the Supplemental Plan attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, as authorized under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710, and for the imposition of the special assessments identified herein and authorized under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 727 and 1710 (the "Special Assessments") to pay the costs thereof, in the amount set forth on **Exhibit B**. The Petitioner hereby certifies, represents, and warrants to the District and the City that the actual costs of the Authorized Improvements have been ascertained. The Petitioner further agrees that it will be solely responsible for any costs of the Authorized Improvements in excess of the amount set forth on **Exhibit B**.

In consideration of the City's acceptance of this Petition and the imposition of the requested Special Assessments, the Petitioner consents and agrees that the Property as identified in **Exhibit A** shall be assessed for all of the costs of the Authorized Improvements, including any and all architectural, engineering, legal, insurance, consulting, energy auditing, planning, acquisition, installation, construction, survey, testing and inspection costs; the amount of any damages resulting from the Authorized Improvements and the interest thereon; the costs incurred in connection with the preparation, levy, and collection of the Special Assessments; the cost of purchasing and otherwise acquiring any real estate or interests therein; expenses of legal services; costs of labor and material; trustee fees and other financing costs incurred in connection with the issuance, sale, and servicing of securities, or other obligations issued or incurred to provide a loan or to secure an advance of funds to the owner of the Property or otherwise to pay costs of the Authorized Improvements in anticipation of the receipt of the Special Assessments, capitalized interest on, and financing reserve funds for, such securities, nonprofit corporate obligations, or other obligations so issued, including any credit enhancement fees, trustee fees, program administration fees, financing servicing fees, and District administrative fees and expenses; an amount to reflect interest on unpaid Special Assessments which shall be treated as part of the cost of the Authorized Improvements for which the Special Assessments are made at an interest rate which shall be determined by the District to be substantially equivalent to the fair market rate that would have been borne by notes or bonds if notes or bonds had been issued by the District or another issuer of notes or bonds to pay the costs of the Authorized Improvements; together with all other necessary expenditures. The Petitioner agrees to pay the Special Assessments in a timely manner whether or not the Petitioner receives annual and timely notices of the Special Assessments.

In consideration of the Authorized Improvements, the Petitioner, for itself and its grantees and other successors with respect to the Property, agrees to pay promptly all Special Assessments as they become due, and agrees that the determination by the Council of the Special Assessments in accordance with the terms hereof, in the absence of manifest error brought to the attention of the Council within fifteen (15) days, will be final, conclusive and binding upon the Petitioner and the Property. In further consideration of the Authorized Improvements, the Petitioner covenants and agrees to disclose, upon the transfer of the Property or any portion of

the Property to be subject to the Special Assessments for the actual costs of the Authorized Improvements set forth in Exhibit B in the deed to the transferee or in a separate instrument recorded with respect to the Property, the existence of any outstanding Special Assessment for the Authorized Improvements and to require that transferee covenant to disclose that information in any subsequent deed or in a separate instrument recorded with respect to the Property at the time of the subsequent transfer so long as the Special Assessments remain unpaid. As a condition to each subsequent transfer while the Special Assessments remain unpaid, the Petitioner further covenants and agrees to provide expressly in the deed to any transferee or in a separate instrument recorded with respect to the Property at the time of the subsequent transfer (a) for the acquisition by the transferee of the Property subject to any outstanding Special Assessment and the transferee's assumption of responsibility for payment thereof and for the waiver by the transferee of any rights that the Petitioner has waived pursuant to this Petition, and (b) the requirement that each transferee from time to time of the Property covenant to include in the deed to any subsequent transferee or in a separate instrument recorded with respect to the Property at the time of the subsequent transfer the conditions described in clause (a) so long as the Special Assessments remain unpaid.

The Petitioner further acknowledges and confirms that the Special Assessments set forth in this Petition and in the Supplemental Plan attached as **Exhibit B** are in proportion to, and do not exceed, the special benefits to be conferred on the Property by the Authorized Improvements identified herein. The Petitioner further consents to the levying of the Special Assessment against the Property by the City. The Petitioner acknowledges that these Special Assessments are fair, just, and equitable and being imposed at the specific request of the Petitioner.

The Petitioner hereby waives notice and publication of all resolutions, legal notices, and hearings provided for in the Ohio Revised Code with respect to the Authorized Improvements and the Special Assessments, particularly those in Ohio Revised Code Chapters 727 and 1710 and consents to proceeding with the Authorized Improvements. Without limiting the foregoing, the Petitioner specifically waives any notices and rights under the following Ohio Revised Code Sections:

- The right to notice of the adoption of the Resolution of Necessity under Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.13 and 727.14;
- The right to limit the amount of the Special Assessments under Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.03 and 727.06, including the right to consider the Special Assessments authorized by this Petition within the limitations contained in Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.03 and 727.06 applicable to the Special Assessments and any other special assessments properly levied now or in the future;
- The right to file an objection to the Special Assessments under Ohio Revised Code Section 727.15;
- The right to the establishment of, and any proceedings by and any notice from an Assessment Equalization Board under Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.16 and 727.17;
- The right to file any claim for damages under Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.18 through 727.22 and Ohio Revised Code Section 727.43;
- The right to notice that bids or quotations for the Authorized Improvements may exceed estimates by 15%;

- The right to seek a deferral of payments of Special Assessments under Ohio Revised Code Section 727.251; and
- The right to notice of the passage of the Assessing Resolution under Ohio Revised Code Section 727.26.

The Petitioner, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.02(A), further agrees that the Property may be included in more than one district formed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710. The Petitioner further agrees not to take any actions, or cause to be taken any actions, to place any of the Property in an agricultural district as provided for in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 929, and if any of the Property is in an agricultural district, the Petitioner, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 929.03, hereby grants permission to collect any Special Assessments levied against such Property.

The Petitioner further agrees and consents to the Council promptly proceeding with all actions necessary to facilitate the acquisition, installation, equipment, and improvement of the Authorized Improvements and to impose the Special Assessments.

The Petitioner acknowledges that the Special Assessments set forth herein and in the Exhibits hereto are based upon an estimate of costs, and that the final Special Assessments shall be calculated in the same manner, which, regardless of any statutory limitation thereon, may be more or less than the respective estimated Special Assessments for the Authorized Improvements. In the event the final assessments exceed the estimated assessments, the Petitioner, without limitation of the other waivers contained herein, also waives any rights it may now or in the future have to object to those assessments, any notice provided for in Ohio Revised Code Chapters 727 and 1710, and any rights of appeal provided for in such Chapters or otherwise. The Petitioner further acknowledges and represents that the respective final assessments may be levied at such time as determined by the City and regardless of whether or not any of the parts or portions of the Authorized Improvements have been completed.

The Petitioner further acknowledges that the final Special Assessments for the Authorized Improvements, when levied against the Property, will be payable in cash within 30 days from the date of passage of the resolution or ordinance confirming and levying the final assessments and that if any of such assessments are not paid in cash they will be certified to the Auditor of the County as provided by law, to be placed on the tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected. The Petitioner hereby waives the right to pay the final assessments for the Authorized Improvements in cash within 30 days from the passage of the resolution or ordinance confirming and levying the final assessments and requests that the unpaid final assessments for the Authorized Improvements shall be payable in 56 semi-annual installments, with collection commencing on the earliest date permitted by said County Auditor, but in no event sooner than the semi-annual installment payment of first-half real property taxes for tax year 2022 due in 2023 with respect to the Property.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.03(C), the Petitioner hereby appoints as its designee to carry out the rights and responsibilities of District members under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 such representative as may be duly appointed by the Petitioner from time to time, which designation shall not expire unless and until the Petitioner shall notify the Secretary

of the District that said designation is no longer in effect or that Petitioner has made a new designation to replace said designation.

The Petitioner further waives any and all questions as to the constitutionality of the laws under which Authorized Improvements shall be acquired, installed, or constructed or the proceedings relating thereto, the jurisdiction of the City acting in connection therewith, all irregularities, errors and defects, if any, procedural or otherwise, in the levying of the assessments or the undertaking of the Authorized Improvements, and specifically waives any and all rights of appeal, including any right of appeal as provided in Ohio Revised Code Title 7, and specifically but without limitation, Ohio Revised Code Chapters 727 and 1710, as well as all such similar rights under the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The Petitioner represents that it will not contest, in a judicial or administrative proceeding, the undertaking of the Authorized Improvements, the estimated assessments, the final assessments, and any Special Assessments levied against the Property for the Authorized Improvements, or any other matters related to the foregoing.

The Petitioner acknowledges and understands that the City and the Corporation will be relying upon this Petition in taking actions pursuant thereto and expending resources. This Petition therefore shall be irrevocable and shall be binding upon the Petitioner, any successors, assigns, or affiliates of the Petitioner, the Property, and any grantees, mortgagees, lessees, or transferees thereof. The Petitioner acknowledges that it has had an opportunity to be represented by legal counsel in this undertaking and has knowingly waived the rights identified herein.

The Petitioner further deposes and states that this Petition and actions provided for herein impose burdens and obligations upon the Property and provide for Special Assessments to be levied upon the Property in accordance with this Petition, and that this Petition is available for inspection at the office of the Council.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Petitioner has caused this petition to be executed by its undersigned duly authorized signatory.

#### **PETITIONER:**

Redhill Investors Group, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company

By: Jagdish K Bhati Name: Jagdish Bhati

Title: Manager

Address for notices to Petitioner: 9870 Redhill Drive

> Cincinnati, Ohio 45242 Attn: Jagdish Bhati

STATE OF OHIO SS: COUNTY OF  $^{\rm HAMILT}_{\rm ON}$ 

On the <sup>20</sup> day of MAY , 2020, Jagdish Bhati, as the Manager of Redhill Investors Group, LLC, personally appeared before me, a notary public in and for the State of Ohio, who acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Petition on behalf of Redhill Investors Group, LLC, and that the same was the free act and deed of such officer and of such limited liability company. The notarial act certified hereby is a jurat. An oath or affirmation was administered to the signer with regard to the notarial act certified to hereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal on the day and year aforesaid.

[SEAL]

Notary Public



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### **EXHIBIT A**

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY**

The real property subject to this Petition and owned by Redhill Investors Group, LLC is located at 9870 Redhill Drive, in the City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio, with Hamilton County Auditor Parcel ID No. 612-0120-0317-00.

#### EXHIBIT B

## SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROJECT PLAN

#### SUPPLEMENT TO PLAN FOR 9870 REDHILL DRIVE, CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO PROJECT

As more fully provided by the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District Project Plan (together with all previously approved supplemental plans, the "Plan"), the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District (the "District") has undertaken the administration of a property assessed clean energy ("PACE") program (the "Program"). The Program will provide financing secured by special assessments on real property for special energy improvement projects.

Through a Petition submitted in connection with this Supplemental Plan, Redhill Investors Group, LLC (the "Property Owner") has requested and consented to certain special assessments by the District with respect to certain real property owned by the Property Owner and located at 9870 Redhill Drive, City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio, with Hamilton County Auditor Parcel ID No. 612-0120-0317-00 (the "Property"). A proposed schedule of maximum special assessments to be assessed against the Property to pay the costs of the Authorized Improvements is attached hereto as Attachment A. The Property Owner hereby consents and agrees that the maximum schedule of special assessments represents the final hard costs of the Authorized Improvements described below, together with an assumed rate of interest on those costs in excess of the rate of interest expected to be available for financing the costs of the Authorized Improvements. The Property Owner hereby consents and agrees that the final rate of interest will be determined before the City of Blue Ash, Ohio (the "City") levies the special assessments, and hereby authorizes the City to levy the special assessments in amounts which, in aggregate, are less than or equal to the aggregate amount of the special assessments shown on Attachment A, and are in the amounts necessary to pay the costs of financing the Authorized Improvements.

The special assessments are allocated to the parcels constituting the Property as follows:

Parcel Number

Proportion of Total Special Assessments

612-0120-0317-00

100%

The Property Owner hereby certifies, represents, and warrants to the City and the District that the actual costs of the Authorized Improvements have been ascertained. The Authorized Improvements applicable to the Property will include: acquiring, installing, equipping, and improving energy efficiency improvements on its Property, including, without limitation, building envelope, HVAC and VRP/ERV, LED lighting, soft costs, and related improvements. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.01(K), said Authorized Improvements are anticipated to reduce or support the reduction of energy consumption, allow for reduction in

demand, or support the production of clean, renewable energy. A detailed description of the Authorized Improvements is attached to this Supplemental Plan as <u>Attachment B</u>.

The Property Owner will cause this Supplemental Plan promptly to be filed with the Board of Directors of the District and with the Clerk of Council of the City.

The undersigned owner of real property located within the District acknowledges that the District and the City are subject to Ohio public records laws, including Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 *et seq.* The undersigned property owner agrees to the disclosure of certain property owner information by the District or the City to the extent required by law.

BY EXECUTING THIS SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN, THE PROPERTY OWNER IDENTIFIED BELOW HEREBY AUTHORIZES AND CONSENTS TO THIS SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN, AND ALL DISTRICT DOCUMENTS (AS DEFINED IN THE PLAN) AND AGREES TO PERFORM THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE PROPERTY OWNER CONTAINED IN THIS SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN.

#### **PROPERTY OWNER:**

Redhill Investors Group, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company

By: I Blake

Name: Jagdish Bhati Title: Manager

Address for notices to Property Owner: 9870 Redhill Drive

Cincinnati, Ohio 45242 Attn: Jagdish Bhati

Description of Real Property Subject to this Supplemental Plan:

The real property subject to this Supplemental Plan and owned by Redhill Investors Group, LLC is located at 9870 Redhill Drive, City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio, with Hamilton County Auditor Parcel ID No. 612-0120-0317-00.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN—ATTACHMENT A

### **Schedule of Special Assessments**

The Property will be subject to special assessments for the Authorized Improvements in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710.

Total assessment costs: \$9,480,855.44 Estimated semi-annual special assessments: \$169,300.99

Number of semi-annual special assessments: 56

First annual installment due: January 31, 2023

Special Assessment	Total Special Assessment
Payment Date <sup>1</sup>	Installment Amount <sup>2</sup>
January 31, 2023	\$169,300.99
July 31, 2023	169,300.99
January 31, 2024	169,300.99
July 31, 2024	169,300.99
January 31, 2025	169,300.99
July 31, 2025	169,300.99
January 31, 2026	169,300.99
July 31, 2026	169,300.99
January 31, 2027	169,300.99
July 31, 2027	169,300.99
January 31, 2028	169,300.99
July 31, 2028	169,300.99
January 31, 2029	169,300.99
July 31, 2029	169,300.99
January 31, 2030	169,300.99
July 31, 2030	169,300.99
January 31, 2031	169,300.99
July 31, 2031	169,300.99

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Special Assessment	Total Special Assessment
Payment Date <sup>1</sup>	Installment Amount <sup>2</sup>
January 31, 2032	169,300.99
July 31, 2032	169,300.99
January 31, 2033	169,300.99
July 31, 2033	169,300.99
January 31, 2034	169,300.99
July 31, 2034	169,300.99
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July 31, 2049	169,300.99
January 31, 2050	169,300.99
July 31, 2050	169,300.99
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 323, the Special Assessment Payment Dates for first-half and second-half real property taxes are determined by statute and a variety of circumstances and are subject to adjustment by the Hamilton County Auditor under certain conditions.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.36, the Hamilton County Auditor may charge and collect a fee in

addition to the amounts listed in the above schedule.

#### SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN—ATTACHMENT B

### **Description of Authorized Improvements**

The Authorized Improvements are expected to consist of the following energy efficiency elements:

- Building envelope
- HVAC and VRP/ERV
- LED lighting
- Soft costs

The costs of implementing the Authorized Improvements, exclusive of financing costs such as interest, administrative fees, closing fees, and other related costs, is expected to be approximately \$4,255,761.00.

### **EXHIBIT C**

# PROJECT PLAN FOR THE SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

[See Attached]

## SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROJECT PLAN

The Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District (the "District") will administer a property assessed clean energy ("PACE") program (the "Program"). The Program will provide financing secured by special assessments on real property for special energy improvement projects. Pursuant to Section 1710.06 of the Ohio Revised Code, Kemper Road Properties, LLC, as the initial owner of real property within the District (the "Owner") authorize, consent to, and submit to Sycamore Township, Ohio for approval this plan for the Program (as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time as provided herein, the "Plan") to provide for the Program's administration and to set forth the terms and conditions of participation in the Program.

The District is established pursuant to the special energy improvement district provisions of Chapter 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code. This Plan refers to Chapter 1710 and any and all future amendments to the special energy improvement district provisions of Chapter 1710 as the "Act." Any specific statutory reference contained in this Plan shall also refer to any succeeding or amending statutory provision.

Participation in the District's Program is limited to property owners who have agreed to add their property to the District and who otherwise meet the Program's terms and conditions. These terms and conditions are addressed in this Plan, and include, without limitation, an application, a petition, a schedule of assessments to be made on included property ("Assessment Schedule"), and the governing documents forming the District. The District's governing documents include its Articles of Incorporation, Code of Regulations, resolutions duly adopted by the board of directors of the District, and the applicable resolutions and ordinances of the participating political subdivision where the real property is located (collectively, the "Governing Documents"). As a condition to participation in the District and the Program, each property owner must review and agree to the Governing Documents and further must review, agree to, and execute this Plan, an application, a petition, and an Assessment Schedule. The Governing Documents, this Plan, the applications, the petitions, and the Assessment Schedules are referred to herein collectively as the "District Documents." In addition to the District Documents, property owners may be required to agree to and execute an agreement to impose special assessments as a condition to receiving financing of special energy improvement projects from the District.

The District Documents establish the terms and conditions of the Program. The Program terms and conditions may be amended from time to time as described in Part X of this Plan. By agreeing to and executing the District Documents, each property owner consents to the terms and conditions of all District Documents.

### I. Purpose of the Program

The Program is intended to assist property owners, whether private or public, who own real property within participating political subdivisions to obtain financing for special energy improvement projects, as that term is defined in the Act (the "Authorized Improvements"). Obligations, including but not limited to special assessment reimbursement agreements, special assessment revenue bonds and revenue notes, loan obligations or other evidences of indebtedness, and nonprofit corporation securities (collectively, the "Program Obligations") may be issued by the District or on behalf of the District by a third party. Program Obligations or the proceeds from the sale of the Program Obligations may be used to finance Authorized Improvements that benefit properties within the District and any costs incurred by the District in connection with the issuance of Program Obligations. Participating political subdivisions shall levy special assessments on real property included in the District, the payment of which may pay the Program Obligations and the costs of administering the Program. Special assessment payments levied to finance Authorized Improvements will be due and payable by property owners at the same time real property taxes are due; provided, however, that certain Program Obligations may require special assessments to be due and payable by property owners only to the extent that such property owners fail to pay an obligation of the property owner secured by special assessments, such as a loan, in which case special assessments will only be due and payable by property owners if actually levied.

Nothing in this Plan shall be construed as a representation on the part of any participating political subdivision, the District, the board of directors of the District, or any of the directors, officers, agents, members, independent contractors, or employees of the District or board of directors that the Program is the best financing option available. Property owners are advised to conduct independent research to determine the best course of action.

### II. The District's Governance and Program Administrator

The District shall be governed, pursuant to the District Documents and the Act, by the Board of Directors ("Board") of the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio (the "Corporation") to govern the District.

Pursuant to the Act, other Ohio law, and any Code of Regulations adopted for the governance of the Corporation, the Board may from time to time, and under such conditions as the Board determines, delegate any or all of the authority contained in this Plan to its sub-committee or to an agent, independent contractor, or employee of the District or the Board.

This Plan specifically contemplates that, as authorized in the Act, the District may contract for the services of a "Program Administrator."

The Program Administrator shall be the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance. The Program Administrator may provide, without limitation, the following services: (i) pursuant to Part III of

this Plan, developing and administering eligibility guidelines, creating and administering an application, setting criteria and developing a list of pre-approved contractors, procuring resources or cooperating with property owners to procure resources, and administering referrals; (ii) pursuant to Part IV of this Plan, marketing, program design, cooperating with property owners to implement Authorized Improvements, and other administrative services; and (iii) establishing and administering a revolving loan facility providing financing for certain special energy improvement projects.

#### III. Program Eligibility, Approvals, Financing, and Procurement

The Board is hereby authorized to create, administer, amend, and abolish a process by which property owners join the Program. The process by which property owners join the Program may include, without limitation, the following requirements:

(A) <u>Eligibility.</u> The Board is hereby authorized to create, administer, amend, and abolish eligibility requirements for the Program. The Board is further authorized to determine, in each individual case, whether property is eligible for participation in the Program.

