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Project No. 35077 - Sharyland Utilities, L.P. Generation Interconnection Agreement with Tahoka Wind, LLC

Dear Ms. Clark:

Re:

Please find attached the Generation Interconnection Agreement (Agreement) between Sharyland Utilities, L.P. (Sharyland) and Tahoka Wind, LLC, for filing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas pursuant to P.U.C. SUBST. R. 25.195(e). Because the Agreement contains slight deviations from the Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement, Sharyland has prepared this letter explaining the changes and requests that it be filed with the Agreement.

## Exhibit "A"

- Sections 1.21, 2.2, 8.2, 8.3, and 10.17 have been amended.
- Section 10.22 has been added.

## Exhibit "B"

• Please refer to Exhibit B for amendments.

Sincerely,

Alicia Rigler

Counsel for Sharyland Utilities, L.P.

Enclosure

# ERCOT STANDARD GENERATION INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

Between

Tahoka Wind, LLC

and

Sharyland Utilities, L.P.

for

Tahoka Wind Project - 18INR0025

July 19, 2017

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### ERCOT STANDARD GENERATION INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

This Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement is made and entered into this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017, between **Sharyland Utilities**, **L.P.** ("Transmission Service Provider") and **Tahoka Wind**, **LLC** ("Generator"), hereinafter individually referred to as "Party," and collectively referred to as "Parties." In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

Transmission Service Provider represents that it is a public utility that owns and operates facilities for the transmission and distribution of electricity. Generator represents that it will own and operate the Plant. Pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Transmission Service Provider shall interconnect Generator's Plant with Transmission Service Provider's System consistent with the Facilities Study Agreement executed between the Parties on May 25, 2016.

This Agreement applies only to the Plant and the Parties' interconnection facilities as identified in Exhibit "C".

This Agreement shall become effective on July 19, 2017 ("Effective Date"), subject to Governmental Authority approval, if required, and shall continue in full force and effect until terminated in accordance with Exhibit "A".

This Agreement will be subject to the following, all of which are incorporated herein:

- A. The "Terms and Conditions of the ERCOT Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement" attached hereto as Exhibit "A";
- B. The ERCOT Requirements (unless expressly stated herein, where the ERCOT Requirements are in conflict with this Agreement, the ERCOT Requirements shall prevail);
- C. The PUCT Rules (where the PUCT Rules are in conflict with this Agreement, the PUCT Rules shall prevail);
- D. The Time Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit "B";
- E. The Interconnection Details attached hereto as Exhibit "C":
- F. The notice requirements attached hereto as Exhibit "D";
- G. The Security Arrangement Details attached hereto as Exhibit "E";

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

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By: Declan Flanagan

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Title: Vice President

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Date: July 19, 2017

Date: July 19, 2017

# Exhibit "A" Terms and Conditions of the ERCOT Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement

### **ARTICLE 1. DEFINITIONS**

Capitalized terms shall have the meanings as set forth below, except as otherwise specified in the Agreement:

- 1.1 "CCN" shall mean a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity issued by the PUCT.
- 1.2 "<u>Commercial Operation</u>" shall mean the date on which Generator declares that the construction of the Plant has been substantially completed, Trial Operation of the Plant has been completed, and the Plant is ready for dispatch.
- 1.3 "Control Area" shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in PUCT Rule 25.5(8) or its successor.
- 1.4 "ERCOT" shall mean the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc.
- 1.5 "ERCOT Requirements" means the ERCOT Operating Guides, ISO Generation Interconnection Procedures as well as any other documents adopted by the ISO or ERCOT relating to the interconnection and operation of generators and transmission systems in ERCOT as amended from time to time, and any successors thereto. Any requirement in the foregoing documents imposed upon generation entities or generation facilities shall become the responsibility of the Generator, and any requirements imposed on transmission providers or transmission facilities shall become the responsibility of the TSP.
- 1.6 "<u>Facilities Study</u>" shall have the meaning as described in PUCT Rule 25.198(g) or its successor.
- 1.7 "<u>Facilities Study Agreement</u>" shall mean an agreement executed by the Parties relating to the performance of the Facilities Study.

- 1.8 "GIF" shall mean Generator's interconnection facilities as described in Exhibit "C."
- 1.9 "Good Utility Practice" shall have the meaning described in PUCT Rule 25.5(23) or its successor.
- 1.10 "Governmental Authority(ies)" shall mean any federal, state, local or municipal body having jurisdiction over a Party.
- 1.11 "In-Service Date" shall be the date, as reflected in Exhibit "B," that the TIF will be ready to connect to the GIF.
- 1.12 "ISO" shall mean the ERCOT Independent System Operator.
- 1.13 "Plant" shall mean the electric generation facility owned and operated by the Generator, as specified in Exhibit "C."
- 1.14 "<u>Point of Interconnection</u>" shall mean the location(s) where the GIF connects to the TIF as negotiated and defined by the Parties and as shown on Exhibit "C" of this Agreement.
- 1.15 "PUCT" shall mean the Public Utility Commission of Texas.
- 1.16 "PUCT Rules" shall mean the Substantive Rules of the PUCT.
- 1.17 "Reasonable Efforts" shall mean the use of Good Utility Practice and the exercise of due diligence (pursuant to PUCT Rule 25.196(e)).
- 1.18 "System Protection Equipment" shall mean those facilities located within the TIF and the GIF as described in Section 5.6 and Exhibit "C."
- 1.19 "System Security Study" shall have the meaning as described in PUCT Rule 25.198(f) or its successor.
- 1.20 "TCOS" shall mean the TSP's transmission cost of service as allowed by the applicable Governmental Authority.

- 1.21 "TIF" shall mean the TSP's interconnection facilities as described in Exhibit "C" to this Agreement; provided however, the TIF does not include the Long Draw Upgrades, (as defined in Exhibit C).
- 1.22 "<u>Trial Operation</u>" shall mean the process by which the Generator is engaged in on-site test operations and commissioning of the Plant prior to Commercial Operation.
- 1.23 "TSP" shall mean the Transmission Service Provider.
- 1.24 "TSP System" shall mean the electric transmission facilities, including the TIF, and all associated equipment and facilities owned and/or operated by the TSP.

#### **ARTICLE 2. TERMINATION**

- 2.1 <u>Termination Procedures</u>. This Agreement may be terminated as follows:
- A. the Generator may terminate this Agreement after giving the TSP thirty (30) days advance written notice; or
- B. the TSP may terminate this Agreement (subject to Governmental Authority approval, if required) on written notice to the Generator if the Generator's Plant has not achieved Commercial Operation within one year after the scheduled Commercial Operation date reflected in Exhibit "B"; or
  - C. either Party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 10.6.
- 2.2 <u>Termination Costs</u>. If a Party elects to terminate the Agreement pursuant to Section 2.1 above, the Generator shall pay all costs incurred (or committed to be incurred) by or at the request of TSP, as of the date of the other Party's receipt of such notice of termination, that are the responsibility of the Generator under this Agreement. In the event of termination by either Party, both Parties shall use commercially reasonable efforts to mitigate the damages and charges that they may incur as a consequence of termination. The provisions of the Sections 2.2 and 2.3 shall

survive termination of the Agreement.

2.3 <u>Disconnection</u>. Upon termination of this Agreement, the Parties will disconnect the GIF from the TIF.

## **ARTICLE 3. REGULATORY FILINGS**

- 3.1 <u>Filing</u>. The TSP shall file this executed Agreement with the appropriate Governmental Authority, if required. Any portions of this Agreement asserted by Generator to contain competitively sensitive commercial or financial information shall be filed by the TSP identified as "confidential" under seal stating, for the TSP's showing of good cause, that Generator asserts such information is confidential information and has requested such filing under seal. If requested by the TSP, Generator shall provide the TSP, in writing, with the Generator's basis for asserting that the information referred to in this Section 3.1 is competitively sensitive information, and the TSP may disclose such writing to the appropriate Governmental Authority.
- 3.2 <u>Regulatory Approvals</u>. Unless exempt, the TSP shall timely request ISO and all regulatory approvals necessary for it to carry out its responsibilities under this Agreement. Such approvals shall include any CCN required for the construction of the TIF.

## ARTICLE 4. INTERCONNECTION FACILITIES ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT, AND CONSTRUCTION

- 4.1 Options. The Generator shall select one of the following options (subsection A or subsection B) and include the selected option in Exhibit "B" for completion of the TIF:
- A. The TSP shall design, procure, and construct the TIF, using Reasonable Efforts to complete the TIF by the In-Service Date reflected in Exhibit "B." The TSP will utilize its own resources and will contract for additional resources, as reasonably necessary, to meet the In-Service Date. Such resources shall include, as the TSP believes is reasonable, use of other contractors, other equipment suppliers, other material suppliers, additional contract personnel,

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additional payments to contractors for expedited work, and premiums paid to equipment and material suppliers for expedited delivery. The TSP shall not be required to undertake any initiative which is inconsistent with its standard safety practices, its material and equipment specifications, its design criteria and construction procedures, its labor agreements, applicable laws and regulations, and ERCOT Requirements. In the event the TSP reasonably expects that it will not be able to complete the TIF by the In-Service Date, the TSP will promptly provide written notice to the Generator and will undertake Reasonable Efforts to meet the earliest date thereafter.

- B. (i) The TSP shall design, procure, and construct the TIF by the In-Service Date reflected in Exhibit "B." The Parties acknowledge that the In-Service Date was either agreed upon through good faith negotiations or designated by the Generator upon failure of the Parties to agree. In the process of negotiating the In-Service Date, Generator will request a date upon which it reasonably expects it will be ready to begin use of the TIF and upon which it reasonably expects to begin doing so. Any date designated by the Generator shall in no event be less than fifteen months from the date that all conditions of Sections 4.2 and 4.3 have been satisfied. The designated In-Service Date will be extended day for day for each day that the ISO refuses to grant clearances to install equipment. If the TSP fails to complete the TIF by the In-Service Date reflected in Exhibit "B," the TSP shall pay the Generator liquidated damages in accordance with this Section 4.1.B.
- (ii) The Parties agree that actual damages to the Generator, in the event the TIF are not completed by the In-Service Date, may include Generator's fixed operation and maintenance costs and lost opportunity costs. Such actual damages are uncertain and impossible to determine at this time. The Parties agree that, because of such uncertainty, any liquidated damages paid by the TSP to the Generator shall be an amount equal to ½ of 1% of the actual cost of the TIF, per day. However, in no event shall the total liquidated damages exceed 20% of the actual cost of the TIF.

The Parties agree that such liquidated damages are less than the Generator's actual damages. The Parties agree that the foregoing payments will be made by the TSP to the Generator as just compensation for the damages caused to the Generator, which actual damages are uncertain and impossible to determine at this time, and as reasonable liquidated damages, but not as a penalty or a method to secure performance of this Agreement.

- (iii) The TSP shall apply to have the full costs of the TIF included in TCOS. If the PUCT issues a final, appealable order excluding from TCOS any portion of the TIF costs, including higher contractor and vendor costs due to liquidated damage provisions in those contracts and insurance costs to cover liquidated damages, which costs may have been reasonably incurred but which the PUCT finds should not be recovered through TCOS, the Generator shall reimburse the TSP for such costs in an amount not to exceed the difference between the TSP's estimate of the cost of the TIF under section 4.1.A and the TSP's estimate of the cost of the TIF under Section 4.1.B as reflected in Exhibit "C." Such costs shall be estimated using Good Utility Practice.
- (iv) No liquidated damages shall be paid to Generator if the Generator is not ready to commence use of the TIF for the delivery of power to the Plant for Trial Operation or export of power from the Plant on the In-Service Date, unless the Generator would have been able to commence use of the TIF for the delivery of power to the Plant for Trial Operation or export of power from the Plant but for TSP's delay.
- (v) If the In-Service Date has been designated by the Generator upon a failure of the Parties to agree on the In-Service Date, the TSP may, at its option, require the Generator to subcontract with the TSP for all or part of the design, procurement and construction of the TIF in accordance with the TSP's standard subcontractor agreements. In such event, the TSP shall be

subject to the payment of liquidated damages to the Generator only if the In-Service Date is not met solely due to the TSP's failure to complete the portion of the TIF for which the TSP has retained responsibility. It is the intent of this subsection to give the TSP full control of the contents and quality of the TIF. To the extent the Generator acts as a subcontractor to the TSP, the following will apply: 1) The Generator shall engineer, procure equipment, and construct the TIF (or portions thereof) using Good Utility Practice and using standards and specifications provided in advance by the TSP; 2) In its engineering, procurement and construction of the TIF, the Generator shall comply with all requirements of law to which the TSP would be subject in the engineering, procurement or construction of the TIF; 3) The TSP shall review and approve the engineering design, acceptance tests of equipment, and the construction of the TIF; 4) The TSP shall have the right to approve and accept for operation the TIF in accordance with the standards and specifications provided in advance by the TSP, such approval and acceptance shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed; 5) Should any phase of the engineering, equipment procurement, or construction of the TIF, including selection of subcontractors, not meet the standards and specifications provided by the TSP, and therefore be deemed unacceptable, then the Generator shall be obligated to remedy that portion of the TIF or selection of subcontractors that is deemed unacceptable, the TSP's approval of the Generator's selection of subcontractors will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed; and 6) Once the TIF is accepted for operation by the TSP, then the TSP shall reimburse the Generator for the reasonable and necessary costs incurred by the Generator to complete the TIF, not to exceed the amount specified in the subcontract. Such reimbursement shall be made within thirty days after receipt of the invoice. unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties.

- 4.2 <u>Equipment Procurement</u>. If responsibility for construction of the TIF is borne by the TSP, then the TSP shall commence design of the TIF and procure necessary equipment within a reasonable time after all of the following conditions are satisfied:
- A. The TSP has completed the Facilities Study pursuant to the Facilities Study Agreement;
- B. The TSP has received written authorization to proceed with design and procurement from the Generator by the date specified in Exhibit "B"; and
- C. The Generator has provided security to the TSP in accordance with Section 8.3 by the dates specified in Exhibit "B."
- 4.3 <u>Construction Commencement</u>. The TSP shall commence construction of the TIF as soon as practicable after the following additional conditions are satisfied:
- A. Approval of the appropriate Governmental Authority has been obtained for any facilities requiring regulatory approval;
  - B. Necessary real property rights, if any, have been obtained;
- C. The TSP has received written authorization to proceed with construction from the Generator by the date specified in Exhibit "B"; and
- D. The Generator has provided security to the TSP in accordance with Section 8.3 by the dates specified in Exhibit "B."
- Work Progress. The Parties will keep each other advised periodically as to the progress of their respective design, procurement and construction efforts. If, at any time, the Generator becomes aware that the completion of the TIF will not be required until after the specified In-Service Date, the Generator will promptly provide written notice to the TSP of a new, later In-Service Date.

4.5 <u>Conditions Precedent Delay.</u> To the extent this Agreement incorporates a specified In-Service Date and the Generator fails to satisfy conditions precedent under Sections 4.2 and 4.3 so that the TSP may meet the In-Service Date, the Parties will negotiate in good faith to establish a new schedule for completion of the TIF.

## ARTICLE 5. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

- Information Exchange. The Parties shall exchange information and mutually agree upon the design and compatibility of the Parties' interconnection facilities. The Parties shall work diligently and in good faith to make any necessary design changes to ensure compatibility of the GIF to the TSP System.
- GIF Construction. Generator agrees to cause the GIF to be designed and constructed in accordance with Good Utility Practice, ERCOT Requirements and the National Electrical Safety Code in effect at the time of construction. Within one-hundred and twenty (120) days after Commercial Operation, unless the Parties agree on another mutually acceptable deadline, the Generator shall deliver to the TSP the following "as-built" drawings, information and documents for the GIF: a one-line diagram, a site plan showing the Plant and the GIF, plan and elevation drawings showing the layout of the GIF, a relay functional diagram, relaying AC and DC schematic wiring diagrams and relay settings for all facilities associated with the Generator's main-power transformers, the facilities connecting the Generator to the main power transformers and the GIF, and the impedances (determined by factory tests) for the associated main power transformers and the generators.
- 5.3 <u>TIF Construction</u>. The TSP agrees to cause the TIF to be designed and constructed in accordance with Good Utility Practice, ERCOT Requirements and the National Electrical Safety Code in effect at the time of construction.