To be eligible for participation in the Program, each property owner must file a petition with the Board requesting to add its property to the District and requesting the levy of special assessments to be used to pay or secure Program Obligations issued or used to finance Authorized Improvements. Each parcel of real property added to the District must have at least one Authorized Improvement. The petition to add property to the District shall be considered by the District in accordance with this Plan and the other District Documents. If the District approves the petition, it shall submit the petition to the executive officer and legislative body of the participating political subdivision in which the real property is located. A property owner may file more than one petition and may amend or withdraw any petition filed at any time before the petition is approved by the legislative body of the participating political subdivision in which the real property is located. Petitions shall conform to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and any requirements of the Board.

To be eligible for participation in the Program, each property owner must agree to be bound by the terms of this Plan. The Plan for the District may be amended and supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms, including, specifically, by supplements to the Plan which identify additional Authorized Improvements within the District to be subject to the Plan or add property to the District and subject such additional property to the Plan. To be eligible for participation in the Program, each property owner, with the exception of the Owner, must file a supplement to this Plan (the "Supplemental Plan") with the Board and the clerk of the legislative body of the participating political subdivision in which the real property is located identifying the Authorized Improvements to be undertaken as part of the Plan applicable to real property within the District or to be added to the district. Supplemental Plans shall include

such other information as may be required by the Board. Supplemental Plans shall conform to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and any requirements of the Board. No special assessments authorized, levied, assessed, or collected with respect to the Authorized Improvements described in this Plan or in any Supplemental Plan shall ever be used to pay the costs of any Authorized Improvements described in any other Plan or Supplemental Plan.

- (B) <u>Application.</u> The Board is hereby authorized to create, administer, amend, and abolish an application, including a pre-application, for participation in the Program. The Board further may set the terms and conditions for the application's use and evaluation.
- (C) Contractors. The Board is hereby authorized to require property owners to complete Authorized Improvements through the work of pre-approved contractors. The Board is further authorized to create criteria for the approval of contractors and to determine which contractors meet the criteria and are approved. The Board may communicate which contractors have been pre-approved to property owners by any means the Board deems appropriate, and the Board shall determine whether property owners comply with its pre-approved contractor's requirements.

Nothing in this Plan or the District Documents shall be construed to be a recommendation or guarantee of reliability of pre-approved contractors by any participating political subdivision, the District, the Board, or any of the directors, officers, agents, members, independent contractors, or employees of the District or Board.

(D) <u>Procurement and Referrals.</u> The Board is hereby authorized to procure supplies, services, contracts, financing, and other resources related to the completion of Authorized Improvements. The Board is further authorized to refer property owners to suppliers, service providers, contractors, lenders, and the providers of other resources related to the completion of Authorized Improvements and the administration of District activities.

Pursuant to the Act, the Board shall adopt written rules prescribing competitive bidding procedures for the District and for Authorized Improvements undertaken by the District on behalf of property owners, which competitive bidding procedures may differ from competitive bidding procedures applicable to the Township and may specify conditions under which competitive bidding is not required. Except as specified in the Act and in this Plan, the District Documents shall not be construed to eliminate or alter the competitive bidding procedures applicable to the Township as a participating political subdivision.

(E) <u>Financing.</u> The Board is hereby authorized to finance Authorized Improvements through the use or issuance of Program Obligations. The Board may hire such

legal and financial professionals as may be required to successfully finance Authorized Improvements through the use or issuance of Program Obligations.

#### IV. Program Services

The Board is hereby authorized to provide ongoing services to the District, its property, and the property owners. All services provided under this Plan shall be deemed to be services provided in furtherance of Authorized Improvements provided under this Plan. Such services, without limitation, may include the following:

- (A) <u>Program Design.</u> The Board is hereby authorized to design comprehensive services to establish and maintain the Program's legal and programmatic framework.
- (B) <u>Program Administration.</u> The Board is hereby authorized to educate the public on the Program and its purposes, market the program to the public, process applications, verify aspects of the Authorized Improvements, assure the Program's overall quality and the quality of Authorized Improvements, serve customers, and assist property owners in the origination and closing processes.
- (C) Marketing. The Board is hereby authorized to market the Program and promote the District's image through means such as developing literature and brochures, conducting public relations, collecting data, managing information, cooperating with members, creating electronic and print marketing materials, and holding special events.
- (D) <u>Authorized Improvement Implementation</u>. The Board is hereby authorized to cooperate with property owners for the implementation of Authorized Improvements, including cooperating with property owners for the addition of property to the District and the approval of petitions and Supplemental Plans by participating political subdivisions and the Board.
- (E) Tracking and Administration of Program Obligations. The Board is hereby authorized to create, administer, amend, and abolish procedures for the tracking and administration of Program Obligations issued or used to finance Authorized Improvements. Without limitation, the administration of special assessments may include reporting delinquent special assessments, following-up with delinquent property owners, and coordinating with delinquent property owners. The Board may hire such professionals as may be required to successfully track and administer Program Obligations.
- (F) <u>Administering Special Assessments.</u> The Board is hereby authorized to create, administer, amend, and abolish procedures for the administration of special assessments levied pursuant to the District Documents. Without limitation, the administration of special assessments may include calculating the amount of

special assessments, preparing certifications of special assessments for the county auditor, billing the special assessments, and considering property owners' claims regarding the calculation or billing of special assessments. The Board may hire such professionals as may be required to successfully administer special assessments.

- (G) <u>Budgeting.</u> The Board shall provide for the production of an annual report describing the District's budget, services delivered, revenues received, expenditures made, and other information about the District's activities. The annual report shall be made available to the Board and to the District's members. The Board may hire such professionals as may be required to successfully account for all District finances.
- (H) <u>Auditing.</u> The Board is hereby authorized to provide for an audit of the District in such manner as the Board deems appropriate. The Board may hire such professionals as may be required to successfully audit the District.
- (I) Annual Report. In accordance with Section 1710.04(D), the Board is hereby authorized, by the first day of March of each year, to submit to each member of the District and to the municipal executive, chief fiscal officer, and legislative authority of each municipal corporation with territory within the boundaries of the District and to the board of township trustees of each township with territory within the boundaries of the District a report of the District's activities and financial condition for the previous year.
- (J) Other Services. The Board is hereby authorized to provide any other services authorized by the Act.

#### V. Fees

<u>Program Costs.</u> The Board is hereby authorized to charge to property owners, as costs of administering the Program, any costs permitted by the Act. Such costs may include, without limitation, the following:

- (A) The cost of creating and operating the District, including creating and operating the Corporation, hiring employees and professional services, contracting for insurance, and purchasing or leasing office space or office equipment;
- (B) The cost of planning, designing, and implementing Authorized Improvements or services under this Plan or any Supplemental Plan, including payment of architectural, engineering, legal, appraisal, insurance, consulting, energy auditing, and planning fees and expenses, and, for services under this Plan or any Supplemental Plan, the management, protection, and maintenance costs of public or private facilities;

- (C) Any court costs incurred by the District in implementing this Plan or any Supplemental Plans;
- (D) Any damages resulting from implementing this Plan or any Supplemental Plan;
- (E) The costs of issuing, monitoring, paying interest on, and redeeming or refunding Program Obligations issued or used to finance Authorized Improvements or services under this Plan or any Supplemental Plan;
- (F) The costs associated with the sale, lease, lease with an option to purchase, conveyance of other interests in, or other contracts for the acquisition, construction, maintenance, repair, furnishing, equipping, operation, or improvement of the District's territory, or between the District and any owner of property in the District on which an Authorized Improvement has been acquired, installed, equipped, or improved; and
- (G) In accordance with Section 727.08(I) of the Ohio Revised Code, the costs incurred in connection with the preparation, levy, and collection of the special assessments, including legal expenses incurred by reason of the improvement.

Pursuant to the Act, such Program costs may be included in the special assessments levied on real property within the District.

Application Fee. The Board is hereby authorized to set and charge an application fee for Program services provided by the District. The application fee may be non-refundable. The application fee may be credited to the cost of Authorized Improvements if the application is approved and an Authorized Improvement is made to the property for which application was made.

# VI. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Regulations and Requirements

Energy Efficiency Reporting Requirements. Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.061 requires the Board to submit a quarterly report to each electric distribution utility ("EDU") with a District Authorized Improvement within the EDU's certified territory. The quarterly report submitted to the EDU must include the total number and a description of each new and ongoing District Authorized Improvement that produces energy efficiency savings or reduction in demand and other additional information that the EDU needs to obtain credit under Ohio Revised Code Section 4928.66 for energy efficiency savings or reduction in demand from such projects. The Board is hereby authorized to submit quarterly reports due required under Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.061. Property owners shall comply with Board requirements for information gathering and reporting to ensure Board compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.061.

Energy Efficiency Credits. The Board is hereby authorized to adopt rules governing energy efficiency credits associated with Authorized Improvements financed with Program Obligations

or the proceeds of Program Obligations. Property owners shall comply with Board requirements in furtherance of energy efficiency credit programs.

Renewable Energy Credits. The Board is hereby authorized to adopt rules governing renewable energy credits associated with Authorized Improvements financed with Program Obligations or the proceeds of Program Obligations. Property owners shall comply with Board requirements in furtherance of renewable energy credit programs.

Monetizing Other Energy Efficiency or Renewable Energy Attributes. The Board is hereby authorized to adopt rules governing the monetization of any energy efficiency or renewable energy attributes of any Authorized Improvements financed with Program Obligations or the proceeds of Program Obligations. Property owners shall comply with Board requirements in furtherance of the monetization of such attributes.

#### VII. Statutory Requirements

As provided in the District Documents:

- (A) Additional territory may be added to the District in accordance with the Act and the rules established by the Board pursuant to Part III of this Plan.
- (B) The District Documents may be amended or supplemented in accordance with their terms.
- (C) As described in this Plan, the Board is authorized to implement and amend this Plan, any Supplemental Plan, and any other plans for Authorized Improvements, public improvements, and public services, all in accordance with the Act.
- (D) The public improvements to be provided by the District are the Authorized Improvements identified in the petition and Supplemental Plan. The area where the Authorized Improvements will be undertaken will be the area identified in each petition requesting formation of the District or in any petition requesting addition of real property to the District. The method of assessment shall be in proportion to the special benefits received by each property owner within the District as a result of Authorized Improvements.
- (E) For the purpose of levying an assessment, the Board may combine levies for Authorized Improvements and public services into one special assessment to be levied against each specially benefited property in the District.

#### VIII. Changes in State and Federal Law

The ability to issue or use Program Obligations to finance Authorized Improvements is subject to a variety of state and federal laws. If these laws change after property owners have applied to the

District for financing, the District may be unable to fulfill its obligations under this Plan. The District shall not be obligated to implement any provision of this Plan which is contrary to state or federal law. The District shall not be liable for any inability to finance Authorized Improvements as a result of state and federal law or any changes in state and federal law which reduce or eliminate the effectiveness of financing Authorized Improvements through the District's Program.

#### IX. Releases and Indemnification

The District has been created with the approval of Sycamore Township, Ohio, as a participating political subdivision, for the purposes of implementing this Plan and administering the Program. The District and any participating political subdivision shall be neither responsible nor liable for the installation, operation, financing, refinancing, or maintenance of Authorized Improvements. Property owners will be solely responsible for the installation, operation, financing, refinancing, and maintenance of the Authorized Improvements. Participation in the Program does not in any way obligate the District or any participating political subdivision to ensure the viability of Authorized Improvements. Owners of assessed real property must pay the special assessments regardless of whether the Authorized Improvements are properly installed or operate as expected.

By agreeing to and executing this Plan, each owner of real property included in the District (other than any political subdivision that owns real property included in the District) agrees to release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and the participating political subdivisions, including their directors, officers, members, agents, independent contractors, and employees, from and against any claims, actions, demands, costs, damages or lawsuits, arising out of or connected with participation in the Program. Any political subdivision that owns real property included in the District agrees to release the District and the participating political subdivisions, including their directors, officers, members, agents, independent contractors, and employees, from and against any claims, actions, demands, costs, damages or lawsuits, arising out of or connected with the political subdivision's participation in the Program in its capacity as a property owner.

#### X. Changes in the Program Terms; Severability

Participation in the Program is subject to the District Documents' terms and conditions in effect from time to time during participation. The District reserves the right to change this Plan and the terms and conditions of the District Documents at any time without notice. No such change will affect a property owner's obligation to pay special assessments as set forth in the District Documents.

If any provision of the District Documents is determined to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, that provision shall be severed from these District Documents and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

#### XI. Disclosure of Property Owner Information

The District and any participating political subdivision may disclose information of the District to any agent of the District or to third parties when such disclosure is essential either to the conduct of the District's business or to provide services to property owners, including but not limited to where such disclosure is necessary to (i) comply with the law (ii) enable the District and participating political subdivisions and their agents to provide services or otherwise perform their duties, and (iii) obtain and provide credit reporting information. In order to receive funding for the Program and to enable communication regarding the State of Ohio's energy programs, property owners' names and contact information may be disclosed to their current electric utilities. Property owners' names, contact information, and utility usage data further may be disclosed to the District and its agents for the purpose of conducting surveys and evaluating the Program. The District shall not disclose personal information to third parties for telemarketing, e-mail, or direct mail solicitation unless required to by law or court order.

Each owner of real property located within the District acknowledges that the District is subject to Ohio public records laws, including Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 et seq. Each property owner that executes this Plan agrees to the disclosure of certain property owner information as stated in this Part.

#### XII. Initial Authorized Improvements

The Owner has requested and consented to certain special assessments to be levied by the Township with respect to certain real property owned by the Owner (the "Property"), which Property is described more specifically in <u>Attachment A</u> attached to this Plan. A schedule of special assessments to be levied on the Property to pay the costs of the Authorized Improvements is attached to this Plan in **Attachment B**.

A detailed description of the Authorized Improvements is attached to this Plan in Attachment B.

### **EXHIBIT D**

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE

BLUE ASH, DEER PARK, LOVELAND, SHARONVILLE, SPRINGDALE, SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP, SYMMES TOWNSHIP ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC., D/B/A:

SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC.

[See Attached]



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## Initial Articles of Incorporation

(Nonprofit, Domestic Corporation)
Filing Fee: \$99
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Form Must Be Typed

Please check the box if this nonprofit corporation is being formed for the following purpose:

Ohio
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\*\*Note for Nonprofit Corporations: The Secretary of State does not grant tax exempt status. Filing with our office is not sufficient to obtain state or federal tax exemptions. Contact the Ohio Department of Taxation and the Internal Revenue Service to ensure that the nonprofit corporation secures the proper state and federal tax exemptions. These agencies may require that a purpose clause be provided.

\*\*Note: ORC Chapter 1702 allows for additional provisions to be included in the Articles of Incorporation that are filed with this office. If including any of these additional provisions, please do so by including them in an attachment to this form.

	ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT OF STATUTORY AGENT
he undersigned, be	eing at least a majority of the incorporators of Sycamore Township Energy Special Improvement District, Inc.
ereby appoint the fatute to be served	following to be statutory agent upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by upon the corporation may be served. The complete address of the agent is
Greater Cincini	nati Energy Alliance
Name	
200 W 4th Stre	et, Suite 600
Mailing Addres	S
Cincinnati	Ohio 45202
City	State Zip Code
fust be signed by the corporators or a chapter and the corporators	Signature
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	Signature
	ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT
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	Statutory Agent Name
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	Corporation Name
reby acknowledge	es and accepts the appointment of statutory agent for said corporation.
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	Individual Agent's Signature / Signature on behalf of Business Serving as Agent
Statutory Agent Sign	

Last Revised: 12/06/2016

By signing and submitting this form to the Ohio Secretary of State, the undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has the requisite authority to execute this document.

#### Required

Articles and original appointment of agent must be signed by the incorporator(s).

If the incorporator is an individual, then they must sign in the "signature" box and print his/her name in the "Print Name" box.

If the incorporator is a business entity, not an individual, then please print the entity name in the "signature" box, an authorized representative of the entity must sign in the "By" box and print his/her name and title/authority in the "Print Name" box.

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE

#### SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC.

FIRST: NAME Name of Corporation: The name of the Corporation shall, at any time and from time to time be the unique proper name only of each participating political subdivision, as defined in Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") Section 1710.02(E), of the special improvement district governed by the Board of Directors of the Corporation, separated by commas, and followed by the words "Energy Special Improvement District, Inc." For demonstration purposes, as of the adoption of this Article First, the name of the Corporation shall be "Sycamore Township Energy Special Improvement District, Inc."

THIRD: PURPOSE

The purpose for which the Corporation is formed shall be:

- (A) To govern the Sycamore Township, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., a special improvement district (the "District") created pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") Chapter 1710. The District's purpose is to enhance the value of properties within the District and improve the environment by developing and assisting in developing within the District special energy improvement projects. The District will be authorized to provide special energy improvement projects pursuant to ORC Chapter 1710 that will benefit property and the environment within the boundaries of the District. The District will be authorized to take any other actions pursuant to ORC Chapter 1710 that may be taken by a special improvement district organized for the purpose of developing and implementing plans for special energy improvement projects. Sycamore Township ("Township") is a participating political subdivision that will be authorized to levy a special assessment on each property within the territorial boundaries of the Township within the District to pay for such improvements, based on the benefits conferred by those special energy improvement projects. All other municipal corporations and townships which duly and validly add real property to the District shall be a participating political subdivision that will be authorized to levy a special assessment on each property within the territorial boundaries of such participating political subdivision within the District to pay for such improvements, based on the benefits conferred by those special energy improvement projects.
- (B) To engage in any lawful act, activity or business not contrary to and for which a nonprofit corporation may be formed under the laws of the State of Ohio.

- (C) To have and exercise all powers, rights and privileges conferred by the laws of the State of Ohio on nonprofit corporations or on special improvement districts, including, but not limited to, buying, leasing or otherwise acquiring and holding, using or otherwise enjoying and selling, leasing or otherwise disposing of any interest in any property, real or personal, of whatever nature and wheresoever situated, and buying and selling renewable energy credits, stocks, bonds, or any other security of any issuer as the Corporation by action of its Board may, at any time and from time to time, deem advisable.
- (D) The reasons for establishing the District include enhancing the value of properties within the District and improving the environment. The District will enhance the public health, safety, peace, convenience, and welfare by developing and assisting in developing special energy improvement projects that reduce the territory's carbon footprint, promote the District as a location for green technology job creation, benefit property within the District, and improve the environment.

# FOURTH: RESTRICTIONS

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof and to make distributions to its members as authorized by ORC Chapter 1702, including any distribution upon dissolution of the Corporation.

# FIFTH: MEMBERS

The members of the Corporation ("Members") shall be those persons or organizations described in the Code of Regulations. The annual meeting of Members shall be determined by the Board of Directors ("Board") as described in the Code of Regulations.

### SIXTH: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Corporation shall be controlled and managed under the direction of the Board. The Board shall at all times consist of at least five (5) individuals (individually a "Director").

- (A) The municipal executive, as defined in ORC Section 1710.01(D), of each participating political subdivision of the District or an employee of each participating political subdivision who is involved with its planning or economic development functions and who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of such participating political subdivision's municipal executive each shall serve as a Director.
- (B) A person appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the legislative authority of each participating political subdivision of the District each shall serve as a Director.

- (C) A person appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance, as the "program administrator" of the District.
- (D) The remaining Directors shall be Members or executive representatives of Members elected, designated, or appointed by the Members as described in the Code of Regulations of the Corporation.

The Board of Directors of the Corporation from time to time shall constitute the Board of Directors of the Corporation under ORC Chapter 1710.

# SEVENTH: TERRITORY

The territory within the District shall be described generally as that portion of the participating political subdivisions consisting of property owned by each property owner within a participating political subdivision that has petitioned the participating political subdivision for the development of a special energy improvement project, as that term is defined in ORC Section 1710.01(I). As provided in ORC Section 1710.02(A), the territory in the District may be noncontiguous if at least one special energy improvement project is designated for each parcel of real property included in the District. As further provided in Section 1710.02(A), additional territory may be added to the District for the purpose of developing and implementing plans for special energy improvement projects if at least one special energy improvement project is designated for each parcel of real property included within such additional territory and the addition of territory is authorized by the plan for the District under Chapter 1710. The addition of such territory shall be authorized in the plan for the District.

The following is a listing of properties that are initially included in the District, which are identified by parcel number:

Kemper Road Properties, Parcel No. 600-0013-0027-00

# EIGHTH: CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS

No person shall be disqualified from being a Director of the Corporation because he or she is or may be a party to, and no Director of the Corporation shall be disqualified from entering into, any contract or other transaction to which the Corporation is or may be a party.