Equipment Changes. For facilities not described in Exhibit "C," if either Party makes equipment changes to the Plant, the GIF, the TIF or the TSP System which it knows will affect the operation or performance of the other Party's interconnection facilities, the Parties agree to notify the other Party, in writing, of such changes. Such changes shall be made in accordance with ERCOT Requirements and coordinated between the Parties.

## 5.5 <u>Metering, Telemetry and Communications Requirements.</u>

- A. Metering and telemetry of data will be accomplished in accordance with ERCOT Requirements. The specific metering, telemetry and communications equipment to be installed and data to be telemetered are described in Exhibit "C."
- B. At the Point of Interconnection, the metering and telemetry equipment shall be owned by the TSP. However, the TSP shall provide the Generator with metering and telemetry values in accordance with ERCOT Requirements.
- C. A minimum set of inputs to the telemetry equipment are specified in Exhibit "C."

  Additional sets of inputs may be subsequently mutually agreed upon.
- D. The TSP will notify the Generator at least five (5) working days in advance of any planned maintenance, inspection, testing, or calibration of the metering equipment, unless otherwise agreed to in writing. The Generator, or its designated representative, shall have the right to be present for these activities and to receive copies of any documents related to the procedures and results.
- E. Prior to the connection of the GIF to the TIF, acceptance tests will be performed by the owning Party to ensure the proper functioning of all metering, telemetry and communications equipment associated with the Point of Interconnection and both Parties' interconnection facilities, and to verify the accuracy of data being received by the TSP, the Control Area(s) in which the

Plant and the TSP are located and the Generator. All acceptance tests will be performed consistent with ERCOT Requirements.

- F. The TSP shall, in accordance with Good Utility Practice and ERCOT Requirements, specify communications facilities, including those necessary to transmit data from the metering equipment to the TSP, that are necessary for the effective operation of the Plant and the GIF with the TSP System. Such communication facilities shall be included in Exhibit "C." The Generator shall make arrangements to procure and bear the cost of such facilities.
- G. Any changes to the meters, telemetry equipment, voltage transformers, current transformers, and associated panels, hardware, conduit and cable, which will affect the data being received by the other Party must be mutually agreed to by the Parties.
- H. Each Party will promptly advise the other Party if it detects or otherwise learns of any metering, telemetry or communications equipment errors or malfunctions that require the attention and/or correction by the other Party. The Party owning such equipment shall correct such error or malfunction as soon as reasonably feasible in accordance with ERCOT Requirements.

## 5.6 System Protection and Other Controls Requirements.

- A. Each Party's facilities shall be designed to isolate any fault, or to correct or isolate any abnormality, that would negatively affect the other Party's system or other entities connected to the TSP System.
- B. The Generator shall be responsible for protection of its facilities consistent with ERCOT Requirements.
- C. Each Party's protective relay design shall incorporate the necessary test switches to perform the tests required in Section 5.6.F. The required test switches will be placed such that they

allow operation of lockout relays while preventing breaker failure schemes from operating and causing unnecessary breaker operations and tripping the Generator's units.

- D. Recording equipment shall be installed to analyze all system disturbances in accordance with ERCOT Requirements.
- E. Each Party will test, operate and maintain System Protection Equipment in accordance with ERCOT Requirements. Each Party will provide reasonable notice to the other Party of any testing of its System Protection Equipment allowing such other Party the opportunity to have representatives present during testing of its System Protection Equipment.
- F. Prior to the In-Service Date, and again prior to Commercial Operation, each Party or its agent shall perform a complete calibration test and functional trip test of the System Protection Equipment. At intervals suggested by Good Utility Practice or at intervals described in the ERCOT Requirements if so defined therein, and following any apparent malfunction of the System Protection Equipment, each Party shall perform both calibration and functional trip tests of its System Protection Equipment. These tests do not require the tripping of any in-service generation unit. These tests do, however, require that all protective relays and lockout contacts be activated.
- 5.7 <u>No Annexation</u>. Any and all equipment placed on the premises of a Party shall be and remain the property of the Party providing such equipment regardless of the mode and manner of annexation or attachment to real property, unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties.

## ARTICLE 6. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

6.1 Operation and Maintenance of Interconnection Facilities. The Parties agree to operate and maintain their systems in accordance with Good Utility Practice, National Electrical Safety Code,

the ERCOT Requirements, PUCT Rules and all applicable laws and regulations. Subject to any necessary ISO approval, each Party shall provide necessary equipment outages to allow the other Party to perform periodic maintenance, repair or replacement of its facilities. Such outages shall be scheduled at mutually agreeable times, unless conditions exist which a Party believes, in accordance with Good Utility Practice, may endanger persons or property. No changes will be made in the normal operation of the Point of Interconnection without the mutual agreement of the Parties except as otherwise provided herein. All testing of the Plant that affects the operation of the Point of Interconnection shall be coordinated between the TSP, the Control Area(s) in which the Plant and the TSP are located, and the Generator and will be conducted in accordance with ERCOT Requirements.

- 6.2 <u>Control Area Notification.</u> At least six months before Trial Operation, the Generator shall notify the TSP in writing of the Control Area in which it will be located. If the Generator elects to be located in a Control Area other than the Control Area in which the TSP is located, all necessary agreements, including but not limited to remote control area generator interchange agreements, if applicable, and appropriate measures under such agreements, shall be executed and implemented prior to the placement of the Plant in the other Control Area. The Parties will diligently cooperate with one another to enable such agreements to be executed and implemented on a schedule necessary to meet the Trial Operation date specified in Exhibit "B."
- 6.3 <u>Land Rights and Easements.</u> Terms and conditions addressing the rights of the TSP and the Generator regarding any facilities located on the other Party's property shall be addressed in a separate, duly executed and recorded easement agreement between the Parties. Prior to Commercial Operation, the Parties will mutually agree upon procedures to govern access to each other's property as necessary for the Parties to fulfill their obligations hereunder.

6.4 <u>Service Interruption</u>. The Parties recognize that the interruption of service provisions of the PUCT Rules give TSP the right to disconnect the TSP System from the Plant under the conditions specified therein. The Generator will promptly disconnect the Plant from the TSP System when required by and in accordance with the PUCT Rules and ERCOT Requirements.

## 6.5 Switching and Clearance.

- A. Any switching or clearances needed on the TIF or the GIF will be done in accordance with ERCOT Requirements.
- B. Any switching and clearance procedure necessary to comply with Good Utility Practice or ERCOT Requirements that may have specific application to the Plant shall be addressed in Exhibit "C."
- 6.6 <u>Start-Up and Synchronization.</u> Consistent with ERCOT Requirements and the Parties' mutually acceptable procedure, the Generator is responsible for the proper synchronization of the Plant to the TSP System.
- 6.7 <u>Routine Operational Communications.</u> On a timely basis, the Parties shall exchange all information necessary to comply with ERCOT Requirements.
- Blackstart Operations. If the Plant is capable of blackstart operations, Generator will coordinate individual Plant start-up procedures consistent with ERCOT Requirements. Any blackstart operations shall be conducted in accordance with the blackstart criteria included in the ERCOT Requirements and the TSP Blackstart Plan on file with the ISO. Notwithstanding this section, the Generator is not required to have blackstart capability by virtue of this Agreement. If the Generator will have blackstart capability, then Generator shall provide and maintain an emergency communication system that will interface with the TSP during a blackstart condition.

6.9 <u>Power System Stabilizers.</u> The Generator shall procure, install, maintain and operate power system stabilizers if required to meet ERCOT Requirements and as described in Exhibit "C."

## ARTICLE 7. DATA REQUIREMENTS

- Data Acquisition. The acquisition of data to realistically simulate the electrical behavior of system components is a fundamental requirement for the development of a reliable interconnected transmission system. Therefore, the TSP and the Generator shall be required to submit specific information regarding the electrical characteristics of their respective facilities to each other as described below in accordance with ERCOT Requirements.
- 7.2 <u>Initial Data Submission by TSP</u>. The initial data submission by the TSP shall occur no later than 120 days prior to Trial Operation and shall include transmission system data necessary to allow the Generator to select equipment and meet any system protection and stability requirements.
- 7.3 <u>Initial Data Submission by Generator</u>. The initial data submission by the Generator, including manufacturer data, shall occur no later than 90 days prior to the Trial Operation and shall include a completed copy of the following forms contained in the ISO's Generation Interconnection Procedure: (1) Plant Description/Data and (2) Generation Stability Data. It shall also include any additional data provided to the ISO for the System Security Study. Data in the initial submissions shall be the most current Plant design or expected performance data. Data submitted for stability models shall be compatible with the ISO standard models. If there is no compatible model, the Generator will work with an ISO designated consultant to develop and supply a standard model and associated data.

- Data Supplementation. Prior to Commercial Operation, the Parties shall supplement their initial data submissions with any and all "as-built" Plant data or "as-tested" performance data which differs from the initial submissions or, alternatively, written confirmation that no such differences exist. Subsequent to Commercial Operation, the Generator shall provide the TSP any data changes due to equipment replacement, repair, or adjustment. The TSP shall provide the Generator any data changes due to equipment replacement, repair, or adjustment in the directly connected substation or any adjacent TSP-owned substation that may affect the GIF equipment ratings, protection or operating requirements. The Parties shall provide such data no later than 30 days after the date of the actual change in equipment characteristics. Also, the Parties shall provide to each other a copy of any additional data later required by the ISO concerning these facilities.
- Data Exchange. Each Party shall furnish to the other Party real-time and forecasted data as required by ERCOT Requirements. The Parties will cooperate with one another in the analysis of disturbances to either the Plant or the TSP's System by gathering and providing access to any information relating to any disturbance, including information from oscillography, protective relay targets, breaker operations and sequence of events records.

### ARTICLE 8. PERFORMANCE OBLIGATION

- 8.1 <u>Generator's Cost Responsibility.</u> The Generator will acquire, construct, operate, test, maintain and own the Plant and the GIF at its sole expense. In addition, the Generator may be required to make a contribution in aid of construction in the amount set out in and for the facilities described in Exhibit "C," if any, in accordance with PUCT Rules.
- 8.2 <u>TSP's Cost Responsibility.</u> The TSP will acquire, own, operate, test, and maintain the TIF at its sole expense, subject to the applicable provisions of Section 4.1 and the contribution in aid of construction provisions of Section 8.1 of this Agreement.

8.3 Financial Security Arrangements. The TSP may require the Generator to pay a reasonable deposit or provide another means of security, to cover the costs of planning, licensing, procuring equipment and materials, and construction necessary to interconnect the Plant. The required security arrangements shall be specified in Exhibits "B" and "E." Within five business days after the Plant achieves Commercial Operation with respect to the applicable Phase, the TSP shall return the deposit or security to the Generator relating to such Phase. However, the TSP may retain an amount to cover the incremental difference between the TSP's actual out of pocket costs associated with the choice of Section 4.1.B over Section 4.1.A, pending a final PUCT Order as contemplated in Section 4.1.B(iii). If the Plant has not achieved Commercial Operation within one year after the scheduled Commercial Operation date identified in Exhibit "B" or if the Generator terminates this Agreement in accordance with Section 2.1 and the TIF are not required, the TSP may, subject to the provisions of Section 2.2, retain as much of the deposit or security as is required to cover the costs it incurred in planning, licensing, procuring equipment and materials, and construction necessary to interconnect the Plant. If a cash deposit is made pursuant to Exhibit "E," any repayment of such cash deposit shall include interest at a rate applicable to customer deposits as established from time to time by the PUCT or other Governmental Authority.

## ARTICLE 9. INSURANCE

- 9.1 Each Party shall, at its own expense, maintain in force throughout the period of this Agreement and until released by the other Party the following minimum insurance coverages, with insurers authorized to do business in Texas:
- A. <u>Employers Liability and Worker's Compensation Insurance</u> providing statutory benefits in accordance with the laws and regulations of the State of Texas. The minimum limits for the Employer's Liability insurance shall be One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each accident

bodily injury by accident, One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) each employee bodily injury by disease, and One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) policy limit bodily injury by disease.

- B. <u>Commercial General Liability Insurance</u> including premises and operations, personal injury, broad form property damage, broad form blanket contractual liability coverage (including coverage for the contractual indemnification) products and completed operations coverage, coverage for explosion, collapse and underground hazards, independent contractors coverage, coverage for pollution to the extent normally available and punitive damages to the extent normally available and a cross liability endorsement, with minimum limits of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence/One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) aggregate combined single limit for personal injury, bodily injury, including death and property damage.
- C. <u>Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance</u> for coverage of owned, non-owned and hired vehicles, trailers or semi-trailers designed for travel on public roads, with a minimum combined single limit of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence for bodily injury, including death, and property damage.
- D. <u>Excess Public Liability Insurance</u> over and above the Employer's Liability, Commercial General Liability and Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance coverage, with a minimum combined single limit of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) per occurrence/Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) aggregate.
- E. The Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance, and Excess Public Liability Insurance policies shall name the other Party, its parent, associated and affiliated companies and their respective directors, officers, agents, servants and employees ("Other Party Group") as additional insured. All policies shall contain provisions whereby the insurers waive all rights of subrogation in accordance with the provisions of this

Agreement against the Other Party Group and provide thirty (30) days advance written notice to Other Party Group prior to anniversary date of cancellation or any material change in coverage or condition.

- F. The Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance and Excess Public Liability Insurance policies shall contain provisions that specify that the policies are primary and shall apply to such extent without consideration for other policies separately carried and shall state that each insured is provided coverage as though a separate policy had been issued to each, except the insurer's liability shall not be increased beyond the amount for which the insurer would have been liable had only one insured been covered. Each Party shall be responsible for its respective deductibles or retentions.
- G. The Commercial General Liability Insurance, Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance and Excess Public Liability Insurance policies, if written on a Claims First Made basis, shall be maintained in full force and effect for two (2) years after termination of this Agreement, which coverage may be in the form of tail coverage or extended reporting period coverage if agreed by the Parties.
- H. The requirements contained herein as to the types and limits of all insurance to be maintained by the Parties are not intended to and shall not in any manner, limit or qualify the liabilities and obligations assumed by the Parties under this Agreement.
- I. Within ten (10) days following execution of this Agreement, and as soon as practicable after the end of each fiscal year or at the renewal of the insurance policy and in any event within ninety (90) days thereafter, each Party shall provide certification of all insurance required in this Agreement, executed by each insurer or by an authorized representative of each insurer.

- J. Notwithstanding the foregoing, each Party may self-insure to the extent it maintains a self-insurance program; provided that, such Party's senior secured debt is rated at investment grade, or better, by Standard & Poor's. For any period of time that a Party's senior secured debt is unrated by Standard & Poor's or is rated at less than investment grade by Standard & Poor's, such Party shall comply with the insurance requirements applicable to it under Sections 9.1.A through 9.1.I. In the event that a Party is permitted to self-insure pursuant to this Section 9.1.J, it shall not be required to comply with the insurance requirements applicable to it under Sections 9.1.A through 9.1.I.
- K. The Parties agree to report to each other in writing as soon as practical all accidents or occurrences resulting in injuries to any person, including death, and any property damage arising out of this Agreement.