No contract, action or other transaction shall be void or voidable for reason that any Director or officer or other agent of the Corporation is a party thereto, or otherwise has any direct or indirect interest in such contract, action or transaction or in any other party thereto, or for reason that any interested director or officer or other agent of the Corporation authorizes or participates in authorization of such contract, action or transaction, provided that:

The material facts as to such interest and as to the contract, action or

transaction are disclosed or are otherwise known to the Board or applicable committee of Directors at the time the contract, action or transaction is authorized and the Directors or the Members of the committee, in good faith reasonably justified by the facts, authorize the contract, action or transaction by at least a majority vote of the disinterested Directors or disinterested Members of the committee, even though such disinterested Directors or Members are less than a quorum; or

The material facts as to such interest and as to the contract, action or transaction are disclosed or are otherwise known to the member at the time the contract, action or transaction is authorized and the member authorizes the contract, action or transaction; or the contract, action or transaction (i) is not less favorable to the Corporation than an arm's length contract, action or transaction in which no director or officer or other agent of the Corporation has any interest or (ii) is otherwise fair to the Corporation as of the time it is authorized.

Any interested director may be counted in determining the presence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board or any committee thereof which authorizes the contract, action or transaction.

# NINTH: DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, all assets remaining after paying or making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation shall be conveyed to any person or organization as shall be selected by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board.

### TENTH: <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Any provision of these Articles of Incorporation may be amended only (a) by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members of the Corporation at any meeting at which a quorum is present, and (b) after receipt of approval of such amendment by resolution of the legislative authority of each participating political subdivision, and (c) upon filing the approved amendment and resolution with the Ohio Secretary of State; provided that such amendment shall be consistent with the applicable provisions of ORC Chapters 1702 and 1710.

# ELEVENTH: TRADE NAME

The District is hereby authorized to use the trade name "Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District," or any other such similar trade name as the Board of Directors may duly determine from time to time, and the Corporation is hereby authorized to use the trade name "Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District, Inc.," or any other such similar trade name as the Board of Directors may duly determine from time to time.

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# STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATE

# Ohio Secretary of State, Jon Husted 4009197

It is hereby certified that the Secretary of State of Ohio has custody of the business records for

### SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC.

and, that said business records show the filing and recording of:

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United States of America State of Ohio Office of the Secretary of State Witness my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio this 27th day of March, A.D. 2017.

Ohio Secretary of State

#### **ENERGY PROJECT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT**

### By and among

BLUE ASH, DEER PARK, LOVELAND, SHARONVILLE, SPRINGDALE, SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP, SYMMES TOWNSHIP ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC., D/B/A:

#### SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC.;

REDHILL INVESTORS GROUP, LLC;

GREENWORKS LENDING LLC; and

CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO

Dated as of June \_\_\_, 2020

**BRICKER & ECKLER LLP** 

#### ENERGY PROJECT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

THIS ENERGY PROJECT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made and entered into as of June \_\_, 2020 (the "Closing Date"), between the BLUE ASH, DEER PARK, LOVELAND, SHARONVILLE, SPRINGDALE, SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP, SYMMES TOWNSHIP ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC., doing business under the registered trade name SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC., a nonprofit corporation and special improvement district duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Ohio (the "State") (the "ESID"), REDHILL INVESTORS GROUP, LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State (the "Owner"), GREENWORKS LENDING LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (together with any Investor Assignee, the "Investor"), and the CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO, a municipal corporation and political subdivision duly organized and validly existing under the constitution and laws of the State (the "City") (the capitalized terms used in this Agreement and not defined in the preamble and recitals have the meanings stated in **Exhibit A** to this Agreement):

- A. On March 2, 2017, the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio (the "Sycamore Township Trustees") passed Resolution No. 2017-18, which approved the Petition for Creation of the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District and for Special Assessments for Special Energy Improvement Projects and the Articles of Incorporation of the ESID.
- B. The ESID is an energy special improvement district and nonprofit corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Ohio to further the public purpose of implementing special energy improvement projects pursuant to the authority in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and Article VIII, Section 20 of the Ohio Constitution.
- C. On March 16, 2017, by its Resolution No. 2017-24, the Sycamore Township Trustees approved the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District Project Plan (the "Plan"), as a plan for public improvements or public services for the ESID under Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.02(F).
- D. Pursuant to the Plan, the ESID, among other services, shall assist property owners, whether private or public, who own real property within participating political subdivisions to obtain financing for special energy improvement projects.
- E. On \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020, by its Resolution No. 2020-[\_], the City Council of the City (the "City Council") approved the Petition for Special Assessments for Special Improvement Projects and Affidavit (the "Petition") submitted by the Owner to the City, together with the Supplement to Plan for 9870 Redhill Drive, Hamilton County, Ohio Project (the "Supplemental Plan"), as a supplement to the Plan.
- F. Pursuant to the Plan, the ESID, among other services, shall assist property owners, whether private or public, who own real property within participating political subdivisions to obtain financing for special energy improvement projects.

- G. In order to obtain financing for special energy improvement projects and to create special assessment revenues available to pay and repay the costs of special energy improvement projects, the Petition requested that the City levy Special Assessments against the Owner's property as more fully described in the Supplemental Plan.
- The ESID, the Owner, the Investor, and the City (collectively the "Parties", and each, a "Party") each have determined that the most efficient and effective way to implement the financing, acquisition, construction, equipping, improvement, and installation of special energy improvement projects and to further the public purposes set forth above is through this Agreement, pursuant to the Special Assessment Act and on the terms set forth in this Agreement, with (i) the Investor providing the Project Advance to finance the costs of the special energy improvement projects described in the Supplemental Plan, (ii) the ESID and the Owner cooperating to acquire, construct, equip, improve, and install special energy improvement projects, (iii) the Owner agreeing to make Special Assessment payments in an aggregate amount that will provide revenues sufficient to pay or repay the permitted costs of the special energy improvement projects, (iv) the City agreeing to assign and transfer all Special Assessment payments and Delinguency Amounts actually received by the City to the Investor to repay the Project Advance and certain fees identified herein; and (v) the ESID agreeing to assign, transfer, and set over to the Investor any of its right, title, or interest in and to the Special Assessments which it may have by operation of law, this Agreement, or otherwise; provided that a portion of the Special Assessments may be retained by, or be payable to, the City, or the ESID, all pursuant to and in accordance with this Agreement.
- I. The Parties each have full right and lawful authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform and observe its provisions on their respective parts to be performed and observed, and have determined to enter into this Agreement to set forth their respective rights, duties, responsibilities, obligations, and contributions with respect to the implementation of special energy improvement projects within the ESID.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the mutual representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements contained in this Agreement, the Parties agree as follows; provided, that any obligation of the ESID created by or arising out of this Agreement never shall constitute a general obligation, bonded indebtedness, or a pledge of the general credit of the ESID, or give rise to any pecuniary liability of the ESID, but any such obligation shall be payable solely from the Special Assessments and Delinquency Amounts actually received by the ESID, if any; and provided, further, that any obligation of the City created by or arising out of this Agreement never shall constitute a general obligation, bonded indebtedness, or a pledge of the general credit of the City, or give rise to any pecuniary liability of the City, but any such obligation shall be payable solely from the Special Assessments actually received by the City, if any:

#### ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1. <u>Use of Defined Terms</u>. In addition to the words and terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement or by reference to another document, words and terms used in this Agreement shall have the meanings set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> to this Agreement unless the context or use clearly indicates another meaning or intent. Definitions shall apply equally to both the

singular and plural forms of any of the words and terms. Words of any gender include the correlative words of the other gender, unless the sense indicates otherwise.

Section 1.2. <u>Interpretation</u>. Any reference in this Agreement to the ESID, the Board, the Owner, the City, the City Council, the Investor, or to any member or officer of any of the foregoing, includes entities or officials succeeding to their respective functions, duties or responsibilities pursuant to or by operation of law or lawfully performing their functions.

Any reference to a section or provision of the Constitution of the State or the Special Assessment Act, or to a section, provision or chapter of the Ohio Revised Code or any other legislation or to any statute of the United States of America, includes that section, provision, or chapter as amended, modified, revised, supplemented, or superseded from time to time; provided, however, that no amendment, modification, revision, supplement, or superseding section, provision, or chapter shall be applicable solely by reason of this provision if it constitutes in any way an impairment of the rights or obligations of the Parties under this Agreement.

Section 1.3. <u>Captions and Headings</u>. The captions and headings in this Agreement are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope or intent of any of this Agreement's Articles, Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses.

# ARTICLE II: COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS; ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Section 2.1. Agreement Among the City, the ESID, and the Investor. The Owner and the ESID have requested the assistance of the Investor and the City in the financing of special energy improvement projects within the ESID. For the reasons set forth in this Agreement's Recitals—which Recitals are incorporated into this Agreement by this reference as a statement of the public purposes of this Agreement and the intended arrangements among the Parties—the City and the ESID have requested the assistance and cooperation of the Investor in the collection and payment of Special Assessments in accordance with this Agreement. The Parties intend this Agreement to be, and it shall be, an agreement among the Parties to cooperate in the financing, acquisition, installation, equipping, and improvement of "special energy improvement projects," pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710, and as that term is defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.01(I). The Parties intend this Agreement's provisions to be, and they shall be construed as, agreements to take effective cooperative action and to safeguard the Parties' interests.

Upon the considerations stated above and upon and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Investor, on behalf of the Parties, shall make the Project Advance available to the Owner to pay the costs of the Project. The City and the ESID shall assign, transfer, set over, and pay the Special Assessments actually received by the City or the ESID, respectively, to the Investor, to pay the costs of the Project at the times and in the manner provided in this Agreement, including, without limitation, by repaying the principal of and paying any interest on the Project Advance to the Investor; provided, however, that the City, the ESID, and the Investor intend that the City shall receive all Special Assessments and Delinquency Amounts by the City and shall transfer, set over, and pay all Special Assessments and Delinquency Amounts received

from the County Treasurer directly to the Investor. The City, the ESID, and the Investor further intend and agree that the Investor shall pay to the ESID, out of the Special Assessments received by the Investor, a semi-annual ESID Fee for the ESID's administrative expenses; provided, however, that if the amount of Special Assessments received by the Investor in any year are insufficient to pay the principal of, and interest on the Project Advance due in that year and the semi-annual ESID Fee, the Special Assessments received shall first be applied to the payment of interest on the Project Advance, then to the repayment of the principal of the Project Advance, and then to the payment of the semi-annual ESID Fee.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, any obligations of the City under this Agreement, including the obligation to transfer the Special Assessments and Delinquency Amounts received by the City to the Investor, shall be a special obligation of the City and shall be required to be made only from Special Assessments actually received by or on behalf of the City, if any. The City's obligations under this Agreement are not and shall not be secured by an obligation or pledge of any moneys raised by taxation. The City's obligations under this Agreement do not and shall not represent or constitute a debt or pledge of the City's faith and credit or taxing power, and the ESID, the Owner, and the Investor do not have and shall not have any right to have taxes levied by the City for the transfer of the Special Assessments.

# Section 2.2. Special Assessments; City Transfer of Special Assessments.

(a) <u>The Special Assessment Proceedings</u>. The City has taken all necessary actions required by the Special Assessment Act to levy and collect the Special Assessments on the Property.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.33, the City has certified the Special Assessments to the County Auditor for collection, and the County Auditor shall collect the unpaid Special Assessments with and in the same manner as other real property taxes and pay the amount collected to the City. The Parties intend that the County Auditor and the County Treasurer shall have the duty to collect the Special Assessments through enforcement proceedings in accordance with applicable law.

(b) Collection of Delinquent Special Assessments. The ESID and the Investor are hereby authorized to take any and all actions as assignees of and, to the extent required by law, in the name of, for, and on behalf of, the City to collect delinquent Special Assessments levied by the City pursuant to the Special Assessment Act and to cause the lien securing the delinquent Special Assessments to be enforced through prompt and timely foreclosure proceedings, including, but not necessarily limited to, filing and prosecution of mandamus or other appropriate proceedings to induce the City to certify installments of the Special Assessments to the County Auditor and to induce the County Prosecutor, the County Auditor, and the County Treasurer, as necessary, to institute such prompt and timely foreclosure proceedings. The proceeds of the enforcement of any such lien shall be deposited and used in accordance with this Agreement to the extent permitted by law.

- (c) Prepayment of Special Assessments. The Parties agree that the Special Assessments assessed against the Property and payable to the City pursuant to the Special Assessment Act may be prepaid to the Investor by the Owner in accordance with Section 4.7 of this Agreement. Except as set forth in this Section 2.2(c) and Section 4.7 of this Agreement, the Owner shall not prepay any Special Assessments. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Owner attempts to cause a prepayment of the Special Assessments by paying to the County Treasurer any amount as a full or partial prepayment of Special Assessments, and the Owner shall provide written notice to the Investor of such prepayment, and if the City shall have knowledge of the same, the City shall make its best effort to immediately notify the Investor, and, unless provided the express written consent of the Investor, the City shall not cause any reduction in the amount of Special Assessments. Except as specifically provided in this Agreement to the contrary, no other action pursuant to any provision of this Agreement shall abate in any way the payment of the Special Assessments by the owners of property or the transfer of the Special Assessments by the City to the Investor.
- (d) Reduction of Special Assessments. The Parties agree that the Special Assessments may be subject to reduction, but only upon the express written consent or instruction of the Investor. If the Owner causes the Special Assessments to be prepaid in accordance with Sections 2.2(c) and 4.7 of this Agreement, upon the City's receipt of the Investor's express written consent or instruction, including the Investor's calculation of the amount of Special Assessment remaining, the City shall take all necessary action to cause a reduction in the amount of Special Assessments collected such that, following such reduction, the amount of Special Assessments remaining to be paid shall be equal to the amounts necessary to pay, as and when due, the remaining outstanding principal of the Project Advance, together with interest at the annual rate of 5.25%, and a semi-annual ESID Fee. The parties acknowledge and agree that County Auditor may calculate, charge, and collect a fee on each installment of the Special Assessments in an amount that the County Auditor deems necessary to defray the expenses of collecting the Special Assessments pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.36, which fee is in addition to the amount of the Special Assessments and other related interest, fees, and penalties. As of the date of this Agreement, the parties acknowledge that the County Auditor shall charge and collect a 3.00% fee on each installment of the Special Assessments, as shown in Exhibit B to this Agreement, which fee (i) may change at any time at the sole discretion of the County Auditor and (ii) is in addition to the amount of the Special Assessments and other related interest, fees, and penalties.
- (e) Assignment of Special Assessments. The City agrees that it shall establish, or cause to be established, funds for the collection of the Special Assessments as separate funds maintained on the City's books and records and to be held in the custody of a bank with which the City maintains a depository relationship. The City hereby assigns to the Investor all of its right, title and interest in and to: (i) the Special Assessments received by the City under this Agreement, (ii) the amount(s) in the City's special assessment fund (or funds) established for the

Project, and (iii) any other property received or to be received from the City under this Agreement. The City further shall transfer, set over, and pay the Special Assessments and Delinquency Amounts to the Investor in accordance with this Agreement. The ESID acknowledges and consents to the City's assignment of the Special Assessments to the Investor. To the extent permitted by law, the Parties agree that each of the City, the ESID, and the Investor, as assignee of the Special Assessments, is authorized to take any and all actions, whether at law, or in equity, to collect delinquent Special Assessments levied by the City pursuant to law and to cause the lien securing any delinquent Special Assessments to be enforced through prompt and timely foreclosure proceedings, including, but not necessarily limited to, filing and prosecution of mandamus or other appropriate proceedings to induce the County Prosecutor, the County Auditor, and the County Treasurer, as necessary, to institute such prompt and timely foreclosure proceedings.

- Transfer of Special Assessments. The parties anticipate that semi-annual (f) installments of the Special Assessments and any Delinquency Amounts will be paid to the City by the County Auditor and the County Treasurer in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapters 319, 321, 323, and 727, which, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, contemplates that the County Auditor and County Treasurer will pay the Special Assessments and Delinquency Amounts to the City on or before June 1 or December 1 of each year. Immediately upon receipt of any moneys received by the City as Special Assessments and Delinquency Amounts, but in any event not later than 21 calendar days after the receipt of such moneys and the corresponding final settlement from the County Auditor, the City shall deliver to the Investor all such moneys received by the City as Special Assessments and Delinquency Amounts by ACH or check as determined in the sole discretion of the City. The Investor shall provide the City with account and payment information in the form of Exhibit I on the date on which this Agreement becomes effective. The Investor may from time to time provide updated written account and payment information in the form of Exhibit I to the City for the payment of Special Assessments and Delinquency Amounts, but the City shall maintain its right to send the special assessments by ACH or check in its sole discretion. If at any time during the term of this Agreement the County Auditor agrees, on behalf of the City, to disburse the Special Assessments and Delinquency Amounts to the Investor pursuant to instructions or procedures agreed upon by the County Auditor and the City, then, upon each transfer of an installment of the Special Assessments and Delinquency Amounts from the County Auditor to the Investor, the City shall be deemed to have satisfied all of its obligations under this Agreement to transfer that installment of the Special Assessments or any Delinquency Amounts to the Investor.
- (g) Repayment of Project Advance. The Investor shall credit, on the dates shown on the Repayment Schedule (which is attached to, and incorporated into, this Agreement as Exhibit B), Special Assessments in the amounts shown on the Repayment Schedule to the payment of accrued interest on the Project Advance and to the repayment of the portion of the principal of the Project Advance

scheduled to be repaid on such date. The Investor, on the dates shown on the Repayment Schedule, further shall pay to the ESID, after the payment of accrued interest on the Project Advance and the repayment of the portion of principal of the Project Advance scheduled to be repaid on such date, a semi-annual ESID Fee or such lesser amount as may be available from the Special Assessments on the applicable date after the payment of accrued interest on the Project Advance and the repayment of the portion of the principal of the Project Advance scheduled to be repaid on such date. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the County Auditor may calculate, charge, and collect a fee on each installment of the Special Assessments in an amount that the County Auditor deems necessary to defray the expense of collecting the Special Assessments pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.36, which fee is in addition to the amount of the Special Assessments and other related interest, fees, and penalties, and that such fee shall be paid by the Owner to the County Auditor with the Special Assessments, and that the County Auditor will retain such fee.

Section 2.3. Obligations Unconditional; Place of Payments. The City's obligation to transfer or cause the transfer of the Special Assessments and any Delinquency Amounts to the Investor under Section 2.2 of this Agreement shall be absolute and unconditional, and the City shall make or cause such transfers without abatement, diminution, or deduction regardless of any cause or circumstance whatsoever, including, without limitation, any defense, set-off, recoupment, or counterclaim which the City may have or assert against the Investor, the ESID, or the Owner; provided, however, that the City's obligation to transfer or cause the transfer of the Special Assessments and any Delinquency Amounts is limited to the Special Assessments and any Delinquency Amounts actually received by or on behalf of the City, and nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to obligate the City to transfer or pledge, and the City shall not transfer or pledge any special assessments not related to the ESID.

Section 2.4. Appropriation by the City; No Further Obligations. Upon the Parties' execution of this Agreement, all of the Special Assessments and any Delinquency Amounts received or to be received by the City shall be deemed to have been appropriated to pay the City's obligation under this Agreement to pay to the Investor all Special Assessments and any Delinquency Amounts received by the City. During the years during which this Agreement is in effect, the City shall take such further actions as may be necessary or desirable in order to appropriate the transfer of the Special Assessments and any Delinquency Amounts actually received by the City in such amounts and at such times as will be sufficient to enable the City to satisfy its obligation under this Agreement to pay to the Investor all Special Assessments and any Delinquency Amounts received by the City; provided that the City shall not be responsible for the costs and expenses of any collection or enforcement actions, except to the extent of any Special Assessments and any Delinquency Amounts actually received by the City; and provided further that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as a waiver of the City's right to be indemnified pursuant to Section 6.4 of this Agreement or pursuant to the Special Assessment Agreement. The City has no obligation to use or apply to the payment of the Special Assessments and any Delinquency Amounts any funds or revenues from any source other than the moneys received by the City as Special Assessments and any Delinquency Amounts; provided, however, that nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prohibit the City from using, to the extent that it is authorized to do so, any other resources for the fulfillment of any of this Agreement's terms, conditions, or obligations.

Section 2.5. <u>Security for Advanced Funds</u>. To secure the transfer of the Special Assessments and any Delinquency Amounts by the City to the Investor, and in accordance with the Special Assessment Act, the ESID hereby assigns, transfers, sets over, and shall pay all of its right, title, and interest in and to the Special Assessments and any Delinquency Amounts related to the ESID actually received by or on behalf of the City to the Investor. The Owner and the City agree and consent to that assignment.

## ARTICLE III: REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, AND AGREEMENTS

Section 3.1. <u>The City's Representations and Warranties</u>. The City represents and warrants that:

- (a) It is a municipal corporation duly organized, and validly existing under the Constitution and applicable laws of the State.
- (b) It is not in violation of or in conflict with any provisions of the laws of the State or of the United States of America applicable to the City that would impair its ability to carry out its obligations contained in this Agreement.
- (c) It is legally empowered to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement and to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. To the City's knowledge, that execution, delivery and performance does not and will not violate or conflict with any provision of law applicable to the City and does not and will not conflict with or result in a default under any agreement or instrument to which the City is a party or by which it is bound.
- (d) It, by proper action, duly has authorized, executed, and delivered this Agreement, and the City has taken all steps necessary to establish this Agreement and the City's covenants and agreements within this Agreement, as valid and binding obligations of the City, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
- (e) There is no litigation pending, or to its knowledge threatened, against or by the City in which an unfavorable ruling or decision would materially adversely affect the City's ability to carry out its obligations under this Agreement.
- (f) The assignment contained in Section 2.2(e) is a valid and binding obligation of the City with respect to the Special Assessments received by the City under this Agreement.

Section 3.2. <u>The ESID's Representations and Warranties</u>. The ESID represents and warrants that:

(a) It is a nonprofit corporation and special improvement district, duly organized, and validly existing under the Constitution and applicable laws of the State.

- (b) It is not in violation of or in conflict with any provisions of the laws of the State or of the United States of America applicable to the ESID that would impair its ability to carry out its obligations contained in this Agreement.
- (c) It is legally empowered to execute, deliver and perform this Agreement and to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. To the ESID's knowledge, that execution, delivery and performance does not and will not violate or conflict with any provision of law applicable to the ESID and does not and will not conflict with or result in a default under any agreement or instrument to which the ESID is a party or by which it is bound.
- (d) It, by proper action, duly has authorized, executed, and delivered this Agreement, and the ESID has taken all steps necessary to establish this Agreement and the ESID's covenants and agreements within this Agreement as valid and binding obligations of the ESID, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
- (e) There is no litigation pending, or to its knowledge threatened, against or by the ESID in which an unfavorable ruling or decision would materially adversely affect the ESID's ability to carry out its obligations under this Agreement.
- (f) The ESID shall provide an opinion of Bricker & Eckler LLP dated as of the Closing Date to the addressees included in such opinion regarding the enforceability and compliance with applicable law of the Agreement, the Special Assessment Agreement, and the Petition.
- (g) The assignment contained in Section 2.5 is a valid and binding obligation of the ESID with respect to the ESID's right, title and interest in the Special Assessments under this Agreement.

# Section 3.3. <u>The Owner's Representations and Warranties</u>. The Owner represents and warrants that:

- (a) It is a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in full force and effect under the laws of the State. It has all requisite power to conduct its business as presently conducted and to own, or hold under lease, its assets and properties, and, is duly qualified to do business in all other jurisdictions in which it is required to be qualified, except where failure to be so qualified does not have a material adverse effect on it, and will remain so qualified and in full force and effect during the period during which Special Assessments shall be assessed, due, and payable.
- (b) It, by proper action, duly has authorized, executed, and delivered this Agreement, and it has taken all steps necessary to establish this Agreement and its covenants and agreements within this Agreement as valid and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with their terms
- (c) There are no actions, suits or proceedings pending or, to its knowledge, threatened against or affecting it, the Property, or the Project that, if adversely determined,

would individually or in the aggregate materially impair its ability to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement, or materially adversely affect its financial condition (an "Action"), and during the term of this Agreement, the Owner shall promptly notify the Investor of any Action commenced or to its knowledge threatened against it.

- (d) It is not in default under this Agreement, and to its knowledge no condition, the continuance in existence of which would constitute a default under this Agreement exists. It is not in default in the payment of any Special Assessments or under any agreement or instrument related to the Special Assessments that has not been waived or allowed.
- (e) Except for any financing of the Property and the lien related thereto that Owner has previously disclosed in writing, it has made no contract or arrangement of any kind, other than this Agreement, which has given rise to, or the performance of which by the other party thereto would give rise to, a lien or claim of lien on its Project, except inchoate statutory liens in favor of suppliers, contractors, architects, subcontractors, laborers or materialmen performing work or services or supplying materials in connection with the acquiring, installing, equipping and improving of its Project.
- (f) No representation or warranty made by it contained in this Agreement, and no statement contained in any certificate, schedule, list, financial statement or other instrument furnished to the Investor or the ESID by it or on its behalf contained, as of the date thereof, any untrue statement of a material fact, or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements contained herein or therein not misleading.
- (g) Since the date of the most recent financial statements of the Owner provided to the Investor, there has been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the Owner, nor has the Owner mortgaged, pledged or granted a security interest in or encumbered the Property since such date, except as otherwise disclosed to the Investor in writing, and the financial statements which have been delivered to the Investor prior to the date of this Agreement are true, correct, and current in all material respects and fairly represent the respective financial conditions of the subjects of the financial statements as of the respective dates of the financial statements.
- (h) The Owner has good and marketable title to its Property, subject only to existing liens, pledges, encumbrances, charges or other restrictions of record previously disclosed by the Owner to the Investor in writing, liens for taxes not yet due and payable, and minor liens of an immaterial nature.
- (i) The Project complies in all material respects with all applicable zoning, planning, building, environmental and other regulations of each Governmental Authority having jurisdiction of the Project, and all necessary permits, licenses, consents and permissions necessary for the Project required as of the effective date of this

Agreement have been obtained. To the extent any permits, licenses, consents, and permissions necessary for the Project have not yet been obtained as of the effective date of this Agreement, Owner has no reason to believe that any such permits, licenses, consents, or permissions will not be obtained when and as required in the ordinary course.

- The plans and specifications for the Project are satisfactory to the Owner, have (i) been reviewed and approved by the general contractor for the Project, the tenants under any leases which require approval of the plans and specifications, the purchasers under any sales contracts which require approval of the plans and specifications, any architects for the Project, and, to the extent required by applicable law or any effective restrictive covenant, by all Governmental Authorities and the beneficiaries of any such covenants; all construction of the Project, if any, already performed on the Property has been performed on the Property in accordance with such approved plans and specifications and the restrictive covenants applicable to the plans and specifications; there are no structural defects in the Project or violations of any requirement of any Governmental Authorities with respect to the Project; the planned use of the Project complies with applicable zoning ordinances, regulations, and restrictive covenants affecting the Property as well as all environmental, ecological, landmark and other applicable laws and regulations; and all requirements for such use have been satisfied.
- (k) The Owner has the Required Insurance Coverage and will maintain the Required Insurance Coverage at all times during the term of this Agreement, while any principal of or interest on the Project Advance remains outstanding, and while any Special Assessments remain to be paid. Any return of insurance premium or dividends based upon the Required Insurance Coverage shall be due and payable solely to the Owner or its Lender pursuant to any agreements between the Owner and its Lender, unless such premium shall have been paid by the Investor, in accordance with the distribution priority specified in Section 4.3.
- (1) Each Disbursement Request Form presented to the Investor and the Program Administrator, and the receipt of the funds requested by the Disbursement Request Form, shall constitute an affirmation that the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement remain true and correct as of the date of the Disbursement Request Form and the receipt of the funds requested by the Disbursement Request Form.
- (m) Each of the Property and the Project are, and at all times during the term of this Agreement, while any principal of or interest on the Project Advance remain outstanding, and while any Special Assessments remain to be paid, used solely for the commercial purposes disclosed by the Owner to the Investor in writing.
- (n) The Project and the plans and specifications for the Project have been developed pursuant to an energy analysis prepared by KZF Design, which energy audit demonstrates that the Project is expected to generate in annual utility savings of

- (i) 6% for building envelope, (ii) 70% for lighting, (iii) 15% for heating system, and (iv) 36% for cooling system.
- (o) Each of the components of the Project is a qualified "special energy improvement project" pursuant to the definition of that term in Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.01(I).
- (p) At all times during the term of this Agreement, while any principal of or interest on the Project Advance remain outstanding, and while any Special Assessments remain to be paid, the Owner shall comply in all respects with the Special Assessment Act, and shall take any and all action necessary to remain in compliance with the Special Assessment Act.

# Section 3.4. <u>The Owner's Additional Agreements</u>. The Owner agrees that:

- It shall not transfer or convey any right, title, or interest, in or to the Property and (a) the Project prior to completion of the Project, without explicit written consent from the Investor. Following completion of the Project, the Owner may not transfer ownership of any right, title, or interest in or to the Property, except after giving prompt notice of any such transfer or conveyance to the Investor; provided, however, that the foregoing restrictions shall not apply to the grant or conveyance of any leasehold interests (except for leases that convey taxable title), mortgage interests, or lien interests, except as may be otherwise provided in this Agreement. Before or simultaneous with any such transfer or conveyance, the Owner shall (i) execute, cause the transferee or purchaser to execute, and deliver to the Investor, the City, and the ESID a fully executed "Assignment and Assumption of Energy Project Cooperative Agreement" in substantially the form attached to, and incorporated into, this Agreement as Exhibit H; and (ii) execute, cause the transferee or purchaser to execute, and deliver to the Investor, an assignment of all construction contracts related to the Project. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Assignment and Assumption of Energy Project Cooperative Agreement includes the assignment and assumption of the Special Assessment Agreement and the Owner Consent.
- (b) It shall pay when due all taxes, assessments, service payments in lieu of taxes, levies, claims and charges of any kind whatsoever that may at any time be lawfully assessed or levied against or with respect to the Property, all utility and other charges incurred in the operation, maintenance, use, occupancy and upkeep of the Property and all assessments and charges lawfully made by any governmental body for public improvements that may be secured by a lien on any portion of the Property. The Owner shall furnish the Investor, upon reasonable request, with proof of payment of any taxes, governmental charges, utility charges, insurance premiums or other charges required to be paid by the Owner under this Agreement. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the foregoing obligation is in addition to the Owner's obligation to pay the Special Assessments.

- (c) It shall not, without the prior written consent of the Investor and the City, cause or agree to the imposition of any special assessments, other than the Special Assessments, on the Property for the purpose of paying the costs of "special energy improvement projects," as that term is defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.01(I), as amended and in effect at the time.
- (d) It shall promptly pay and discharge all claims for labor performed and material and services furnished in connection with the acquisition, installation, equipping, and improvement of the Project.
- (e) Once annually until the Completion Date, the chief financial officer or similar authorized officer of the Owner shall provide the Investor with a certificate setting forth all sources and uses of funds with respect to the Project.
- (f) It promptly shall notify the Investor of any material damage or destruction to the Project or the Property.
- (g) Upon the reasonable request of the Investor, it shall take any actions and execute any further certificates, instruments, agreements, or documents as shall be reasonably necessary in connection with the performance of this Agreement and with the transactions, obligations, and undertakings contained in this Agreement.
- (h) It shall not cause the Property to be subdivided, platted, or otherwise separated into any additional parcels in the records of the County Auditor.
- (i) Except in strict compliance with applicable federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, it does not and will not engage in operations that involve the generation, manufacture, refining, transportation, treatment, storage or handling of hazardous materials or hazardous wastes, as defined in applicable state law, or any other federal, state or local environmental laws or regulations, and neither the Property nor any other of its premises has been so used previously, in each case, except as previously disclosed in writing to the Investor. There are no underground storage tanks located on the Property. There is no past or present non-compliance with environmental laws, or with permits issued pursuant thereto, in connection with the Property, which has not been fully remediated in accordance with environmental laws. There is no environmental remediation required (or anticipated to be required) with respect to the Property. The Owner does not know of, and has not received, any written or oral notice or other communication from any person (including but not limited to a governmental entity) relating to hazardous substances or remediation of hazardous substances, of possible liability of any person pursuant to any environmental law, other environmental conditions in connection with the Property, or any actual or potential administrative or judicial proceedings in connection with the foregoing.
- (j) Prior to completion of the Project, one or more Principals or their respective affiliates shall at all times Control the Owner

## ARTICLE IV: PROJECT ADVANCE; CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT; REPAYMENT

Section 4.1. Project Advance. Upon the recordation of the executed Owner Consent in the records of the County Recorder of Hamilton County, Ohio with respect to the Property, the Investor shall make available to the Owner the Project Advance in the amount of \$5,021,486.95, of which \$4,250,000.00 will be net funded into the Project Account (as defined below) for disbursement pursuant to Section 4.2, and capitalized interest in the amount of \$614,836.00 and fees in the amount of \$[142,025.00] will be retained for the account of the Investor for further payment to itself and the entities to be paid on the Closing Date in accordance with this Agreement. The Investor shall hold the Project Advance in a segregated account established in the custody of the Investor, which account shall be referred to as the "Project Account." Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Investor, upon the direction of the Owner, shall disburse amounts on deposit in the Project Account to the Owner or to such parties as may be named by the Owner in order to pay the costs of the Project.

If the Project Advance net funded to the Owner is insufficient to pay the costs of the Project pursuant to this Agreement, the Owner, nevertheless, shall complete the acquisition, installation, equipping, and improvement of its Project, and the Owner shall pay all such additional costs of its Project from its own funds. The Owner shall not be entitled to reimbursement for any such additional costs of its Project, nor shall it be entitled to any abatement, diminution, or postponement of the Special Assessments. If the cost of construction of the Project or any portion thereof materially exceeds the costs set forth in the approved budget, then the Owner shall immediately deposit with the Investor an amount equal to the deficiency between such budgeted cost and the actual cost.

Section 4.2. <u>Disbursements</u>. In order to cause disbursement of amounts on deposit in the Project Account to pay or reimburse the costs of the Project, the Owner shall submit to the Investor Disbursement Request Forms (a form of which is attached to this Agreement as <u>Exhibit</u> <u>C</u>) and deliver a copy of each Disbursement Request Form to the ESID's program administrator, Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance (the "Program Administrator"). Each Disbursement Request Form shall, in part, set forth the payments or reimbursements requested, and shall be accompanied by invoices or other appropriate documentation supporting the payments or reimbursements requested, which materials (including all materials required by this Section 4.2 applicable to such Disbursement Request) shall be submitted to the Investor at least seven (7) business days prior to the anticipated date of such disbursement. In addition, the following shall occur:

## (a) With each Disbursement Request Form:

- (i) The Owner shall deliver to the Investor proof that the relevant Milestone pursuant to **Exhibit J** has occurred and any additional information regarding construction that the Investor reasonably requests;
- (ii) The Owner shall deliver to the Investor copies of all related receipts and invoices;
- (iii) The Owner shall deliver to the Investor signed lien waivers from the general contractor and its subcontractors (as applicable) in substantially the form attached to the Disbursement Request Form as Schedule 2;

- (iv) The Owner shall deliver to the Investor bank information for wiring the amounts requested for disbursement;
- (v) The Owner shall deliver evidence satisfactory to Investor of the Required Builder's Risk Insurance Coverage;
- (vi) The Owner shall deliver to Investor evidence, satisfactory to the Investor, in its reasonable discretion, that such disbursement is in accordance with the Draw Schedule attached hereto as **Exhibit J**;
- (vii) All of the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement are true and correct as of the date of such Disbursement Request Form; and
- (viii) There are no defaults under this Agreement, the Special Assessment Agreement, or the Petition.
- (b) With the first Disbursement Request Form submitted, in addition to the documents required under Section 4.2(a):
  - (i) The Owner shall deliver to the Investor copies of all construction permits required for the construction of the Project;
  - (ii) The Owner shall deliver to the Investor copies of all agreements with all subcontractors performing work or furnishing materials for the Project;
  - (iii) The Owner shall deliver to the Investor a construction schedule completed by the general contractor for the Project, which includes an anticipated date of completion of the Project;
  - (iv) The Owner shall deliver to the Investor copies of all current policies of the Required Insurance Coverage;
  - (v) The construction plans and specifications shall have been approved in all respects by the Investor in its sole discretion;
  - (vi) The budget shall have been approved by the Investor in its sole discretion;
  - (vii) The Owner shall deliver to the Investor the written consent of its existing mortgage lender to the levying, assessment, and collection of the Special Assessments, in the form attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit G**;
  - (viii) The Owner shall provide to the Investor evidence acceptable to the Investor, in its sole discretion, that the City Council and the ESID have approved the Project;
  - (ix) The Investor shall receive the executed Special Assessment Agreement and Owner Consent and evidence that the Owner Consent has been recorded in the records of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Ohio with respect to the Property;
  - (x) The Owner and the ESID shall provide to the Investor original executed copies of this Agreement and any related certificates; and
  - (xi) The Owner shall provide to the Investor a list of authorized representatives on whose instructions and directions the Investor may rely until such time as an updated list has been provided, as set forward in **Exhibit K**, attached hereto.
- (c) With the final Disbursement Request Form, in addition to the documents required under Section 4.2(a):

- (i) The Owner shall deliver to the Investor the final lien waiver and release in the form attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit E** from the general contractor and all subcontractors;
- (ii) The Owner shall deliver to the Investor the executed certificate in the form attached as **Exhibit D** to this Agreement;
- (iii) The Owner shall deliver to the Investor evidence that a Certificate of Occupancy has been provided for the Property or evidence satisfactory to the Investor of when a Certificate of Occupancy will be provided for the Property; and
- (iv) The Owner shall deliver to the Investor copies of all completion inspections and closed permits with respect to the Project.

Upon its receipt of each completed Disbursement Request Form and satisfaction of the conditions to disbursement set forth above, the Investor shall approve all or a portion of the payment or reimbursements requested to be disbursed from the Project Account. To the extent the Investor approves the payment or reimbursements requested to be disbursed from the Project Account, the Investor shall pay the Owner or such other parties as are indicated on the Disbursement Request Form the amounts described on such Disbursement Request Form.

Additionally, on the date this Agreement becomes effective, the Investor shall disburse the closing costs related to the financing described in this Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$[142,025.00], as detailed in **Exhibit F** to this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, disbursements made pursuant to this paragraph may be for fees to the Investor, fees to the ESID, legal fees, fees to the City, and other closing costs or contingencies, all as shown on **Exhibit F**. The Investor shall further retain and disburse to itself on the Closing Date capitalized interest in an amount not to exceed \$614,836.00 to be applied in accordance with **Exhibit B**.

Section 4.3. <u>Casualties and Takings</u>. The Owner shall promptly notify the Investor if the Project is damaged or destroyed by fire, casualty, injury or any other cause (each such occurrence, a "Casualty"). Upon the occurrence of such Casualty, the Owner's Lender, if any, may elect, in its sole discretion and judgment, to restore the Property and the Project or to terminate the construction of the Project, and in either case, to direct the application of the insurance proceeds pursuant to the terms of Owner's Lender's agreement with the Owner, provided that if the insurance proceeds are not used to restore the Property and the Project, insurance proceeds will be distributed first to Owner's Lender pursuant to its agreements with the Owner, and next to the Investor for repayment of the outstanding balance of the Special Assessments and any related fees, and any excess proceeds will be paid to the Owner.

Upon the occurrence of a Casualty, if no Person is a Lender at the time of such Casualty, the insurance proceeds shall be applied to pay the costs of the restoration of the Project or to the repayment of the outstanding balance of the Special Assessments, and in which case the Investor shall remain obligated to make disbursements of up to the total amount of the Project Advance in accordance with this Agreement. If upon the occurrence of a Casualty, there is a Lender, the insurance proceeds shall be applied in accordance with the then most senior Lender's requirements.

In the event restoration of the Project or the Property is pursued, the Owner shall immediately proceed with the restoration of the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications. If, in the Investor's reasonable judgment, said insurance proceeds are insufficient to complete the restoration, the Owner shall deposit with the Investor such amounts as are necessary, in the Investor's reasonable judgment, to complete the restoration in accordance with the plans and specifications.

In the event any part of the Property or the Project shall be taken for public purposes by condemnation as a result of any action or proceeding in eminent domain, or shall be transferred in lieu of condemnation to any authority entitled to exercise the power of eminent domain (a "Taking"), the Owner's Lender, if any, may elect, in its sole discretion and judgment, not to restore the Property or the Project or to restore the Property or the Project, and in either case, to direct the application of the proceeds of the Taking pursuant to the terms of its agreements with the Owner. If the Lender determines not to restore the Property or the Project and release funds related thereto to the Owner, the Investor's obligation to make disbursements under this Agreement shall be terminated. If the Lender determines to restore the Property and the Project, the Owner shall immediately proceed with the restoration of the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications and as otherwise required in any agreements between Owner and Lender. If, in the Investor's reasonable judgment, the Taking proceeds available to the Owner and the Investor are insufficient to complete the restoration, the Owner shall deposit with the Investor such amounts as are necessary, in the Investor's reasonable judgment, to complete the restoration in accordance with the plans and specifications.

In the event that no Person is a Lender at the time of such Taking, the Investor's obligation to make disbursements under this Agreement shall be terminated unless the Property and the Project can, in the Investor's reasonable discretion, be replaced and restored in a manner which will enable the Project to be functionally and economically utilized and occupied as originally intended. If the Property and the Project can be so restored, the Owner shall immediately proceed with the restoration of the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications, and the Investor shall release the funds for such purpose. If, in the Investor's reasonable judgment, the Taking proceeds available to the Owner and the Investor are insufficient to complete the restoration, the Owner shall deposit with the Investor such amounts as are necessary, in the Investor's reasonable judgment, to complete the restoration in accordance with the plans and specifications.