## ARTICLE 10. MISCELLANEOUS

### 10.1 Governing Law and Applicable Tariffs.

- A. This Agreement for all purposes shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Texas, excluding conflicts of law principles that would refer to the laws of another jurisdiction. The Parties submit to the jurisdiction of the federal and state courts in the State of Texas.
- B. This Agreement is subject to all valid, applicable rules, regulations and orders of, and tariffs approved by, duly constituted Governmental Authorities.
- C. Each Party expressly reserves the right to seek changes in, appeal, or otherwise contest any laws, orders, rules, or regulations of a Governmental Authority.
- 10.2 <u>No Other Services.</u> This Agreement is applicable only to the interconnection of the Plant to the TSP System at the Point of Interconnection and does not obligate either Party to provide, or

entitle either Party to receive, any service not expressly provided for herein. Each Party is responsible for making the arrangements necessary for it to receive any other service that it may desire from the other Party or any third party. This Agreement does not address the sale or purchase of any electric energy, transmission service or ancillary services by either Party, either before or after Commercial Operation.

- 10.3 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, including all Exhibits, Attachments and Schedules attached hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties with reference to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings or agreements, oral or written, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no other agreements, representations, warranties, or covenants which constitute any part of the consideration for, or any condition to, either Party's compliance with its obligations under this Agreement. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section, the Facilities Study Agreement, if any, is unaffected by this Agreement.
- Notices. Except as otherwise provided in Exhibit "D," any formal notice, demand or request provided for in this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed properly served, given or made if delivered in person, or sent by either registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, overnight mail or fax to the address or number identified on Exhibit "D" attached to this Agreement. Either Party may change the notice information on Exhibit "D" by giving five business days written notice prior to the effective date of the change.

## 10.5 Force Majeure.

A. The term "Force Majeure" as used herein shall mean any cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party claiming Force Majeure, and without the fault or negligence of such Party, which materially prevents or impairs the performance of such Party's obligations

hereunder, including but not limited to, storm, flood, lightning, earthquake, fire, explosion, failure or imminent threat of failure of facilities, civil disturbance, strike or other labor disturbance, sabotage, war, national emergency, or restraint by any Governmental Authority.

B. Neither Party shall be considered to be in Default (as hereinafter defined) with respect to any obligation hereunder (including obligations under Article 4), other than the obligation to pay money when due, if prevented from fulfilling such obligation by Force Majeure. A Party unable to fulfill any obligation hereunder (other than an obligation to pay money when due) by reason of Force Majeure shall give notice and the full particulars of such Force Majeure to the other Party in writing or by telephone as soon as reasonably possible after the occurrence of the cause relied upon. Telephone notices given pursuant to this Section shall be confirmed in writing as soon as reasonably possible and shall specifically state full particulars of the Force Majeure, the time and date when the Force Majeure occurred and when the Force Majeure is reasonably expected to cease. The Party affected shall exercise due diligence to remove such disability with reasonable dispatch, but shall not be required to accede or agree to any provision not satisfactory to it in order to settle and terminate a strike or other labor disturbance.

### 10.6 Default

A. The term "Default" shall mean the failure of either Party to perform any obligation in the time or manner provided in this Agreement. No Default shall exist where such failure to discharge an obligation (other than the payment of money) is the result of Force Majeure as defined in this Agreement or the result of an act or omission of the other Party. Upon a Default, the non-defaulting Party shall give written notice of such Default to the defaulting Party. Except as provided in Section 10.6.B, the defaulting Party shall have thirty (30) days from receipt of the Default notice within which to cure such Default; provided however, if such Default is not capable

of cure within 30 days, the defaulting Party shall commence such cure within 30 days after notice and continuously and diligently complete such cure within 90 days from receipt of the Default notice; and, if cured within such time, the Default specified in such notice shall cease to exist.

- B. If a Default is not cured as provided in this Section, or if a Default is not capable of being cured within the period provided for herein, the non-defaulting Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement by written notice at any time until cure occurs, and be relieved of any further obligation hereunder and, whether or not that Party terminates this Agreement, to recover from the defaulting Party all amounts due hereunder, plus all other damages and remedies to which it is entitled at law or in equity. The provisions of this Section will survive termination of this Agreement.
- 10.7 Intrastate Operation. The operation of the Plant by Generator shall not cause there to be a synchronous or an asynchronous interconnection between ERCOT and any other transmission facilities operated outside of ERCOT unless ordered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under Section 210 of the Federal Power Act. The Parties recognize and agree that any such interconnection will constitute an adverse condition giving the TSP the right to immediately disconnect the TIF from the GIF, until such interconnection has been disconnected. The Generator will not be prohibited by this Section from interconnecting the Plant with facilities operated by the Comision Federal de Electricidad of Mexico, unless such interconnection would cause ERCOT utilities that are not "public utilities" under the Federal Power Act to become subject to the plenary jurisdiction of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.
- 10.8 <u>No Third Party Beneficiaries.</u> This Agreement is not intended to and does not create rights, remedies, or benefits of any character whatsoever in favor of any persons, corporations,

associations, or entities other than the Parties, and the obligations herein assumed are solely for the use and benefit of the Parties, their successors in interest and, where permitted, their assigns.

- No Waiver. The failure of a Party to this Agreement to insist, on any occasion, upon strict performance of any provision of this Agreement will not be considered a waiver of obligations, rights, or duties imposed upon the Parties. Termination or Default of this Agreement for any reason by the Generator shall not constitute a waiver of the Generator's legal rights to obtain an interconnection from the TSP under a new interconnection agreement.
- 10.10 <u>Headings</u>. The descriptive headings of the various articles and sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and are of no significance in the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.
- 10.11 <u>Multiple Counterparts.</u> This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which is deemed an original but all constitute one and the same instrument.
- 10.12 <u>Amendment</u>. This Agreement may be amended only upon mutual agreement of the Parties, which amendment will not be effective until reduced to writing and executed by the Parties.
- 10.13 No Partnership. This Agreement shall not be interpreted or construed to create an association, joint venture, agency relationship, or partnership between the Parties or to impose any partnership obligation or liability upon either Party. Neither Party shall have any right, power or authority to enter into any agreement or undertaking for, or act on behalf of, or to act as or be an agent or representative of, or to otherwise bind, the other Party.
- 10.14 <u>Further Assurances</u>. The Parties agree to (i) furnish upon request to each other such further information, (ii) execute and deliver to each other such other documents, and (iii) do such other acts and things, all as the other Party may reasonably request for the purpose of carrying out the intent of this Agreement and the documents referred to in this Agreement. Without limiting the

generality of the foregoing, the TSP shall, at the Generator's expense, when reasonably requested to do so by the Generator at any time after the execution of this Agreement, prepare and provide such information in connection with this Agreement (including, if available, resolutions, certificates, opinions of counsel or other documents relating to the TSP's corporate authorization to enter into this Agreement and to undertake the obligations set out herein) as may be reasonably required by any potential lender to the Generator under a proposed loan agreement. The TSP will use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any opinion of counsel reasonably requested by Generator, but the TSP shall not be in Default of any obligation under this Agreement if the TSP is unable to provide an opinion of counsel that will satisfy any potential lender to the Generator. Specifically, upon the written request of one Party, the other Party shall provide the requesting Party with a letter stating whether or not, up to the date of the letter, that Party is satisfied with the performance of the requesting Party under this Agreement.

10.15 <u>Indemnification and Liability</u>. The indemnification and liability provisions of the PUCT Rule 25.202(b)(2) or its successor shall govern this Agreement.

10.16 Consequential Damages. OTHER THAN THE LIQUIDATED DAMAGES HERETOFORE DESCRIBED, IN NO EVENT SHALL EITHER PARTY BE LIABLE UNDER ANY PROVISION OF THIS AGREEMENT FOR ANY LOSSES, DAMAGES, COSTS OR EXPENSES FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, OR PUNITIVE DAMAGES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LOSS OF PROFIT OR REVENUE, LOSS OF THE USE OF EQUIPMENT, COST OF CAPITAL, COST OF TEMPORARY EQUIPMENT OR SERVICES, WHETHER BASED IN WHOLE OR IN PART IN CONTRACT, IN TORT, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY, OR ANY OTHER THEORY OF LIABILITY; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT DAMAGES FOR

WHICH A PARTY MAY BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY UNDER ANOTHER AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED TO BE SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES HEREUNDER.