Section 4.4. <u>Eligible Costs</u>. The costs of the Project which are eligible for payment or reimbursement pursuant to this Agreement include the following:

(a) costs incurred directly or indirectly for or in connection with the acquisition, installation, equipping, and improvement of the Project, including without limitation, costs incurred in respect of the Project for preliminary planning and studies; architectural, legal, engineering, surveying, accounting, consulting, supervisory and other services; labor, services and materials; and recording of documents and title work:

- (b) financial, legal, recording, title, accounting, and printing and engraving fees, charges and expenses, and all other fees, charges and expenses incurred in connection with the financing described in this Agreement;
- (c) premiums attributable to any surety and payment and performance bonds and insurance required to be taken out and maintained until the date on which each Project is final and complete;
- (d) taxes, assessments and other governmental charges in respect of the Project that may become due and payable until the date on which each Project is final and complete;
- (e) costs, including, without limitation, attorney's fees, incurred directly or indirectly in seeking to enforce any remedy against any contractor or subcontractor in respect of any actual or claimed default under any contract relating to the Project; and
- (f) any other incidental or necessary costs, expenses, fees and charges properly chargeable to the cost of the acquisition, installation, equipping, and improvement of the Project.

# Section 4.5. <u>Completion of Project; Inspection.</u>

- (a) The Owner (i) in accordance with the approved plans and specifications for the Project, which plans and specifications shall not be materially revised without the prior written approval of the Investor, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, shall acquire, install, equip, and improve its Project with all commercially reasonable dispatch, (ii) subject to its right to contest any disputed work, shall pay when due all fees, costs and expenses incurred or payable by the Owner in connection with that acquisition, installation, equipping, and improvement from funds made available therefor in accordance with this Agreement or otherwise, and (iii) shall ask, demand, sue for, levy, recover and receive all those sums of money, debts and other demands whatsoever which may be due, owing and payable to the Owner under the terms of any contract, order, receipt, writing or instruction in connection with the acquisition, installation, equipping, and improvement of the Project, and shall utilize commercially reasonable efforts to enforce the provisions of any contract, agreement, obligation, bond or other performance security with respect thereto. understood that the Project is to be owned by the Owner and any contracts made by the Owner with respect to the Project or any work to be done by the Owner on or with respect to the Project are made or done by the Owner on its own behalf and not as agent or contractor for the ESID.
- (b) During the period of acquisition, installation, equipping, and improvement of the Project, the ESID and the Investor, and their respective agents, subject to reasonable security and safety regulations, and upon reasonable prior notice, shall

have the right, during normal business hours, to inspect the Project. The ESID and the Investor and their respective agents shall utilize commercially reasonable efforts to minimize interference with the tenants of the Property during any such inspection.

- (c) The Investor reserves the right to deny the request for a Project Advance pursuant to Article IV of this Agreement if such inspection reveals that, in the Investor's reasonable discretion, construction is not proceeding with reasonable dispatch. If, in the Investor's opinion, after 30 days' written notice to the Owner, the construction of the Project is not proceeding with reasonable dispatch, the Investor may (i) request that the Owner remove and replace the general contractor of the Project with a general contractor acceptable to the Investor, the failure of which by the Owner shall be a default under this Agreement, (ii) utilize funds to continue construction of the Project and such funds shall be considered Project Advances, or (iii) deny any Project Advance until such time as the construction resumes proceeding with reasonable dispatch.
- (d) The Owner shall notify the ESID, the Program Administrator, the City, and the Investor of the Completion Date by a certificate in the form attached as **Exhibit D** to this Agreement, signed by the Owner stating: (i) the date on which the acquisition, installation, equipping, and improvement of the Project was substantially completed by the general contractor for the Project in accordance with the construction contract, and the Owner has no unresolved complaints regarding the work; (ii) that the Project has been completed in all material respects in accordance with the plans and specifications, permits, and budget for the Project approved by the Investor; (iii) that the Owner has complied, and will continue to comply with all applicable statutes, regulations, and resolutions or ordinances in connection with the Property and the construction of the Project; (iv) that the Owner holds fee ownership of the Property; (v) that the general contractor for the project has not offered the Owner any payment, refund, or any commission in return for completing Project; and (vi) that all funds provided to the Owner by the Investor for the Project have been used in accordance with this Agreement. The certificate shall be delivered as promptly as practicable after the Completion Date.

Section 4.6. Repayment. The Parties acknowledge that pursuant to this Agreement, the Project Advance is expected to be repaid by the Special Assessments. The Parties agree that the Special Assessments have been levied and certified to the County Auditor in the amounts necessary to amortize the Project Advance, together with interest at the annual rate of 5.25%, and a semi-annual administrative ESID Fee over 56 semi-annual payments to be collected beginning approximately on January 31, 2023 and continuing through approximately July 31, 2050. The Parties further acknowledge that in addition to the amount of the Special Assessments and other related interest, fees, and penalties, the County Auditor may charge and collect a County Auditor collection fee on each annual installment of the Special Assessments in an amount to be calculated, charged, and collected by the County Auditor pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.36, which fee shall be paid by the Owner and is in addition to the amount of the Special Assessments and other related interest, fees, and penalties. Interest shall accrue on the entire

amount of the Project Advance from the date of this Agreement; provided, however, that a portion of the Project Advance may be used to pay interest accruing and due and payable on the Project Advance prior to the date on which the first installment of the Special Assessments is paid to the Investor by the City. The Owner agrees to pay, as and when due, all Special Assessments with respect to its Property. The Parties acknowledge and agree that, pursuant to the laws of the State, the Special Assessments to be collected by the County Treasurer which as of the relevant date are not yet due and payable never shall be accelerated, and the lien of the Special Assessments never shall exceed the amount of Special Assessments which, as of the relevant date, are due and payable but remain unpaid.

Section 4.7. Prepayment. At any time after the first anniversary and prior to the third anniversary of the date of this Agreement, the Owner may prepay any portion of the principal of the Project Advance to the Investor by paying, in immediately available funds, 105% of the principal amount of the Project Advance to be prepaid, together with all accrued and unpaid interest on the Project Advance to the date of prepayment. At any time after the third anniversary and prior to the fifth anniversary of the date of this Agreement, the Owner may prepay any portion of the principal of the Project Advance to the Investor by paying, in immediately available funds, 103% of the principal amount of the Project Advance to be prepaid, together with all accrued and unpaid interest on the Project Advance to the date of prepayment. At any time after the fifth anniversary of the date of this Agreement, the Owner may prepay any portion of the principal of the Project Advance to the Investor by paying, in immediately available funds, 100% of the principal amount of the Project Advance to be prepaid, together with all accrued and unpaid interest on the Project Advance to the date of prepayment.

Immediately upon any prepayment pursuant to this Section 4.7, the Investor shall notify the City of the prepayment, and the Owner, the Investor, and the City shall use its best efforts to cooperate in a reasonable manner to reduce the amount of Special Assessments to be collected by the County Auditor pursuant to Section 2.2(d) of this Agreement.

Section 4.8. Payment of Fees and Expenses. If an Event of Default on the part of the Owner should occur under this Agreement such that the ESID, the Investor, or the City should incur expenses, including attorneys' fees, in connection with the enforcement of this Agreement or the collection of sums due under this Agreement, the Owner shall reimburse the ESID, the Investor, and the City, as applicable, for any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses so incurred upon demand. If any such expenses are not so reimbursed, the amount of such expenses, together with interest on such amount from the date of demand for payment at an annual rate equal to the maximum rate allowable by law, shall constitute indebtedness under this Agreement, and the ESID, the Investor, and the City, as applicable, shall be entitled to seek the recovery of those expenses in such action except as limited by law or by judicial order or decision entered in such proceedings.

Section 4.9. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Upon the request of the Investor, the Owner shall take any actions and execute any further documents as the Investor deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE V: EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 5.1. <u>Events of Default</u>. If any of the following shall occur, such occurrence shall be an "Event of Default" under this Agreement:

- (a) The Owner shall fail to pay an installment of the Special Assessments when due, after taking into account all applicable extensions;
- (b) The City shall fail to transfer, or cause the transfer of, any of the Special Assessments to the Investor within the time specified in this Agreement;
- (c) Any Party is in material breach of its representations or warranties under this Agreement; provided, however, that upon the material breach of a Party's representations or warranties under this Agreement, such Party shall have the right to cure such breach within five (5) business days of the receipt of notice, and, if so cured, such breach shall not constitute an Event of Default;
- (d) The Owner fails to comply with any obligation under this Agreement, the Special Assessment Agreement, or the Petition involving the payment of money, except for the payment of the Special Assessments, and such failure is not cured within 10 business days of Owner's receipt of notice of such failure;
- (e) The ESID, the Owner, or the City, shall fail to observe and perform any other agreement, term, or condition contained in this Agreement, and the continuation of such failure for a period of 30 days after written notice of such failure shall have been given to the ESID, the Owner, or the City, as applicable, by any other Party to this Agreement, or for such longer period to which the notifying Party may agree in writing; provided, however, that if the failure is other than the payment of money, and is of such nature that it can be corrected but not within the applicable period, that failure shall not constitute an Event of Default so long as the ESID, the Owner, or the City, as applicable, institutes curative action within the applicable period and diligently pursues that action to completion; provided, further, that with respect to Owner (i) such cure period not to exceed 90 days and (ii) no cure period shall be applicable to any act of fraud;
- (f) The Owner abandons its Property or its Project;
- (g) The Owner commits material waste upon its Property or its Project;
- (h) The Owner becomes bankrupt or insolvent or files or has filed against it (and such action is not stayed or dismissed within 90 days) a petition in bankruptcy or for reorganization or arrangement or other relief under the bankruptcy laws or any similar state law or makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; or
- (i) Any workmanship or materials constituting a portion of the Project or incorporated into the Project shall be materially defective and shall not be corrected by Owner within 30 days after Owner's receipt of notice of such defect.

The declaration of an Event of Default above, and the exercise of remedies upon any such declaration, shall be subject to any applicable limitations of federal bankruptcy law affecting or precluding that declaration or exercise during the pendency of or immediately following any bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization proceedings.

Promptly upon any non-defaulting Party becoming aware that an Event of Default has occurred, such Party shall deliver notice of such Event of Default to each other Party under this Agreement in accordance with the notice procedures described in Section 6.5 of this Agreement.

Section 5.2. <u>Remedies on Default</u>. Whenever an Event of Default shall have happened and be subsisting, any one or more of the following remedial steps may be taken:

- (a) Upon an Event of Default described in Section 5.1(a) only, the Investor shall become entitled to receive any Delinquency Amounts actually received by the City.
- (b) The ESID, the Investor, and the City, together or separately, may pursue all remedies now or later existing at law or in equity to collect all amounts due and to become due under this Agreement or to enforce the performance and observance of any other obligation or agreement of any of the Parties, as applicable, under this Agreement, including enforcement under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2731 of duties resulting from an office, trust, or station upon the ESID or the City, provided that, Parties may only pursue such remedies against the Party responsible for the particular Event of Default in question; provided, however, that the ESID, the Investor, and the City may not take any other action or exercise any remedy against the Property, the Project, or the Owner except to collect or remedy any outstanding damages or liability which shall have arisen due to the occurrence of an Event of Default.
- (c) Any Party may pursue any other remedy which it may have, whether at law, in equity, or otherwise, provided that, Parties may only pursue such remedies against the Party responsible for the particular Event of Default in question; provided, however, that the ESID, the Investor, and the City may not take any other action or exercise any remedy against the Property, the Project, or the Owner except to collect or remedy any outstanding damages or liability which shall have arisen due to the occurrence of an Event of Default.
- (d) If Investor has delivered a notice to Owner pursuant to Section 4.5(c), and six (6) months pass without the construction resuming to proceed with reasonable dispatch, as determined by Investor in its reasonable discretion, then Investor shall have the right to enter the Property and complete the Project, or call upon any other reputable parties to enter the Property and complete the Project, in accordance with the Plans and Specifications (as may be modified) and shall have the right to expend such sums as the Investor in its reasonable discretion deems proper in order to complete the Project and the Owner hereby waives any right to contest any such necessary expenditures. The amount of any and all expenditures made by Investor for the foregoing purposes shall bear interest from the date

made until repaid to the Investor, at an annual rate of 5.25%, and, together with such interest, shall be due and payable by the Owner to the Investor upon demand. During the course of any construction undertaken by the Investor or by any other party on behalf of the Investor, the Owner shall pay on demand any amounts due to the general contractor used by Investor, subcontractors and other material suppliers and for permits and licenses necessary to complete the Project, without regard to any limitation on liability set forth herein.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, each of the ESID and the City shall not be obligated to take any step which in its opinion will or might cause it to expend time or money or otherwise incur liability unless and until a satisfactory indemnity bond has been furnished to it at no cost or expense.

Section 5.3. Foreclosure. Pursuant to Section 2.1 of the Special Assessment Agreement by and among the County Treasurer, the City, the ESID, and the Owner and dated as of the date of this Agreement (the "Special Assessment Agreement"), the County Treasurer has agreed not to confirm the sale of the Property for an amount less than 100% of the amount of the Special Assessments and other general real estate taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, and assessments then due and owing with respect to the Property, as shall be certified by the ESID to the County Treasurer pursuant to the records of the County Treasurer without the consent of the ESID and the Investor. The ESID hereby agrees that in the event it is asked to provide its consent in accordance with Section 2.1 of the Special Assessment Agreement, it will notify the Investor of such request, and it will not provide its consent pursuant to Section 2.1 of the Special Assessment Agreement without the Investor's prior written direction.

Section 5.4. No Remedy Exclusive. No remedy conferred upon or reserved to the Parties by this Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under this Agreement, or now or later existing at law, in equity or by statute; provided, however, that the ESID, the Investor, and the City may not take any other action or exercise any remedy against the Property, the Project, or the Owner except to collect or remedy any outstanding damages or liability which shall have arisen due to the occurrence of an Event of Default, except as a defense or counterclaim to an action asserted against the City. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair that right or power nor shall be construed to be a waiver, but any such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the Parties to exercise any remedy reserved to it in this Article, it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than any notice required by law or for which express provision is made in this Agreement.

Section 5.5. <u>No Waiver</u>. No failure by a Party to insist upon the strict performance by the other Parties of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of such Party's right to strict performance; and no express waiver shall be deemed to apply to any other existing or subsequent right to remedy the failure by the Parties to observe or comply with any provision of this Agreement.

Section 5.6. <u>Notice of Default</u>. Any Party to this Agreement shall notify every other Party to this Agreement immediately if it becomes aware of the occurrence of any Event of

Default or of any fact, condition or event which, with the giving of notice or passage of time or both, would become an Event of Default.

#### ARTICLE VI: MISCELLANEOUS

Owner Waivers. The Owner acknowledges that the process for the imposition of special assessments provides the owner of property subject to such special assessments with certain rights, including rights to: receive notices of proceedings; object to the imposition of the special assessments; claim damages; participate in hearings; take appeals from proceedings imposing special assessments; participate in and prosecute court proceedings, as well as other rights under law, including but not limited to those provided for or specified in the United States Constitution, the Ohio Constitution, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 727, and the resolutions or ordinances in effect in the City (collectively, "Assessment Rights"). The Owner irrevocably waives all Assessment Rights as to its Project and consents to the imposition of the Special Assessments as to its Project immediately or at such time as the ESID determines to be appropriate, and the Owner expressly requests the entities involved with the special assessment process to promptly proceed with the imposition of the Special Assessments upon its Property as to its Project. The Owner further waives in connection with the Project: any and all questions as to the constitutionality of the laws under which the Project will be constructed and the Special Assessments imposed upon the Property; the jurisdiction of the Council of the City acting thereunder; and the right to file a claim for damages as provided in Ohio Revised Code Section 727.18 and any similar provision of the resolutions or ordinances in effect within the City.

Section 6.2. <u>Term of Agreement</u>. This Agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect from the date of execution and delivery until the payment in full of the entire aggregate amount of the Special Assessments shall have been made to the Investor, or such time as the Parties shall agree in writing to terminate this Agreement. Any attempted termination of this Agreement prior to the payment in full of the entire aggregate amount of the Special Assessments which is not in writing and signed by each of the Parties to this Agreement shall be null and void.

Section 6.3. <u>Litigation Notice</u>. Each Party shall give all other Parties prompt notice of any action, suit, or proceeding by or against or, to such Party's knowledge, threatened by or against the notifying Party, at law or in equity, or before any governmental instrumentality or agency, of which the notifying Party has notice and which, if adversely determined would impair materially the right or ability of the Parties to perform their obligations under this Agreement. The notifying Party's prompt notice shall be accompanied by its written statement setting forth the details of the action, suit, or proceeding and any responsive actions with respect to the action, suit, or proceeding taken or proposed to be taken by the Party.

Section 6.4. <u>Indemnification</u>. The Owner shall indemnify and hold harmless the ESID, the Investor, and the City (including any member, officer, director, or employee thereof) (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") against any and all liabilities, obligations, claims, damages, penalties, causes of action, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) imposed upon, incurred by or asserted against an Indemnified Party pertaining to Owner's financing, acquisition, construction, installation, operation, use or maintenance of the Project and arising or resulting from (i) any loss or damage

to property or injury to or death of or loss by any person that may be occasioned by any cause whatsoever, (ii) any act, failure to act or misrepresentation solely by the Owner in connection with, or in the performance of or omission to perform any obligation on the Owner's part to be performed under this Agreement or related to the Special Assessments resulting in material actual damages, (iii) (a) a past, present or future violation or alleged violation of any environmental laws in connection with the Property by any person or other source, whether related or unrelated to the Owner, (b) any presence of any hazardous, toxic or harmful substances, materials, wastes, pollutants or contaminants defined as such in or regulated under any environmental law ("Materials of Environmental Concern") in, on, within, above, under, near, affecting or emanating from the Property in violation of environmental laws, (c) the failure of the Owner to timely perform any investigation, inspection, site monitoring, containment, clean-up, removal, response, corrective action, mitigation, restoration or other remedial work of any kind or nature because of, or in connection with, the current or future presence, suspected presence, Release (as defined below) or threatened Release in or about the air, soil, ground water, surface water or soil vapor at, on, about, under or within all or any portion of the Property of any Materials of Environmental Concern, including any action to comply with any applicable environmental laws or directives of any governmental authority with regard to any environmental laws, (d) any past, present or future activity by any person or other source, whether related or unrelated to the Owner in connection with any actual, proposed or threatened use, treatment, storage, holding, existence, disposition or other release, generation, production, manufacturing, processing, refining, control, management, abatement, removal, handling, transfer or transportation to or from the Property of any Materials of Environmental Concern at any time located in, under, on, above or affecting the Property in violation of environmental laws, (e) any past, present or future actual generation, treatment, use, storage, transportation, manufacture, refinement, handling, production, removal, remediation, disposal, presence or migration of Materials of Environmental Concern on, about, under or within all or any portion of the Property (a "Release") (whether intentional or unintentional, direct or indirect, foreseeable or unforeseeable) to, from, on, within, in, under, near or affecting the Property by any person or other source, whether related or unrelated to the Owner, (f) the imposition, recording or filing or the threatened imposition, recording or filing of any lien on the Property with regard to, or as a result of, any Materials of Environmental Concern or pursuant to any environmental law, or (g) any misrepresentation or failure to perform any obligations related to environmental matters in any way pursuant to any documents related to the Special Assessments, or (iv) the efforts of the City and the County Auditor to levy and collect the Special Assessments pursuant to this Agreement; provided, however that the Owner shall not indemnify the Indemnified Parties as provided above to the extent that any liabilities, obligations, claims, damages, penalties, causes of action, costs or expenses arise out of or result from the gross negligence, willful misconduct, or breach of this Agreement by the Indemnified Parties.

In the event any action or proceeding is brought against any Indemnified Party by reason of any such claim, such Indemnified Party will promptly give written notice thereof to the Owner. The Owner shall be entitled to participate at its own expense in the defense or, if it so elects, to assume at its own expense the defense of such claim, suit, action or proceeding, in which event such defense shall be conducted by counsel chosen by the Owner and approved by the Investor; but if the Owner shall elect not to assume such defense, it shall reimburse such Indemnified Party for the reasonable fees and expenses of any counsel retained by such

Indemnified Party. If at any time the Indemnified Party becomes dissatisfied, in its reasonable discretion, with the selection of counsel by the Owner, a new mutually agreeable counsel shall be retained at the expense of the Owner. Each Indemnified Party agrees that the Owner shall have the sole right to compromise, settle or conclude any claim, suit, action or proceeding against any of the Indemnified Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ counsel in any such action at their own expense; and provided further that such Indemnified Party shall have the right to employ counsel in any such action and the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of the Owner, if: (i) the employment of counsel by such Indemnified Party has been authorized by the Owner, (ii) there reasonably appears that there is a conflict of interest between the Owner and the Indemnified Party in the conduct of the defense of such action (in which case the Owner shall not have the right to direct the defense of such action on behalf of the Indemnified Party) or (iii) the Owner shall not in fact have employed counsel in accordance herewith to assume the defense of such action. The Owner shall also indemnify the Indemnified Parties from and against all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, lawfully incurred in enforcing any obligations of the Owner under this Agreement. The obligations of the Owner under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement and shall be in addition to any other rights, including without limitation, rights to indemnity which any Indemnified Party may have at law, in equity, by contract or otherwise. Any actions taken against the City for any failure to undertake a responsibility required under this Agreement, including any actions or omissions other than gross negligence or willful misconduct, shall be limited to mandamus actions and shall not result in any monetary liability against the City.

None of the Investor, the City, or the ESID shall have any liability to the Owner or any other Person on account of (i) the Owner engaging a contractor from the list of contractors submitted by the ESID or the Investor to the Owner, (ii) the services performed by the contractor, or (iii) any neglect or failure on the part of the contractor to perform or properly perform its services. None of the Investor, the City, or the ESID assumes any obligation to the Owner or any other Person concerning contractors, the quality of construction of the Project or the absence of defects from the construction of the Project. The making of a Project Advance by the Investor shall not constitute the Investor's approval or acceptance of the construction theretofore completed. The Investor's inspection and approval of the budget, the construction work, the improvements, or the workmanship and materials used in the improvements, shall impose no liability of any kind on the Investor, the sole obligation of the Investor as the result of such inspection and approval being to make the Project Advances if, and to the extent, required by this Agreement. Any disbursement made by the Investor without the Investor having received each of the items to which it is entitled under this Agreement shall not constitute breach or modification of this Agreement, nor shall any written amendment to this Agreement be required as a result.

Section 6.5. <u>Notices</u>. All notices, certificates, requests or other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to be sufficiently given when mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the appropriate Notice Address. The Parties, by notice given under this Agreement to the others, may designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates, requests or other communications shall be sent.

Section 6.6. Extent of Covenants; No Personal Liability. All covenants, obligations, and agreements of the ESID and the City contained in this Agreement shall be effective to the extent authorized and permitted by applicable law. No covenant, obligation, or agreement shall be deemed to be a covenant, obligation, or agreement of any present or future member, officer, agent, or employee of the ESID, the Board, the Owner, the City, the City Council, or the Investor in other than his or her official capacity; and none of the members of the Board or the City Council, nor any official of the ESID, the Owner, the City, or the Investor executing this Agreement shall be liable personally on this Agreement or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the covenants, obligations, or agreements of the ESID, the Owner, the City, or the Investor contained in this Agreement.

Section 6.7. <u>Binding Effect; Assignment; Estoppel Certificates</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding in accordance with its terms upon the Parties. Except as specifically provided below, this Agreement shall not be assigned by the any of the Parties except as may be necessary to enforce or secure payment of the Special Assessments.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Owner shall not transfer or convey any right, title, or interest in or to the Property and the Project prior to completion of the Project, without explicit written consent from the Investor, but following completion of the Project, the Owner freely may sell the Property and the Project or any portion of the Property and the Project from time to time and may assign this Agreement to an arms-length, good faith purchaser of the Property but only after notice of such assignment is given to the Investor and the City, and only upon (i) the execution and delivery to the City, the Investor, and the ESID of an "Assignment and Assumption of Energy Project Cooperative Agreement" in the form attached to, and incorporated into, this Agreement as Exhibit H; and (ii) the execution and delivery to the Investor of an assignment of all construction contracts for the Project. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Assignment and Assumption of Energy Project Cooperative Agreement includes the assignment and assumption of the Special Assessment Agreement and the Owner Consent. Following any assignment by the Owner as described above, all obligations of the Owner contained in or arising out of this Agreement, the Special Assessment Agreement, and the Owner Consent shall be obligations of the assignee, and the assigning Owner shall be released of its obligations to a corresponding extent. Owner's restrictions on transfer prior to completion of the Project shall not apply to the grant or conveyance of any leasehold interests (except for leases which convey taxable title), mortgage interests, or lien interests, except as may be otherwise provided in this Agreement.

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Investor shall have the unrestricted right at any time or from time to time, and without the Owner's consent, to assign all or any portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement to any Person that Investor reasonably believes can fulfil Investor's obligations under this Agreement, and may sell or assign any and all liens received directly or indirectly from the City to any Person (each, an "Investor Assignee"), and the Owner agrees that it shall execute, or cause to be executed, such documents, including without limitation, amendments to this Agreement and to any other documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection with this Agreement as the Investor shall deem necessary to effect the foregoing so long as such amendment does not materially adversely impact the Owner's rights and obligations under this Agreement. Any Investor Assignee shall be a party to this Agreement and shall have all of the rights and obligations of the Investor under

this Agreement (and under any and all other guaranties, documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection with this Agreement) to the extent that such rights and obligations have been assigned by the Investor pursuant to the assignment documentation between the Investor and such Investor Assignee, and the Investor shall be released from its obligations under this Agreement and under any and all other guaranties, documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection with this Agreement to a corresponding extent. If, at any time, the Investor assigns any of the rights and obligations of the Investor under this Agreement (and under any and all other guaranties, documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection with this Agreement) to an Investor Assignee, the Investor shall give prompt notice of such assignment to the other Parties.

In addition, the Investor shall have the unrestricted right at any time and from time to time, and without the consent of or notice of the Owner, to grant to one or more Persons (each, a "Participant") participating interests in Investor's obligation to make Project Advances under this Agreement or to any or all of the loans held by Investor under this Agreement. In the event of any such grant by the Investor of a participating interest to a Participant, whether or not upon notice to the Owner, the Investor shall remain responsible for the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, and the Owner shall continue to deal solely and directly with the Investor in connection with the Investor's rights and obligations under this Agreement. The Owner agrees that the Investor may furnish any information concerning the Owner in its possession from time to time to prospective Investor Assignees and Participants.

This Agreement may be enforced only by the Parties, any Investor Assignee, any Participant, and each of their permitted assignees, and others, who may, by law, stand in their respective places.

Any Party shall at any time and from time to time, upon not less than 30 days' prior written notice by the other party, execute, acknowledge and deliver to such party a statement in writing certifying that: (i) this Agreement is unmodified and in full force and effect (or, if there has been any modification of this Agreement, that the same is in full force and effect as modified and stating the modification or modifications); (ii) to the best of such Party's actual knowledge (without any duty of inquiry) there are no continuing Events of Default (or, if there is a continuing Event of Default, stating the nature and extent of such Event of Default); (iii) that, to the best of such Party's actual knowledge (without any duty of inquiry) there are no outstanding damages or liability arising from an Event of Default (or, if there is any outstanding damages or liability, stating the nature and extent of such damages or liability); (iv) if such certificate is being delivered by the Owner, the dates to which the Special Assessments have been paid; and (v) if such certificate is being delivered by the Investor, the dates to which the Special Assessments have been paid to the Investor. It is expressly understood and agreed that any such certificate delivered pursuant to this Section 6.7 may be relied upon by any prospective assignee of the Owner or any prospective Investor Assignee.

Section 6.8. <u>Amendments and Supplements</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, this Agreement may not be amended, changed, modified, altered or terminated except by unanimous written agreement signed by each of the Parties materially affected by such proposed amendment, change, modification, alteration, or termination. For purposes of this Section, a materially affected Party is a Party with respect to which a material

right or obligation under this Agreement is proposed to be amended, changed, modified, altered, or terminated. Any attempt to amend, change, modify, alter, or terminate this Agreement except by unanimous written agreement signed by all of the Parties or as otherwise provided in this Agreement shall be void.

Section 6.9. <u>Execution Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterpart and in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 6.10. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement, or any covenant, obligation, or agreement contained in this Agreement is determined by a court to be invalid or unenforceable, that determination shall not affect any other provision, covenant, obligation, or agreement, each of which shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid or unenforceable portion were not contained in this Agreement. That invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any valid and enforceable application of the provision, covenant, obligation, or agreement, and each such provision, covenant, obligation or agreement shall be deemed to be effective, operative, made, entered into, or taken in the manner and to the full extent permitted by law.

Section 6.11. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State. The venue for any disputes arising under this Agreement will be the court of competent jurisdiction located in Hamilton County, Ohio.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have each caused this Agreement to be duly executed in their respective names, all as of the date first written above.

BLUE ASH, DEER PARK, LOVELAND, SHARONVILLE, SPRINGDALE, SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP, SYMMES TOWNSHIP ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC., D/B/A:

SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC., as the ESID

Ву:		
Name:		
Title:		

Owner		
By:		
Name:		
Title:		

REDHILL INVESTORS GROUP, LLC, as the

# GREENWORKS LENDING LLC, as the Investor

Ву:		
Name:		
Title:		

By:			
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Name:			
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CITY OF BLUE ASH, OHIO, as the City

#### CITY FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Fiscal Officer of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, hereby certifies that the City has established a special assessment fund, into which the Special Assessments (as that term is defined in the foregoing Agreement) received by the City shall be deposited, free from any encumbrances. The Special Assessments represent other revenues in process of collection to the credit of the appropriate fund. The City shall use the moneys deposited in such special assessment fund to meet its obligations under the foregoing Agreement. This Certificate is given in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.41 and 5705.44.

	Fiscal Officer
	City of Blue Ash, Ohio
Dated:, 2020	

# **EXHIBIT A**

#### **DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Agreement, the following words have the following meanings:

- "Agreement" means this Energy Project Cooperative Agreement, dated as of June \_\_\_, 2020, by and among the ESID, the Owner, the Investor, and the City, as the same may be amended, modified, or supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms.
  - "Board" means the Board of Directors of the ESID.
- "City" means the City of Blue Ash, a municipal corporation and political subdivision duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State and its Charter.
  - "City Council" means the Council of the City of Blue Ash, Ohio.
- "Completion Date" means the latest date on which substantial completion of the Project, in accordance with the Plans occurs, which date shall be established by the Completion Certificate attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit D**.
- "Control" means, as such term is used with respect to any Person, the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract, or otherwise.
  - "County" means the County of Hamilton, Ohio.
  - "County Auditor" means the Auditor of the County.
  - "County Prosecutor" means the Prosecuting Attorney of the County.
  - "County Treasurer" means the Treasurer of the County.
- "Delinquency Amounts" means any penalties or interest which may be due on or with respect to any installment of the Special Assessments and which are not paid or payable to any party (other than the Investor under this Agreement) under law.
- "Disbursement Request Form" means the form attached to this Agreement as **Exhibit C**, which form shall be submitted by the Owner in order to receive disbursements from the Project Account.
- "ESID" means the Blue Ash, Deer Park, Loveland, Sharonville, Springdale, Sycamore Township, Symmes Township Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., doing business under the registered trade name Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., a nonprofit corporation and energy special improvement district organized under the laws of the State of Ohio.

"ESID Fee" means the semi-annual fee due to the ESID from the Investor upon receipt of each installment of the Special Assessments from the City in the amount provided as the ESID Fee for each installment in **Exhibit B**.

"Governmental Authority" means the government of the United States of America, any other nation or any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government.

"Investor" means Greenworks Lending LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, together with any Investor Assignee.

"Lender" means any Person which has loaned money to the Owner to pay or refinance the costs of acquiring, financing, refinancing, or improving the Property and which loan is secured by a mortgage interest in the Property, or any permitted successors or assigns of such Person.

*"Milestone"* means each construction completion funding benchmark shown on **Exhibit <u>J:</u>** and all of which such construction completion funding benchmarks are collectively referred to as the "*Milestones*."

"Notice Address" means:

(a) As to the City: City of Blue Ash, Ohio

4343 Cooper Road Blue Ash, Ohio 45242

Attention:

With a copy to: Dinsmore & Shohl LLP

255 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1900 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Attention: Bryan Pacheco, Esq.

Phone: (513) 977-8247

Email: bryan.pacheco@dinsmore.com

(b) As to the ESID: Suburban Communities Energy Special

Improvement District

c/o Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance

700 Walnut Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 Phone: (513) 621-4232 Email: mduffer@ohpace.org

With a copy to: J. Caleb Bell

Bricker & Eckler LLP

100 South Third Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 Phone: (614) 227-2300 Email: pace@bricker.com

(c) As to the Owner Redhill Investors Group, LLC

9870 Redhill Drive Blue Ash, Ohio 45242

(d) As to the Investor Greenworks Lending LLC

28 Thorndal Circle, Third Floor Darien, Connecticut 06820

Attention:

Email: servicing@greenworkslending.com

"Owner" means Redhill Investors Group, LLC, a limited liability company duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State, and any permitted successors or assigns.

"Owner Consent" means the Owner Consent dated as of May \_\_\_, 2020 by the Owner and recorded in the records of the Hamilton County Recorder with respect to the Property.

"Parties" means the ESID, the Owner, the Investor, and the City.

"Person" or words importing persons mean firms, associations, partnerships (including without limitation, general and limited partnerships), limited liability companies, joint ventures, societies, estates, trusts, corporations, public or governmental bodies, political subdivisions, other legal entities, and natural persons.

"*Plan*" means the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District Project Plan adopted by the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio on March 16, 2017 by its Resolution No. 2017-24, and any and all supplemental plans approved by the ESID and the Township, including, without limitation, the Supplemental Plan.

"Principals" means Jagdish Bhati.

"Program Administrator" means the Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance.

"Project" means the special energy improvement project described in the Supplemental Plan with respect to the Property, for which Special Assessments are to be levied by the City, all in accordance with the Supplemental Plan.

"Project Account" means the segregated account in the custody of the Investor for the benefit of the Owner which contains the Project Advance, and out of which disbursements may be in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement.

"Project Advance" means the amount of immediately available funds to be transferred, set over, paid to, and held in the Project Account established pursuant to Section 4.1 of this Agreement for the benefit of the Owner.

"Property" means the real property subject to the Supplemental Plan.

*"Repayment Schedule"* means the schedule attached to, and incorporated into, this Agreement as **Exhibit B**, which schedule establishes the dates and amounts for the repayment of the Project Advance by the Special Assessments paid by the Owner.

"Required Builder's Risk Insurance Coverage" means, beginning no later than the commencement of vertical construction on the Project Site and continuing through the Completion Date, insurance coverage maintained with generally recognized, responsible insurance companies qualified to do business in the State in the minimum amount of 100% of the replacement value of the Project and Project Site, insuring the Project against loss or damage during construction, including by flood, on a replacement cost basis, containing loss deductible provisions not to exceed \$10,000, and which insurance coverage shall name the Investor as lender loss payee.

"Required Business Interruption Insurance Coverage" means at all times after the Completion Date, business interruption and rent loss insurance maintained with generally recognized, responsible insurance companies qualified to do business in the State in a commercially reasonable minimum amount, which insurance coverage shall name the Investor as lender loss payee.

"Required Flood Insurance Coverage" means, as applicable, (i) if the Property or any part of the Property is identified by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development as being situated in an area now or subsequently designated as having special flood hazards (including, without limitation, those areas designated as Zone A or Zone V), flood insurance in an amount equal to the lesser of: (a) the minimum amount required, under the terms of coverage, to compensate for any damage or loss on a replacement basis (or the unpaid balance of the Project Advances if replacement cost coverage is not available for the type of building insured); or (b) such lesser amount as may be required by the Investor, and containing a loss deductible with respect not in excess of \$10,000 per occurrence; (ii) if upon the Completion Date the Property or any part of the Property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area as identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, flood insurance in an amount equal to the maximum required amount under the terms of coverage, to compensate for any damage or loss on a replacement basis, and containing a loss deductible with respect not in excess of \$10,000 per occurrence; and (iii) earthquake insurance in amounts and in form and substance satisfactory to the Investor in the event the Property is located in an area with a high degree of seismic activity, provided that the insurance pursuant to this section shall be on terms consistent with the Required Public Liability Insurance Coverage.

"Required Insurance Coverage" means, collectively, the Required Builder's Risk Insurance Coverage, the Required Business Interruption Insurance Coverage, the Required Flood Insurance Coverage (if any), the Required Property Insurance Coverage and the Required Public

Liability Insurance Coverage, each of which, in addition to the requirements described in their respective definitions, (i) must provide for 10 days' notice to the Investor in the event of cancellation or nonrenewal and (ii) must name as an additional insured (mortgagee/loss payee) the Investor and its successors and other assigns as their interests may appear.

"Required Property Insurance Coverage" means at any time insurance coverage evidenced on Acord 27 and maintained with generally recognized, responsible insurance companies qualified to do business in the State in the amount of (i) the then full replacement value of the Project and Property, insuring the Project against loss or damage by fire, windstorm, tornado and hail and extended coverage risks on a comprehensive all risk/special form insurance policy and containing loss deductible provisions of not to exceed \$10,000, which insurance coverage shall name the Investor as loss payee/mortgagee.

"Required Public Liability Insurance Coverage" means at any time commercial general accident and public liability insurance coverage evidenced on Acord 25 and maintained with generally recognized, responsible insurance companies qualified to do business in the State with coverage limits in the maximum amount of \$2,000,000 per occurrence for death or bodily injury and property damage liability combined, with loss deductible provisions of not to exceed \$10,000, which insurance coverage shall name the Investor as additional insureds.

"Special Assessment Act" means, collectively, Ohio Revised Code Section 727.01 et seq.,
Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.01 et seq., Ohio Revised Code Section 323.01 et seq., Ohio
Revised Code Section 319.01 et seq., Ohio Revised Code Section 5721.01 et seq., and related
laws, and Resolution No. [ ] levying Special Assessment adopted by the City Council on
[], all with respect to levying special assessment on real property within the ESID.

"Special Assessments" means the special assessments levied pursuant to the Special Assessment Act by the City with respect to the Project, a schedule of which is attached to, and incorporated into, the Plan.

"State" means the State of Ohio.

"Supplemental Plan" means the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District Project Plan Supplement to Plan for 9870 Redhill Drive, Blue Ash, Ohio Project approved by the City Council on June \_\_\_, 2020 by its resolution No. 2020-[\_].

## **EXHIBIT B**

## REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

	VI SCHEDULE
Special Assessment Payment Date*	Special Assessment Payment Amount**
January 31, 2023	\$169,300.99
July 31, 2023	169,300.99
January 31, 2024	169,300.99
July 31, 2024	169,300.99
January 31, 2025	169,300.99
July 31, 2025	169,300.99
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January 31, 2048	169,300.99
July 31, 2048	169,300.99
January 31, 2049	169,300.99
July 31, 2049	169,300.99
January 31, 2050	169,300.99
July 31, 2050	169,300.99

<sup>\*</sup> Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 323, the Special Assessment Payment Dates for first-half and second-half real property taxes are determined by statute and a variety of circumstances and are subject to adjustment by the Hamilton County Auditor under certain conditions.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.36, the Hamilton County Auditor may charge and collect a fee in addition to the amounts listed in this Exhibit 2.

## **EXHIBIT C**

## **DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM**

[See Attached]

#### OWNER'S CERTIFICATE AND REQUEST FOR DISBURSEMENT

Date:
Re: Energy Project Cooperative Agreement dated as of June 2020
Project: 9870 Redhill Drive, Blue Ash, Ohio Project
This Owner's Certificate and Request for Disbursement is submitted by the Owner to Greenworks Lendin (together with any successors or permitted assigns, "Lender") in connection with the Project Advance pursuant to the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement between the Lender and the Owner, dated as of Ju 2020 (the "Financing Agreement"). Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined shall have respective meanings set forth in the Financing Agreement. The Owner hereby requests Lender to make a prodisbursement from the amount of the Project Advance in the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the amount of the Project Advance in the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the amount of the Project Agreement (a "Disbursement") in the amount of the Project Advance in the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the amount of the Project Advance in the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the amount of the Project Advance in the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the amount of the Project Advance in the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the amount of the Project Advance in the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the amount of the Project Advance in the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the amount of the Project Advance in the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advance In the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advance In the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advance In the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advance In the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advance In the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advance In the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advance In the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advance In the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advance In the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advance In the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advance In the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advance In the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advance In the Project Account (a "Disbursement") in the Advan
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Issue a check to the Contractor at:
Full Legal Name:Address:
Wire Transfer to the Owner or Contractor (circle one) at:
ABA
Bank Name
Bank Address
Account Name
Account Number
Reference:

To induce the Lender to make the requested Disbursement, the Owner hereby certifies, warrants and represents to the Lender that:

- 1. The proceeds of this Disbursement will be used for the purposes detailed in <u>Schedule 1</u> attached hereto, which shall have attached to it (A) copies of invoices and other evidence of the items to be paid or reimbursed and (B) if required by Lender, certifications from the Architect in form satisfactory to Lender in its sole discretion.
- 2. The improvements will be completed as specified in the Financing Agreement. All proceeds of all prior Disbursements have been expended solely for the purposes for which they were requisitioned, and no proceeds of the current or any prior Disbursement have been or will be returned to the Owner as a rebate, refund or otherwise.
- 3. The Owner has paid all obligations incurred in connection with all work and materials supplied for the Project through the date of the last requisition.
- 4. The Owner has not authorized, nor does the Owner contemplate, any change-orders or other modifications to any contracts entered into in connection with the Project's development costs that have not been authorized in writing by the Lender.