10.17 Assignment. This Agreement may be assigned by either Party only with the written consent of the other; provided that either Party may assign this Agreement without the consent of the other Party to any affiliate of the assigning Party with an equal or greater credit rating and with the legal authority and operational ability to satisfy the obligations of the assigning Party under this Agreement; and provided further that each Party shall have the right to assign this Agreement, without the consent of the other, for collateral security purposes to aid in providing financing for the Plant or the TIF, respectively, provided that each such assigning Party will require any secured party, trustee or mortgagee to notify the other Party of any such assignment; and provided further that the TSP shall have the right to assign this Agreement and/or its rights to any associated security provided by Generator or on behalf of Generator, in whole or in part, without the consent of Generator, to any affiliate of the TSP or any other entity controlled by one or more members of the Ray L. Hunt family created to develop and finance the TIF and other similar facilities. Any financing arrangement entered into by a Party pursuant to this Section will provide that prior to or upon the exercise of the secured party's, trustee's or mortgagee's assignment rights pursuant to said arrangement, the secured creditor, the trustee or mortgagee will notify the other Party of the date and particulars of any such exercise of assignment right(s). Any attempted assignment that violates this Section is void and ineffective. Any assignment under this Agreement shall not relieve a Party of its obligations, nor shall a Party's obligations be enlarged, in whole or in part, by reason thereof. Where required, consent to assignment will not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

10.18 <u>Severability.</u> If any provision in this Agreement is finally determined to be invalid, void or unenforceable by any court having jurisdiction, such determination shall not invalidate, void or make unenforceable any other provision, agreement or covenant of this Agreement; provided that if the Generator (or any third-party, but only if such third-party is not acting at the direction of the TSP) seeks and obtains such a final determination with respect to any provision of Section 4.1.B, then none of the provisions of Section 4.1.B. shall thereafter have any force or effect and the Parties' rights and obligations shall be governed solely by Section 4.1.A.

10.19 <u>Comparability</u>. The Parties will comply with all applicable comparability and code of conduct laws, rules and regulations, as amended from time to time.

10.20 <u>Invoicing and Payment</u>. Unless the Parties otherwise agree (in a manner permitted by applicable PUCT Rules and as specified in writing in an Exhibit "E" attached hereto), invoicing and payment rights and obligations under this Agreement shall be governed by PUCT Rules or applicable Governmental Authority. Invoices shall be rendered to the paying Party at the address specified on, and payments shall be made in accordance with the requirements of, Exhibit "D."

## 10.21 Confidentiality.

A. Subject to the exception in Section 10.21.B, any information that a Party claims is competitively sensitive, commercial or financial information under this Agreement ("Confidential Information") shall not be disclosed by the other Party to any person not employed or retained by the other Party, except to the extent disclosure is (i) required by law; (ii) reasonably deemed by the disclosing Party to be required to be disclosed in connection with a dispute between or among the Parties, or the defense of litigation or dispute; (iii) otherwise permitted by consent of the other Party, such consent not to be unreasonably withheld; or (iv) necessary to fulfill its obligations under this Agreement or as a transmission service provider or a Control Area operator including

disclosing the Confidential Information to the ISO. The Party asserting confidentiality shall notify the other Party in writing of the information it claims is confidential. Prior to any disclosures of the other Party's Confidential Information under this subsection, or if any third party or Governmental Authority makes any request or demand for any of the information described in this subsection, the disclosing Party agrees to promptly notify the other Party in writing and agrees to assert confidentiality and cooperate with the other Party in seeking to protect the Confidential Information from public disclosure by confidentiality agreement, protective order or other reasonable measures.

- B. This provision shall not apply to any information that was or is hereafter in the public domain (except as a result of a breach of this provision).
- 10.22 Order of Precedence. In the event any provision of this Agreement conflicts with a provision in the Exhibits hereto, the provision in such Exhibits shall control, so long as such provision does not violate Governmental Authority or Good Utility Practice.

## Exhibit "B" Time Schedule

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Interconnection Agreement, as may be amended from time to time, the Parties agree as follows:

1. <u>Interconnection Option</u>. The interconnection option chosen by Generator is <u>Section 4.1.A</u> of the Interconnection Agreement. None of the provisions of <u>Section 4.1.B</u> of the Interconnection Agreement shall have any force or effect and the Parties' respective rights and obligations shall be governed solely by <u>Section 4.1.A</u> thereof.

## 2. Credit Support.

- (a) On the Effective Date, Generator will provide security in the amount specified herein in the form of a letter of credit as set forth in <a href="Exhibit E">Exhibit E</a>. Such letter of credit (together with any replacement letter, the "Letter of Credit") will be issued or confirmed by an Acceptable Bank. "Acceptable Bank" means a commercial bank that (x) has a long-term credit rating of at least A2 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., or any successor to its ratings business ("Moody's"), and A by Standard & Poor's Ratings Group, a division of McGraw-Hill, Inc., or any successor to its ratings business ("S&P"), (y) has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$1,000,000,000, and (z) is able to honor demands for payment at its offices in New York, NY or such other location as may be acceptable to TSP in its sole discretion.
  - (i) The Letter of Credit shall initially be issued in the amount of USD \$3,000,000, which amount shall be increased in the amounts and according to the schedule set forth below under "TIF Milestones".
  - (ii) The full amount of the Letter of Credit shall be drawable (1) upon any failure to renew (so long as the issuing bank continues to qualify as an Acceptable Bank) such Letter of Credit or replace such Letter of Credit with another letter of credit in the amount required hereby and issued by an Acceptable Bank at least twenty (20) days prior to its renewal or expiration date, as the case may be, or (2) if the issuing bank no longer constitutes an Acceptable Bank and Generator has failed to replace such Letter of Credit with a letter of credit in the amount required hereby and issued by an Acceptable Bank within twenty (20) days after Generator becomes aware of such issuer ceasing to be an Acceptable Bank. Any funds drawn pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be held by TSP as security and applied in accordance with this Exhibit B and the Interconnection Agreement.
  - (iii) Until Generator has delivered the Letter of Credit as contemplated herein to TSP, TSP shall have no obligation to perform any work related to the development and construction of the facilities contemplated under the Interconnection Agreement, other than as may be required by applicable law.

- (b) If, at any time, there is no Letter of Credit satisfying the requirements of Section 2(a) above, such failure shall constitute a Default under the Interconnection Agreement, and, without limitation, TSP shall be relieved of its obligations hereunder and may exercise any and all remedies available hereunder and under applicable law.
- (c) The amounts identified in Sections 3(a), 3(b) and 3(c) include amounts necessary for the costs of planning, licensing, procuring equipment and materials, and construction of the Long Draw Upgrades by WETT. For the purposes of this Agreement, "WETT" shall mean Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC.
- 3. <u>TIF Milestones.</u> To meet the design specifications set forth in <u>Exhibit C</u> upon the Generator's requested in-service date, on the following dates, Generator must deliver the respective notice and increase the Letter of Credit by the amount specified; for the avoidance of doubt, each amount set forth in subsections (a) through (c) is an additional amount of security that must be provided. Such increase in the Letter of Credit shall constitute the "security" referenced below in this <u>Section 3</u>. Generator acknowledges such amounts are good faith estimates based upon TSP's prior experience and general industry knowledge, and Generator further acknowledges such amounts may need to increase as TSP performs the services below or as a result of any work to be performed by WETT in the Long Draw Substation. Upon notice from TSP that the security provided will not be sufficient for the completion of any of the TIF milestones set forth in this <u>Section 3</u>, TSP will cease all work related to such milestone until Generator has provided additional security that, in TSP's reasonable opinion, is sufficient to allow for the completion of such milestone.
  - (a) Date by which Generator must provide notice to proceed and security for the Engineering and Design equivalent to \$3,000,000, so that TSP may maintain schedule to meet the In-Service Date: Effective Date.
  - (b) Date by which Generator must provide notice to proceed and security for the Material and Equipment Procurement, equivalent to \$8,900,575, so that TSP may maintain schedule to meet the In-Service Date: <u>August 1, 2017</u>.
  - (c) Date by which Generator must provide notice to proceed and security for the TIF, equivalent to \$4,460,025, so that TSP may maintain schedule to meet the In-Service Date: December 1, 2017.