5.	The cost to complete the Project (including financing and other soft costs) after disbursement of the requested funds is reasonably projected to be \$[
6.	If the Project is complete, the completion date of the Project was If the Project is not yet completed, the projected completion date remains, as described in the Financing Agreement. Each condition precedent to the making of this Disbursement under the Financing Agreement has been satisfied.
7.	The Owner has no knowledge or notice of any mechanics' notices of intention, contracts, stop work notices, liens or claims for liens having been filed or threatened to be filed against the Project. The Owner has furnished to the Lender partial waivers and releases of liens (for labor, services or materials which have been performed and paid for or such lien waiver will be subject to payment) from the Contractor and all other contractors, subcontractors and suppliers performing labor, services or materials in connection with the Project, substantially in the form attached hereto as <a href="Schedule 2">Schedule 2</a> .
8.	All required licenses, approvals and permits covering or required for the development of the Project have been issued and are in force, and there are no actions pending or threatened to revoke, rescind, alter or declare invalid any such licenses, approvals or permits or any laws, ordinances, regulations, permits, variances, certificates or agreements for or relating to the Project.
9.	No event of default under the terms of the Financing Agreement has occurred.
10	The Owner is not a party to any lawsuit and the Owner has no knowledge of any actions, suits or proceedings pending or threatened, against or affecting Owner which could materially adversely affect the Owner, any of its properties, its financial condition or which will hinder, delay, prevent or interfere with the construction of the Project.
11	. There have been no material adverse changes in the financial condition of the Owner since the date of the Financing Agreement that have not been previously disclosed in writing to Lender.
12	A builder's risk (or hazard) insurance policy issued byPolicy Number and complying with the terms of the Financing Agreement is presently in effect.
Owne	er:
REDI	HILL INVESTORS GROUP, LLC
Ву:	Name: Title:

# SCHEDULE 1 TO DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

Equipment/Service	Amount	Description
1.	(Installed/Stored/Contr	If for equipment*, circle one: actor Custody) Additional Information:
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Total Amount:	\$	
		ment/service work described above? (Y/N) p-contractor.
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Is the equipment installed on the Property? (Y/N)

If No, is the equipment stored on the Property or in a bonded warehouse? (Y/N)

If No, is the equipment in the custody of the Contractor? (Y/N)

When is the equipment expected to be delivered and/or installed on the Property?

# SCHEDULE 2 TO DISBURSEMENT REQUEST FORM PURPOSE OF DISBURSEMENT

#### FORM OF PARTIAL LIEN WAIVER AND RELEASE

# CONDITIONAL WAIVER AND RELEASE UPON PROGRESS PAYMENT

TO:		
RE:	(Hereinafter called the "Project")	
Upon receipt by the undersigned of chatotaling \$ p check has been properly endorsed and shall hereby WAIVE, RELEASE AND Foon or against the project described about and/or materials supplied at or in connectabove.	has been paid by the bank upon which i OREVER DISCHARGE any and all liens ove for and on account of work perform	t is drawn, this document s, claims or rights of liens ed and labor, equipment
This release covers a progress payment	for labor, services, equipment or materia through	
(Seal)		
CONTRACTOR		
BY: TITLE: ADDRESS:		
Subscribed and sworn before me this th State of Ohio, Co	ne day of ounty of	,20
BY:	<u>.</u>	
My commission expires :		

## EXHIBIT D

## **COMPLETION CERTIFICATE**

REDHILL INVESTORS GROUP, LLC (the "Owner") hereby certifies that the Project as such term is defined in the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement entered into by and between the Owner, the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District, Inc. the City of Blue Ash, Ohio, and Greenworks Lending LLC (together with any successors of permitted assigns, "Lender") dated June, 2020 (the "Financing Agreement") has been
completed at (the "Property") in strict compliance with the requirements of the Financing Agreement and the Construction Contract entered into by and between the Owner and (the "Contractor") dated (the
"Construction Contract").
<b>Note</b> : Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Completion Certificate have the meaning assigned to them in the Financing Agreement to which this Completion Certificate is attached and of which it forms a part.
THE OWNER HEREBY CERTIFIES:
1. As of, the Contractor has completed the work in accordance with the terms of the Construction Contract that the Owner has entered into and executed. The Owner has no service requests and no unresolved complaints regarding the work performed.
2. The Project has been completed in all material respects in accordance with the plans and specifications, permits, and budget approved by Lender.
3. The Owner has complied, and will continue to comply with, all applicable statutes, regulations and ordinances in connection with the Property and construction of the Project.
4. The Owner holds fee ownership in the Property on which the Project was completed.
5. The Contractor has not offered the Owner any payment, refund, or any commission in return for completing the Project.
6. All funds provided to the Owner by the Lender for this Project have been used in accordance with the Financing Agreement are correct.
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NOTICE:	DO	NOT	SIGN	THIS	COMPLETION	CERTIFICATE	UNLESS	YOU
AGREE TO	ЭЕА	CH O	F THE	ABOVI	<b>E STATEMENTS</b>	S.		

REDHILL INVESTORS GROUP, LLC		
Ву:		
Name:		
Title:		

## EXHIBIT E

## FORM OF FINAL LIEN WAIVER AND RELEASE

Contr	actor:	(the "Contractor")
Prope	erty Address:	(the "Property")
1.		tractor pursuant to an agreement dated "Contract") entered into by and between Contractor e "Owner") in connection with the renovation or retrofit energy consumption or to install renewable energy Project").
2.		elease is delivered in consideration of a final payment nder the Contract for labor performed and/or materials onnection with the Project.
3.	represent that: (i) all taxes a performed under the Contract subcontractors of any tier, materials, machinery, equip furnished for the performance connected therewith have be acknowledges and agrees the lessees, lessors, mortgage in claiming an interest in connected	dual signing on behalf of the Contractor warrant and applicable to the materials furnished and the work have been fully paid and (ii) all laborers, mechanics, aterialmen and suppliers for all work done and for all ment, fixtures, tools, scaffolding and appliances e of the Contract and for any other indebtedness en paid in full to the date hereof. The undersigned at Greenworks Lending LLC ("Lender"), the Owner, colders, lenders, and any other persons or entities ion with the Project or the Property, and any person or egoing, may rely on the statements, agreements, and and endersigned herein.
4.	The Contractor, for itself, its s through or under the Contractor	uccessors, and on behalf of all persons able to claim or hereby:
	Property from all mechanic's	hes and releases Owner, its sureties, if any, and the liens, claims of mechanic's lien, and claims against onds that Contractor has for the labor and materials perty;
	action and actions, cause and accounts, reckoning, bonds, lagreements, promises, varia	, and the Property of and from all, and all manner of causes of actions, suits, debts, dues, sums of money, oills, specialties, covenants, contracts, controversies, ances, trespasses, damages, judgments, extents, nds whatsoever, in law, in admiralty, or in equity from he date hereof; and

- (c) Agrees to save harmless Lender and Owner from all liability, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees to discharge (by bond or otherwise) any such mechanic's lien or claim of mechanic's lien, to defend suit to enforce or foreclose upon any such mechanic's lien, claim of mechanic's lien, or bond substituted for such mechanic's lien, and to defend suit to enforce any such labor and material payment bond.
- 5. This Final Release and Lien Waiver is intended to be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law and shall be governed under the laws of the State of Ohio. Should any term or provision herein be determined to be unenforceable or otherwise rendered null or void as a matter of law, the terms and provisions hereof shall be deemed modified only to the most limited extent necessary to render this Final Release and Lien Waiver enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Dated:	
Contractor:	
By:	
Name:	
Title:	

#### **EXHIBIT F**

## **CLOSING COSTS DETAIL**

Pursuant to Section 4.2 of the foregoing Energy Project Cooperative Agreement, the Investor, on the date on which the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement becomes effective, shall disburse to the ESID or to the respective payee set forth below, the following closing costs:

<b>Expenses and Fees</b>		Amount
Investor Origination Fee		\$5,000.00
ESID Admin Fee		\$900.00
ESID Legal Fee		\$42,500.00
GCEA Admin Fee		\$40,000.00
Annual ESID Servicing Fee		\$500.00
Investor Fee (1.25%)		\$53,125.00
	Subtotal	\$142,025.00
Capitalized Interest		\$614,836.00
	Total	\$756,861.00

## EXHIBIT G

## **CONSENT OF MORTGAGEE**

[See Attached]

## **EXHIBIT H**

# FORM OF ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF ENERGY PROJECT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

# ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF ENERGY PROJECT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

("Assignor"), in consideration of the sum of \$
in hand paid and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged by Assignor's execution of this Assignment and Assumption of Energy Project Cooperative Agreement ("Assignment"), assigns, transfers, sets over, and conveys to ("Assignee") all of Assignor's right, title, and interest in and to that
certain Energy Project Cooperative Agreement dated as of June, 2020 between the Blue Ash, Deer Park, Loveland, Sharonville, Springdale, Sycamore Township, Symmes Township Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., d/b/a Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District, Inc. (the "ESID"), Assignor, Greenworks Lending LLC, and the City of Blue Ash, Ohio (the "Energy Project Cooperative Agreement").
By executing this Assignment, Assignee accepts the assignment of, and assumes all of Assignor's duties and obligations under, the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement. Assignee further represents and warrants that it has taken title to the "Property," as that term is defined in the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement, subject to the Special Assessment Agreement dated as of even date with the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement between the Hamilton County Treasurer, City of Blue Ash, Ohio, the ESID, Redhill Investors Group, LLC, and Greenworks Lending LLC (the "Special Assessment Agreement") and to the "Owner Consent" dated as of June, 2020 by Redhill Investors Group, LLC and recorded in the records of the Hamilton County Recorder with respect to the Property. By executing this Assignment, Assignee accepts the assignment of, and assumes all of Assignor's duties and obligations under, the Special Assessment Agreement and the Owner Consent.
Assignor and Assignee acknowledge and agree that executed copies of this Assignment shall be delivered to the City, the Investor, and the ESID, as each of those terms are defined in the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement, all in accordance with Sections 3.4(a) and 6.7 of the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement
In witness of their intent to be bound by this Assignment, each of Assignor and Assignee have executed this Assignment this day of,, which Assignment is effective this date. This Assignment may be executed in any number of counterparts, which when taken together shall be deemed one agreement.

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[Signature Pages Follow]

ASSIG	NOR:			
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By:				
Name:				
Title:				

ASSIGNEE:	
[	]
By:	
Name:	
Title:	

#### **EXHIBIT I**

#### **PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS**



Greenworks Lending LLC Payment Instructions

Bank Name: [BANK NAME]

[BANK ADDRESS]

ABA: [NUMBER]

Beneficiary Name: Greenworks Lending LLC

28 Thorndal Circle, Third Floor Darien Connecticut 06820

Beneficiary Account: [NUMBER]

Reference: [NUMBER]

Contact: [Information]

If sending by check, please make checks payable to: [NAME/REFERENCE] and mail to:

Greenworks Lending LLC 28 Thorndal Circle, Third Floor Darien Connecticut 06820

Attention: [NAME]

## EXHIBIT J

## DRAW SCHEDULE

## EXHIBIT K

## OWNER AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES

<b>Authorized Person</b>	Title/Position/Status	Email Address	Phone Number
for Owner			

## SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT (ORC Sections 5721.33 and 9.482)

by and among

COUNTY TREASURER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO ("Treasurer"),

And

CITY OF BLUE ASH, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO ("City")

And

BLUE ASH, DEER PARK, LOVELAND, SHARONVILLE, SPRINGDALE, SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP, SYMMES TOWNSHIP ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC., D/B/A:

SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC. ("District"),

And

REDHILL INVESTORS GROUP, LLC ("Owner"),

And

GREENWORKS LENDING LLC ("Investor")

Dated as of June \_\_\_, 2020

#### SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT

THIS SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made effective as of June \_\_, 2020, by and among the County Treasurer of Hamilton County, Ohio (the "Treasurer"), City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio (the "City"), the Blue Ash, Deer Park, Loveland, Sharonville, Springdale, Sycamore Township, Symmes Township Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., doing business under the registered trade name Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District, Inc. ("District"), Redhill Investors Group, LLC (the "Owner"), and Greenworks Lending LLC (together with its permitted successors and assigns, the "Investor") (the Treasurer, the District, the City, the Owner, and the Investor, are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties").

#### BACKGROUND:

WHEREAS, the District was created under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 1702 and 1710 and established pursuant to Resolution No. 2017-18 of the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township (the "Township Trustees") passed on March 2, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the District is an energy special improvement district and nonprofit corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Ohio to further the public purpose of implementing special energy improvement projects pursuant to the authority in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and Article VIII, Section 20 of the Ohio Constitution; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2017, by its Resolution No. 2017-24, the Township Trustees approved the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District Project Plan (the "Original Plan"), as a plan for public improvements or public services for the District under Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.02(F); and

WHEREAS, the Owner has determined that it is in its best interests to cause the acquisition, installation, equipping, and improvement of special energy efficiency improvements, including, without limitation, building envelope, HVAC and VRP/ERV, LED lighting, soft costs, and related improvements (collectively, the "Project") on the real property located within Hamilton County, Ohio (the "County") and the City, and as more fully described in **Exhibit A** to this Agreement (the "Assessed Lands"); and

WHEREAS, the costs of the Project are being funded in part through an advance in the amount of \$5,021,486.95 (the "Project Advance") to the Owners pursuant to an Energy Project Cooperative Agreement dated as of June [\_], 2020 (the "Energy Project Cooperative Agreement") between the ESID, the Investor, the City, and the Owner; and

WHEREAS, to secure the repayment of the principal of, and the payment of any premium, fees, and unpaid interest on, the Project Advance used to finance the Project (the "Project Costs"), (i) the Owner signed and delivered to the Council of the City (the "City Council") a Petition for Special Assessments for Special Energy Improvement Projects and Affidavit (the "Petition") for the acquisition, installation, equipping, and improvement of the Project and evidencing Owner's agreement to the levy and collection of special assessments by the City (the "Special Assessments") on the Assessed Lands, which are located within the District, in amounts sufficient to pay the Project Costs, and (ii) the City (a) has taken all the

necessary actions required by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 727, including, without limitation, the passage of the assessing resolution or ordinance pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 727.25, for the levying of the Special Assessments and has caused or will cause the Special Assessments to be certified to the County Auditor of Hamilton County, Ohio (the "County Auditor") for collection by the Treasurer in semi-annual installments, and (b) hereby has agreed to transfer to the Investor the payments of Special Assessments received to pay the Project Costs.

WHEREAS, the Owner agrees that its delivery of the Petition and the requests and agreements made in the Petition are irrevocable and that the Parties have acted and will act in reliance on the agreements contained in the Petition; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Petition, the Special Assessments have been levied against the Assessed Lands as described in the Petition and pursuant to this Agreement the Owner is willing to agree to make Special Assessment payments in accordance with the Petition; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Chapters 323 and 5721 set forth certain parameters and timing requirements for the foreclosure of property on which taxes and assessments, including the Special Assessments, are due and owing and remain unpaid; and

WHEREAS, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default pursuant to the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement, it may be necessary for the District to foreclose on the lien of the Special Assessments with respect to the Assessed Lands as set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the Project Advance, the Owner is willing to consent to an expedited foreclosure process with respect to the lien of the Special Assessments, the form of the consent being attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit B">Exhibit B</a> (the "Owner Consent"), and the Owner Consent with respect to the foreclosure of the Special Assessments as soon as possible (as referenced in Section 2 hereof) shall be a covenant running with Assessed Lands and binding upon the Owner and upon future owners of the Assessed Lands until the Project Costs are paid in full; and

WHEREAS, based on the Owner Consent and other considerations, including, without limitation, the right to be indemnified pursuant to this Agreement, at the request of the District and, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default described under Section 5.1(a) of the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement, the Treasurer has agreed to foreclose the lien of the Special Assessments as soon as possible as described herein upon an occurrence of an Event of Default under the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement; and

WHEREAS, if any assessments, including, without limitation, the Special Assessments, payments in lieu of taxes, real property taxes, or other governmental charges levied on the Assessed Lands are not paid when due and thereafter remain delinquent, the Treasurer, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 5721.30 through 5721.41 (the "Delinquent Tax Lien Sale Act"), specifically Ohio Revised Code Section 5721.33, may, in his discretion, but is not required to, negotiate with one or more persons the sale of any number of tax certificates ("Tax Certificates") which evidence the liens (the "Tax Liens") of the State of Ohio (the "State") and its applicable taxing districts for such delinquent assessments, including Special Assessments, real property

taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, governmental charges, or penalties and interest on such Assessed Lands; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Delinquent Tax Lien Sale Act, the Treasurer, in its discretion, may sell such Tax Certificates at a discount from the full amount of the general real estate taxes, assessments, including the Special Assessments, penalties, and interest that have become delinquent; and

WHEREAS, if the Treasurer were to sell such Tax Certificates at a discount (other than in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement), the proceeds of such sale representing the delinquent Special Assessments might be insufficient to pay the Project Costs; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer does not desire to take any action with respect to the collection of the Special Assessments that might adversely affect the repayment of the Project Advance without the consent of the District or adversely affect the payment of the Project Costs without the consent of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer has agreed to remit to the District, in the event of a default under the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement, as set forth in this Agreement, amounts collected by the Treasurer and relating to the Special Assessments, including without limitation amounts collected by the Treasurer as a result of foreclosure of the lien of the Special Assessments on the Assessed Lands and including amounts received from a sale of Tax Certificates pursuant to the Delinquent Tax Lien Sale Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, and desiring to be legally bound hereunder, the Parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

#### Section 1. <u>Special Assessments</u>.

- 1.1 The Owner, prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement, signed and delivered to the City the Petition for the acquisition, installation, equipping, and improvement of the Project and evidencing the agreement of the Owner to the levy of the Special Assessments as security for the Project Advance. The Owner agrees that its delivery of the Petition and the requests and agreements made therein are irrevocable and that the Parties hereto have acted and will act in reliance on the agreements contained in that Petition.
- 1.2 The City shall cause the Special Assessments, as set forth in the Assessment Schedule attached to the Petition, to be certified to the County Auditor on or before the last date for the certification of special assessments to the County Auditor of each year during which the Special Assessments are to be levied pursuant to the Assessment Schedule. The Parties acknowledge that pursuant to such certification, the Special Assessments are expected to be collected and paid to the City pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapters 319, 321, 323, and 727.
- 1.3 In the event the Project Advance is prepaid or redeemed in accordance with the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement, in whole or in part, the Parties shall, in

cooperation with the Owner, and to the extent permitted by law, cause the aggregate lien of the Special Assessments to be no greater than the remaining principal of and interest and premium, if any, on the Project Advance through maturity.

- 1.4 To the extent that the Owner prepays any of the required payments to the Investor pursuant to the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement, then the amounts of the Special Assessments shall be reduced in accordance with the appropriate revised Assessment Schedule attached to the Petition.
- 1.5 To facilitate the repayment of the Project Advance, the City, pursuant to Section 2.2 of the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement, assigned to the Investor all of its right, title, and interest in and to the Special Assessments, the amount(s) in the fund (or funds) of the City established to collect and hold the Special Assessment, and any other property received or to be received from the City under the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement. The Treasurer, the City, the District, the Owner, and the Investor each hereby acknowledges, agrees with, and consents to those assignments.
- 1.6 Pursuant to Section 2.5 of the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement, the District assigned to the Investor any and all of its right, title, and interest it may have in and to the Special Assessments related to the District actually received by or on behalf of the City under the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement. The Treasurer, the City, the District, the Owner, and the Investor each hereby acknowledges, agrees with, and consents to those assignments.
- 1.7 Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Treasurer's obligations under this Agreement are not and shall not be secured by an obligation or pledge of any moneys raised by taxation. The Treasurer's obligations shall be limited to the moneys levied, collected, and received in respect of the Special Assessments and any County-imposed collection fees, charges, or penalties. The Treasurer's obligations under this Agreement do not and shall not represent or constitute a debt or pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of the County.
- 1.8 Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the City's obligations under this Agreement are not and shall not be secured by an obligation or pledge of any moneys raised by taxation. The City's obligation under this Agreement shall be limited to any moneys received from the County in respect of the Special Assessments and any County-imposed collection fees, charges, or penalties. The City's obligations under this Agreement do not and shall not represent or constitute a debt or pledge of the faith and credit or taxing power of the City.