### 4. In-Service Date(s).

(a) In-Service Date(s): September 1, 2018.

(b) Scheduled Trial Operation Date: September 8, 2018.

(c) Scheduled Commercial Operation Date: October 1, 2018.

- (d) In-Service Date included in this <u>Exhibit B</u> assumes that the design specifications set forth in <u>Exhibit C</u> will not require TSP to apply for an amendment to its CCN to construct the TIF ("<u>CCN Application</u>"). If a CCN Application is required, TSP will not be able to meet Generator's requested In-Service Date. Upon notification by TSP that a CCN Application is required to construct the TIF, the Generator, in its sole discretion, shall have the right to (1) terminate the Interconnection Agreement, or (2) request TSP prepare a CCN Application.
  - (i) In the event Generator elects to terminate the Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 4(d)(1), TSP shall have the right to recover its Covered Costs (as defined herein) as set forth below.
  - (ii) In the event Generator elects to request TSP prepare a CCN Application pursuant to Section 4(d)(2), TSP shall provide Generator with an amended budget, In-Service Date timeline, and security requirements. TSP shall have no obligation to perform any additional work related to such CCN Application until Generator has met such additional security requirements.
- 5. NTP Delivery Date to Generator. For the Long Draw Upgrades, TSP must provide to WETT: (a) a notice to proceed or limited notices to proceed ("LNTP") for engineering and design work no later than thirty (30) days following the date on which Generator provides a notice to proceed and security pursuant to Section 3(a); (b) a notice to proceed or LNTPs for material and equipment procurement no later than thirty (30) days following the date on which Generator provides a notice to proceed and security pursuant to Section 3(b); and (c) a notice to proceed for full Engineering and Design, Material and Equipment Procurement, and full release of construction no later than thirty (30) days following the date on which Generator provides a notice to proceed and security pursuant to Section 3(c).

## 6. Covered Costs.

(a) Generator agrees to reimburse TSP for all Covered Costs (defined below) upon any of the following events: (i) the Generator elects to terminate the Interconnection Agreement pursuant to Section 4(d)(1), (ii) the PUCT issues an order dismissing or denying the CCN Application, (iii) the PUCT issues an order granting the CCN Application, but such order does not become a final order or is subsequently reversed; (iv) the PUCT issues an order granting the CCN Application, but within thirty (30) days of such order, Generator does not provide TSP with either the notice to proceed or the additional security requirements; or (v) the Interconnection Agreement is otherwise terminated. "Covered Costs" include all costs and expenses incurred, or committed to be incurred by or on behalf of TSP in connection with its efforts to complete the TIF by the In-Service Date (defined below), including (but not limited to) costs associated with work performed in WETT's Long Draw Substation and other costs related to planning, engineering, designing, acquiring rights-of-way, licensing, procuring equipment and materials (including any cancellation or termination fees), legal fees, financing fees, and other ancillary fees, whether such costs and expenses are internal costs of allocated

- personnel and resources, or external costs (contractors, third-party consultants, outside counsel, etc.), or both.
- (b) TSP has the right to demand payment under the Letter of Credit, or other security provided hereunder, for any amount payable under the Interconnection Agreement (including this Exhibit B), including the reimbursement of Covered Costs pursuant to Section 5(a) above. TSP shall have no obligation to seek payment from Generator for the Covered Costs prior to demanding payment under the Letter of Credit, or any other security provided to TSP by or on behalf of Generator.
- (c) For the avoidance of doubt, (i) <u>Section 10.5</u> (Force Majeure) of the Interconnection Agreement shall not apply to Generator's payment obligations with respect to the Covered Costs, or other payment obligations under the Interconnection Agreement; and (ii) <u>Section 10.16</u> (Consequential Damages) of the Interconnection Agreement, shall not apply to TSP's right to collect, or Generator's obligation to reimburse Covered Costs.

## Exhibit "C" Interconnection Details

1) Name: Tahoka Wind

2) Point of Interconnection Location: The point of interconnection will be located in Lynn County, Texas, in Sharyland's new substation. The new substation will be located within one mile of the northern most deadend of SU's 345 kV Borden transmission line (the "Borden Line"); approximately 23 miles north of WETT's Long Draw Substation. More specifically the POI shall be the point at which the Generator's phase conductors, associated insulators, and static wires contact the TSP's corresponding dead-end, interconnecting bay in SU's new substation

In addition, Sharyland will extend a single circuit 345kV line approximately 850' to the WETT Long Draw Substation and perform any necessary upgrades to the Borden Line.

To accommodate two 345kV gas circuit breakers for the incoming line, WETT will perform certain work within its Long Draw Substation, including but not limited to the addition of a Bay and associated substation expansion, collectively the "Long Draw Upgrades". WETT will be required to complete the Long Draw Upgrades pursuant to Sharyland's interconnection agreement with WETT and the rules, regulations, tariffs and protocols of ERCOT and the PUCT. The Long Draw Upgrades will be owned and operated by WETT and governed by Sharyland's interconnection agreement with WETT.

3) Delivery Voltage: 345kV

4) Number and Size of Generating Units

202 units @ 2.5 MW/unit

5) Type of Generating Unit

Unit 1: GE 2.5 wind turbine

- 6) Metering and Telemetry Equipment:
  - A) TSP shall, in accordance with ERCOT Requirements and Good Utility Practice, install, own, & operate, inspect, test, calibrate, and maintain 345kV metering accuracy potential and current transformers and associated metering and telemetry equipment (including remote terminal units "RTU") located in the TIF
  - B) Generators interconnection with TSP facilities shall not interfere with TSP's metering and telemetry operations
  - C) Metering to include 345kV rated meters, with dual secondary windings for relaying and revenue metering
  - D) Facilities shall meet the following TSP requirements in addition to ERCOT Requirements. If there is a conflict between the TSP requirements below and ERCOT Requirements, the ERCOT Requirements shall prevail

- E) All other metering & telemetry requirements shall be finalized at a later date, upon completing design requirements and coordination efforts with Generator
- 7) Generator Interconnection Facilities:

GIF include the Substations and all facilities within them, except for those facilities identified as being owned by TSP in Section 6 above and Section 8 below

8) Transmission Service Provider Interconnection Facilities:

The TSP Interconnection Facilities shall, at a minimum, include the following facilities:

- 1) Substation
  - (i) 345kV 3000A, 63kA Circuit Breaker
  - (ii) Motor Operated Air Break Switch(es)
  - (iii)345kV Metering Units, with individual CCVTs and Current transformers
  - (iv)345kV, 212kV MCOV Surge Arresters
  - (v) Station Post Insulators
  - (vi) Galvanized Steel Structures, Equipment Foundations, and Associated Bus-Work, Conductor, Connectors, Grounding, etc.
  - (vii) Dead-end structure within the Sharyland 345 kV Station property for terminating GIF
- 2) Relaying
  - (i) Circuit Breaker Control Panel
  - (ii) Motor Operated Disconnect Switch Control Panel
  - (iii)Circuit Breaker Failure Protection Panel
  - (iv)Line Current Differential & Distance Protection Panel
  - (v) Equipment housing facility with controlled and secure environment.
- 3) A single-circuit 345kV transmission line, less than one mile in length, from the northernmost deadend of the Borden Line to Sharyland's new substation
- 4) A single-circuit 345kV transmission line, approximately 850' in length, from the Borden Line to the WETT Long Draw Substation
- 5) Any necessary upgrades to the Borden line
- 6) All other TSP Interconnecting Facility requirements shall be finalized at a later date, upon completing design requirements and coordination efforts with Generator
- 9) Communications Facilities:
  - A) The communications facilities described below will be paid for, owned, and installed by Generator.
    - one (1) dedicated voice dispatch circuit between TSP's Amarillo, TX dispatch office and Generator's control center, including associated interface equipment at Generator's control center
    - 2) one (1) RTU communications circuit between the Substation and TSP's master SCADA system at TSP's Amarillo, TX dispatch office
    - 3) one (1) telephone company interface box (demarcation equipment) at the Substation for demarcation of telephone company circuits