#### Section 2. Foreclosure Process.

2.1 The Parties each acknowledge that the Special Assessments are to secure payments relating to the Project Advance, including the Project Costs and other amounts as provided under the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement. The Treasurer agrees that so long as the Project Advance is outstanding and the Project Costs and other amounts under the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement are secured, at least in part, by the revenues derived from the Special Assessments, the Treasurer will, upon receipt of written notice from the Investor or the

District (with a copy to the other of the Investor or the District, and to the Owner and the City) that an Event of Default (solely as described under Section 5.1(a) of the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement) has occurred and is continuing and which notice requests the Treasurer to foreclose on the lien of the Special Assessments, file and diligently prosecute a foreclosure action against the Assessed Lands following the procedures for lien foreclosures established in Ohio Revised Code Section 323.25 and related sections, but not earlier than the sixtieth day following receipt by the Treasurer of the delinquent land list certifying that the Special Assessments are delinquent. The foreclosure action shall be to collect all Special Assessments then due and owing on the Assessed Lands in accordance with the Petition. Without the prior written consent of the District and the Investor, the Treasurer will not confirm the sale of the Assessed Lands for an amount less than 100% of the amount of the Special Assessments and other general real estate taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, and assessments then due and owing with respect to the Assessed Lands, as shall be certified by the District to the Treasurer pursuant to the records of the Treasurer, except and unless the Assessed Lands become forfeited land subject to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5723. All fees and expenses of the Treasurer in collecting the Special Assessments are to be included and paid for by the Owner.

- 2.2 The Treasurer hereby acknowledges that the City has assigned all of its right, title, and interest in and to the Special Assessments to the Investor, and that the District has assigned all of its right, title, and interest it may have in and to the Special Assessments to the Investor, and the Treasurer hereby agrees that so long as the Project Advance is outstanding and the Project Costs and other amounts under the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement are secured, at least in part, by the revenues derived from the Special Assessments, the Treasurer will not sell or negotiate the sale of one or more Tax Certificates related to the Assessed Lands for an amount less than 100% of the amount levied and certified for collection without the prior written consent of the District and the Investor.
- 2.3 The Treasurer hereby covenants and agrees that if any of the general real estate taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, assessments, including the Special Assessments, governmental charges, or penalties and interest on the Assessed Lands are delinquent and the Delinquent Tax Lien Sale Act would permit the Treasurer to negotiate the sale of Tax Certificates with respect thereto, the Treasurer will, prior to giving any notice under the Delinquent Tax Lien Sale Act of a sale of Tax Certificates with respect to the Assessed Lands, give written notice to the District and the Investor regarding the same and state therein whether the Treasurer reasonably anticipates receiving no less than 100% of the general real estate taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, and assessments, including the Special Assessments, penalties and interest, originally levied and certified for collection plus other charges, including attorney's fees, or whether the Treasurer reasonably expects to receive less than 100% of the general real estate taxes, payments in lieu of taxes, and assessments, including the Special Assessments, penalties and interest, levied and certified for collection plus other charges, including attorney's fees, and in accordance with this Agreement is requesting the consent of the District and the Investor for such a sale.
- 2.4 The Treasurer agrees, on behalf of the County, not to utilize the authority contained in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5722 to transfer any of the Assessed Lands to the county land reutilization corporation, to sell or convey any of the Assessed Lands to any political subdivision under the authority contained in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5722, or to clear the

liens and encumbrances applicable to the Assessed Lands under the authority contained in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 5722 without the express written consent of the District and the Investor.

- 2.5 Nothing in this Agreement shall, or shall be construed to, prevent the Treasurer from selling one or more Tax Certificates with respect to the Assessed Lands to a third party without the consent of the District and the Investor if the price received for the Tax Certificate or Tax Certificates equals or exceeds 100% of the delinquent general real estate taxes, assessments, including the Special Assessments, penalties and interest on the Assessed Lands outstanding against the Assessed Lands at the time of such sale.
- 2.6 The District and the Investor each hereby agrees that upon written notice from the Treasurer pursuant to Section 2.1 of this Agreement, it, within 30 days of receipt of the Treasurer's notice, shall give a written response to the Treasurer indicating therein whether it consents to the request for sale of a Tax Certificate or Tax Certificates.
- 2.7 No delay or failure of the District or the Investor to give a written response within 30 days of receipt of such notice shall be construed to be a consent to such request or to be a waiver of the right to give such consent. No consent or refusal thereof by the District or the Investor in response to a request by the Treasurer shall extend to or affect any subsequent request of the Treasurer or shall impair the rights of the District or the Investor with respect to any such subsequent request.
- 2.8 So long as the Project Costs are outstanding, the Treasurer hereby covenants and agrees (a) to remit to the Investor, as appropriate and as provided for herein, not more than 30 days from the date of collection by the Treasurer, any amounts collected with respect to the Assessed Lands as payment for delinquent Special Assessments, including any amounts collected from Tax Certificates; and (b) to the extent the Treasurer seeks and is appointed as receiver for the Assessed Lands, as provided for in Chapter 323 of the Revised Code, after payment of reasonable fees and expenses of the Treasurer, all amounts collected by the Treasurer, as receiver for the Assessed Lands and collected as a result of any delinquent Special Assessments, shall be remitted to the Investor.
- 2.9 Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement or elsewhere to the contrary, nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to reduce or limit any rights at law that the Owner might have to notice and redemption of tax or special assessment liens against its property.

#### Section 3. <u>Indemnification by Owner</u>

3.1 The Owner hereby releases the District, the City, the Treasurer, the Investor, and their respective officers, directors, agents, and employees (the "Indemnified Parties"), from, agrees that the Indemnified Parties shall not be liable for, and indemnifies the Indemnified Parties against, all liabilities, claims, costs, and expenses, including out-of-pocket and incidental expenses and legal fees, imposed upon, incurred, or asserted against Indemnified Parties, on account of: (i) any loss or damage to property or injury to or death of or loss by any person that may be occasioned by any cause whatsoever pertaining to the acquisition, installation, equipping, improvement, maintenance, operation, and use of the Owner's Project; (ii) any breach or default on the part of the Owner in the performance of any covenant,

obligation, or agreement of the Owner under the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement, or arising from any act or failure to act by the Owner, or any of the Owner's agents, contractors, servants, employees, or licensees; (iii) the Owner's failure to comply with any requirement of this Agreement; (iv) the efforts of the City and the Treasurer to collect Special Assessments; (v) any legal costs or out-of-pocket costs incurred by the District specifically related to additional approvals or actions that may be required by the District arising after the date of the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement (and in the case of such legal costs or out-of-pocket costs, agrees to pay such costs directly to the District); and (vi) any claim, action or proceeding brought with respect to any matter set forth in clause (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), or (v) above, provided, however that the Owner shall not indemnify the Indemnified Parties as provided above to the extent that any liability, claim, cost, or expenses arises out of or results from the gross negligence, or willful misconduct or breach of this Agreement or the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement of the Indemnified Parties.

3.2 The Owner agrees to indemnify, to pay, and to hold each of the Indemnified Parties harmless from and against all liabilities, and all reasonable costs and expenses, including out-of-pocket expenses and attorneys' fees and expenses, arising out of any federal, state, or local environmental laws, regulations, resolutions or ordinances, incurred by any of the Indemnified Parties as a result of the existence on or release from the Owner's Project Site of Hazardous Materials, which in any way result from any act of omission or commission of the Owner or any of its agents, employees, independent contractors, invitees, licensees, successors, assignees, or tenants.

#### Section 4. Additional Agreements and Covenants.

- 4.1 The agreements of the Parties hereafter with respect to the foreclosure process shall be a covenant running with the Assessed Lands and, so long as Project Costs are payable from or secured, at least in part, by the revenues derived from the Special Assessments, such covenant shall be binding upon the Assessed Lands (except as released as provided in the Owner Consents), the Owner and any future owner of all or any portion of the Assessed Lands. The Owner Consent, and all other required documents and agreements, shall be recorded with the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office, so that the agreements of the Parties hereafter with respect to the foreclosure process established pursuant to this Agreement is a covenant running with and is enforceable against the Assessed Lands.
- 4.2 The Investor and the District hereby agree that any future legal cause of action to enforce this Agreement against the Treasurer shall be solely limited to specific performance of this Agreement as the sole remedy, and the Investor and the District agree to provide the Treasurer with 60 days advanced written notice delivered by certified mail prior to bringing an action for specific performance.
- 4.3 If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision hereof.
- 4.4 This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of each of the Parties, and each of their successors and assigns, all subject to the provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement

may be amended only by a written instrument of the Parties, and any attempt to amend or modify this Agreement without a written instrument signed by all of the Parties to this Agreement shall be null and void. Notices given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be effective when actually received if delivered by hand or overnight courier, or three days after being sent by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, the certification receipt therefore being deemed the date of such notice, and addressed to the Parties as follows:

If to City: City of Blue Ash

4343 Cooper Road Blue Ash, Ohio 45242 Attention: Fiscal Officer

With a copy to: Dinsmore & Shohl LLP

255 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1900 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Attention: Bryan Pacheco, Esq.

Phone: (513) 977-8247

E-Mail: bryan.pacheco@dinsmore.com

If to Treasurer: County Treasurer

Hamilton County, Ohio 138 E. Court St., #402 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

If to the District: Suburban Communities Energy Special

Improvement District

c/o Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance

700 Walnut St.

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 Phone: (513) 621-4232 Email: jhertzer@ohpace.org

With a Copy To: J. Caleb Bell

Bricker & Eckler LLP 100 South Third Street Columbus, Ohio 43215 Phone: (614) 227-2300 Email: pace@bricker.com

If to the Owner: Redhill Investors Group, LLC

9870 Redhill Drive Cincinnati, Ohio 45242 Attention: Jagdish Bhati Phone: (513) 745-5000

Email: jagdish.bhati@theserenesuites.com

With a Copy To: Patrick Woodside

Frost Brown Todd LLC

301 East Fourth Street, Suite 3300

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

If to the Investor: Greenworks Lending LLC

28 Thorndal Circle, Third Floor Darien, Connecticut 06820 Attention: Alexandra Cooley Phone: (203) 883-6128

Email: Acooley@greenworkslending.com servicing@greenworkslending.com

4.5 (a) The Investor shall have the unrestricted right at any time or from time to time, and without the Treasurer, the City, the District, or the Owner's consent, to assign all or any portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement and may sell or assign any and all liens received directly or indirectly from the City to any person (each, an "Investor Assignee"), and the Owner agrees that it shall execute, or cause to be executed, such documents, including without limitation, amendments to this Agreement and to any other documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection with this Agreement as the Investor shall reasonably deem necessary to effect the foregoing. Any Investor Assignee shall be a party to this Agreement and shall have all of the rights and obligations of the Investor under this Agreement (and under any and all other guaranties, documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection with this Agreement) to the extent that such rights and obligations have been assigned by the Investor pursuant to the assignment documentation between the Investor and such Assignee, and the Investor shall be released from its obligations under this Agreement and under any and all other guaranties, documents, instruments and agreements executed in connection with this Agreement to a corresponding extent.

- (b) The Investor shall have the unrestricted right at any time and from time to time, and without the consent of or notice of the Treasurer, the City, the District, or the Owner, to grant to one or more persons (each, a "Participant") participating interests in the Investor's obligation to make Project Advances under the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement or any or all of the loans held by Investor under the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement. In the event of any such grant by the Investor of a participating interest to a Participant, whether or not upon notice to the Treasurer, the City, the District, and the Owner, the Investor shall remain responsible for the performance of its obligations under the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement and the Owner shall continue to deal solely and directly with the Investor in connection with the Investor's rights and obligations under the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement.
- (c) The Investor may furnish any information concerning the Owner or the Assessed Lands in its possession from time to time to Investor Assignees and prospective Investor Assignees, and Participants and prospective Participants, and rating agencies, Investor's third party consultants, and Investor's counsel.

- 4.6 This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.
- 4.7 This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

[Signature Pages Immediately Follow]

•	party to this Agreement has caused this Agreement to be eacity by its respective duly authorized officers, all as of
	"TREASURER" COUNTY TREASURER OF HAMILTON

		"TREASURER" COUNTY TREASURER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO
		By:Name: Robert A. Goering
		Title: Treasurer, County of Hamilton, Ohio
STATE OF OHIO	)	
COUNTY OF HAMILTON	)	SS:
above named HAMILTON COUN that such officer did sign the foreg deed as such officer of such Count	TY TR soing in y. The	nd for said County and State, personally appeared the EASURER, Robert A. Goering, who acknowledged astrument and the same is such officer's free act and notarial act certified hereby is an acknowledgement of the signer with regard to the notarial act certified to
IN TESTIMONY WHEREO day of, 2020.	)F, I ha	eve hereunto set my hand and official seal this
		Notary Public

	"CITY" CITY OF BLUE ASH, HA	MILTON COUNTY,
	Name: Title:	
STATE OF OHIO COUNTY OF	SS:	
COUNTY OF		
BEFORE ME, a Notary Publabove named CITY OF BLUE ASF, who acknowledge that the same is the free act and dehereby is an acknowledgement. No regard to the notarial act certified to be	hat such officer did sign the fore as such officer of such City. The th or affirmation was administer	egoing instrument and e notarial act certified
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	Notary Public	

	"DISTRICT"	
	BLUE ASH, DEER PARK, LOVELAND, SHARONVII SPRINGDALE, SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP, SYMM TOWNSHIP ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMI DISTRICT, INC., D/B/A:	MES
	SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENER SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC.	.GY
	Ву:	
	Name:	
	Title:	
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COUNTY OF	) 33.	
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	Notary Public	

## "OWNER" REDHILL INVESTORS GROUP, LLC By: Name: Jagdish Bhati Title: Manager STATE OF OHIO SS: COUNTY OF \_ BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the above named REDHILL INVESTORS GROUP, LLC by Jagdish Bhati, its Manager, who acknowledged that such officer did sign the foregoing instrument and that the same is such officer's free act and deed as such officer and of said company. The notarial act certified hereby is an acknowledgement. No oath or affirmation was administered to the signer with regard to the notarial act certified to hereby. IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020. Notary Public

# "INVESTOR" GREENWORKS LENDING LLC

By:	
Name:	
Title:	
STATE OF	
BEFORE ME, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared above named GREENWORKS LENDING LLC by, who acknowledged that such officer did sign the foregoing instrument a	its
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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this day of, 2020.	
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Notary Public	

This instrument prepared by: J. Caleb Bell Bricker & Eckler LLP 100 South Third St. Columbus, Ohio 43215

#### FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, Fiscal Officer of City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio hereby certifies that the City has established a special assessment fund, into which the Special Assessments (as that term is defined in the foregoing Agreement) received by the City shall be deposited, free from any previous encumbrances. The City shall use the moneys deposited in such special assessment fund to meet its obligations under the foregoing Agreement. This Certificate is given in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.41 and 5705.44.

Dated:, 2020	
	Fiscal Officer
	City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio

#### EXHIBIT A

#### **DESCRIPTION OF ASSESSED LANDS**

The real property subject to this Special Assessment Agreement is located at 9870 Redhill Drive in the City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio, with Hamilton County Auditor Parcel ID No. 612-0120-0317-00 and the following legal description:

#### EXHIBIT B

## OWNER CONSENT (Affidavit of Facts Relating to Title Made Pursuant to O.R.C. §5301.252)

The undersigned, , having been duly cautioned and sworn, deposes and

states as follows:
The undersigned is the Manager of Redhill Investors Group, LLC, an Ohio limited liability company (the "Owner").
This Owner Consent, dated as of, 2020, is given by the Owner pursuant to the
Special Assessment Agreement dated as of, 2020 (the "Agreement") by and among the
County Treasurer of Hamilton County, Ohio (the "Treasurer"), City of Blue Ash, Hamilton
County, Ohio (the "City"), the Blue Ash, Deer Park, Loveland, Sharonville, Springdale,
Sycamore Township, Symmes Township Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., d/b/a
Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District, Inc. (the "District"), Greenworks
Lending LLC (the "Investor") and the Owner. Terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the
meaning ascribed to such terms in the Agreement.

The Agreement provides for an accelerated foreclosure process with respect to certain Special Assessments which have been levied on the Assessed Lands by the City in order to pay the costs of special energy improvement projects under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710. The Assessed Lands are described in Exhibit 1 to this Owner Consent, and the Special Assessments are disclosed on Exhibit 2 to this consent.

The Agreement further provides that if an event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to a required semi-annual payment of Special Assessments or an Event of Default under Section 5.1(a) of the Energy Project Cooperative Agreement occurs and is continuing, the Treasurer will pursue an accelerated foreclosure of the lien of the Special Assessments, all as provided in the Agreement. In consideration of the Project Advance to finance the Project, the Owner hereby consents to the accelerated foreclosure process with respect to the lien of the Special Assessments then due and owing with respect to the Assessed Lands, as provided in the Agreement.

The Owner is the owner of the Assessed Lands. The Owner covenants and agrees that so long as the Project Advance remains outstanding, except as the covenant may be released by the District, the City, and the Investor, as applicable, in writing, the accelerated foreclosure process established pursuant to the Agreement shall be a covenant on and running with, and shall be binding upon, the Assessed Lands, the Owner and all future owners of the Assessed Lands. Any release, modification or waiver of the covenant running with the land by the District, the City, or the Investor, as applicable, shall be filed of record with the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office. The Owner agrees that this Owner Consent shall be recorded with the

Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's Office and the Owner covenants and agrees to record such documents and to take such reasonable steps as are necessary, so that the accelerated foreclosure process with respect to the lien of the Special Assessments is a covenant on and running with the Assessed Lands and is binding on the Owner and any and all future owners of all or any portion of the Assessed Lands.

The Special Assessments have been levied by the City and certified to the County Auditor for placement on the tax list and duplicate and collection with and in the same manner as real property taxes as special assessments binding against the Assessed Lands in each of the years disclosed in the schedule of Special Assessments attached to this Owner Consent as Exhibit 2. Unless earlier paid by the Owner or any successor in interest of the Owner to the Assessed Lands, the Special Assessments shall be levied, billed, due and payable, and collected in each of the years in each of the amounts disclosed on Exhibit 2.

Anything in this Owner Consent to the contrary notwithstanding, this Owner Consent shall in no way be construed as a waiver by the Owner of its statutory right of redemption, including the full applicable redemption period.

(Signature Page Immediately Follows)

Further affiant sayeth naught.

"OWNER"

## REDHILL INVESTORS GROUP, LLC

	By:
	Name:
	Title:
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	Notary Public
This instrument was prepared by:	
J. Caleb Bell, Esq. Bricker & Eckler LLP	

100 South Third Street Columbus, Ohio 43215

## EXHIBIT 1

## **DESCRIPTION OF ASSESSED LANDS**

The real property subject to this Owner Consent is located at 9870 Redhill Drive, City of Blue Ash, Hamilton County, Ohio, with Hamilton County Auditor Parcel ID No. 612-0120-0317-00 and the following legal description:

EXHIBIT 2

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

Special Assessment Payment Date*	Special Assessment Payment Amount**
January 31, 2023	\$169,300.99
July 31, 2023	169,300.99
January 31, 2024	169,300.99
July 31, 2024	169,300.99
January 31, 2025	169,300.99
July 31, 2025	169,300.99
January 31, 2026	169,300.99
July 31, 2026	169,300.99
January 31, 2027	169,300.99
July 31, 2027	169,300.99
January 31, 2028	169,300.99
July 31, 2028	169,300.99
January 31, 2029	169,300.99
July 31, 2029	169,300.99
January 31, 2030	169,300.99
July 31, 2030	169,300.99
January 31, 2031	169,300.99
July 31, 2031	169,300.99
January 31, 2032	169,300.99
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January 31, 2047	169,300.99
July 31, 2047	169,300.99
January 31, 2048	169,300.99
July 31, 2048	169,300.99
January 31, 2049	169,300.99
July 31, 2049	169,300.99
January 31, 2050	169,300.99
July 31, 2050	169,300.99

<sup>\*</sup> Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 323, the Special Assessment Payment Dates for first-half and second-half real property taxes are determined by statute and a variety of circumstances and are subject to adjustment by the Hamilton County Auditor under certain conditions.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.36, the Hamilton County Auditor may charge and collect a fee in addition to the amounts listed in this Exhibit 2.