- 4) high voltage isolation equipment for all telephone company circuits at the Substation
- B) The communications facilities described below will be paid for, owned, and installed by TSP
  - 1) one (1) dial-up circuit including associated interface equipment at the location of the EPS meter facilities
  - 2) All communication facilities shall meet the TSP's requirements in addition to ERCOT Requirements. If there is a conflict between the TSP requirements below and ERCOT Requirements, the ERCOT Requirements shall prevail
- C) All other TSP Communications Facility requirements shall be finalized at a later date, upon completing design requirements and coordination efforts with Generator

## 10) System Protection Equipment:

- A) Protection of each Party's system shall meet the TSP's requirements in addition to ERCOT Requirements. If there is a conflict between the TSP requirements and ERCOT Requirements, the ERCOT Requirements shall prevail
- B) All other TSP System Protection Equipment requirements shall be finalized at a later date, upon completing design requirements and coordination efforts with Generator

## 11) Inputs to Telemetry Equipment:

- A) A generation-specific RTU is required at the Plant or GIF for TSP's generation-specific SCADA. A specific RTU points list will be developed by TSP as a part of each generation project based upon the project's electrical configuration. For such purpose, Generator shall be responsible for providing TSP with metering and relaying one-line diagrams of the generation and Substation facilities. Generator shall provide TSP with a station communications drawing which is to include RTU point sources (IEDs and contacts supplying required data), interface devices, and connections to the RTU
- B) All other Inputs to Telemetry Equipment requirements shall be finalized at a later date, upon completing design requirements and coordination efforts with Generator

## 12) Supplemental Terms and Conditions, if any, attached:

- A) Reasonable Efforts to Accelerate Schedule
  - (i) The Parties agree that the September 1, 2018 In-Service Date specified in Exhibit B is based on the following assumptions:
    - (a) That the proposed extension of the Borden Line to the new substation is less than one mile in length;
    - (b) That by 60 days following the Effective Date, Generator will have acquired all of the necessary land for the new substation and rights-of-way for the proposed extension of the Borden Line, including access rights, using form land acquisition, deed, and easement agreements, as applicable, provided by TSP and Generator will have obtained approval from TSP for any deviations from the form agreements that are requested by landowners;
    - (c) That by 30 days following the Effective Date, Generator will

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have identified for TSP all habitable structures, as defined by P.U.C. Substantive Rule 25.101(a)(3), that are within 500 feet of the proposed transmission line. By 45 days following the Effective Date, TSP will notify Generator if it will require consent to construction of the proposed transmission line from any owners of the identified habitable structures. If consent is required, by 60 days following the Effective Date, Generator will have acquired, using a form provided by TSP, written consent from such landowners stating that the landowner consents to construction of the proposed transmission line;

- (d) That by 30 days following the date on which the requirements of clause (b) of this Section 12(A)(i) have been satisfied, Generator will have provided TSP with documentation of the ability to transfer, or have obtained landowner consent to transfer, all necessary land for the new substation and rights-of-way for the proposed transmission line to TSP or an affiliate of TSP in a form acceptable to TSP;
- (e) That by 30 days following the date on which the requirements of Section 3(c) of Exhibit B have been satisfied, Generator will have acquired, using a form provided by TSP, written consent from all leaseholders that will be crossed by right-of-way for the proposed transmission line stating that the leaseholder consents to construction of the proposed transmission line; and
- (f) That by 60 days following the Effective Date, Generator and TSP will have signed a form of Land Acquisition and Reimbursement Agreement, with terms reasonably acceptable to TSP, pursuant to which TSP, or an affiliate of TSP, will acquire from Generator following Generator's provision of the applicable security pursuant to Exhibit B, all necessary land for the new substation and rights-of-way for the proposed transmission line at the fair market value of such property rights as determined by a market study to be performed by TSP in accordance with TSP's standard practice and consistent with Good Utility Practice.
- (ii) Notwithstanding any notices to proceed provided by Generator pursuant to Exhibit B, the Parties agree that TSP may not be able to proceed with certain engineering and design, equipment and material procurement, and construction activities until the requisite rights-of-way and consents detailed above in Section 12(A)(i) have been obtained. The September 1, 2018 In-Service Date may be delayed as necessary to accommodate any activities that cannot be initiated until the requisite rights-of-way and consents are obtained.
- (B) All other Supplemental Terms and Conditions shall be finalized at a later date, upon completing design requirements and coordination efforts with Generator. TSP is authorized to

cease construction and other activities under the Agreement in the event that Generator fails or refuses to agree to such Supplemental Terms and Conditions that TSP believes are reasonably required for the safe and reliable interconnection of the Plant to TSP's system.

13) Special Operating Conditions, if any, attached:

To be defined and coordinated with the Generator at a later date.

### Exhibit "D"

Notice and EFT Information of the ERCOT Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement All notices of an operational nature shall be in writing and/or may be sent between the Parties via electronic means including facsimile as follows: If to If to Company Name: Sharyland Utilities, L.P. Company Name Tahoka Wind, LLC, Attn: Sr. Vice President Attn: Andrew Grieve Address: 4909 Canyon Dr. Address 401 N Michigan Ave. Suite 501 City, State, Zip: Amarillo, TX 79110 City, State, Zip Chicago, IL 60611 24 Hour Telephone (866) 354-3335 24 Hour Telephone (847) 636-6696 Operational/Confirmation Fax (806) 467-8401 Operational/Confirmation Fax () -E-mail greg.boggs@sharyland.com E-mail agrieve@lincolnclean.com (b) Notices of an administrative nature: If to If to Company Name Tahoka Wind, LLC Company Name Sharyland Utilities, L.P. Attn: Neil O'Donovan Attn: President Address 1807 Ross Ave., Suite 460 Address 401 N Michigan Ave, Suite 501 City, State, Zip Chicago, IL 60611 City, State, Zip Dallas, TX 75201 Phone: (214) 978-8958 Phone: (312) 4221608 Fax: (312) 527-0538 Fax: (214) 978-8810 E-mail: David.Campbell@sharyland.com E-mail: nodonovan@lincolnclean.com Notice for statement and billing purposes: (c) If to If to Company Name Tahoka Wind, LLC Company Name: Sharyland Utilities, L.P Attn: Linda Glenn Attn: Accounts Payable Address 401 N Michigan Ave, Suite 501 Address: 1031 Andrews HWY, Suite 400 City, State, Zip: Midland, TX 79701 City, State, Zip Chicago, IL 60611 Phone (800) 442-8688 Phone: (312) 237-4705 E-mail ap@sharyland.com E-mail: Iglenn@lincolnclean.com (d) Information concerning electronic funds transfers: If to If to Bank Name City, State ABA No. for credit to: Account No.

# Exhibit "E" Security Arrangement Details

## FORM OF IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT

DATE OF ISSUANCE:				
Re: Credit No.				
Expiration Date:				
Amount: \$USD				
WE HEREBY ISSUE OUR IRREVOCABLE STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT NO. XXXXXXX IN FAVOR OF SHARYLAND UTILITIES, L.P. ("SHARYLAND") BY ORDER OF XXXX (THE "ACCOUNT PARTY") FOR AN AGGREGATE SUM NOT TO EXCEED USDXXXXXXXX EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND EXPIRING AT OUR COUNTERS LOCATED AT [ADDRESS] ATTN: SDC UNIT WITH OUR CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON [], 201[_].				
THIS LETTER OF CREDIT IS AVAILABLE BY YOUR DRAFT(S) AT SIGHT DRAWN ON US MENTIONING OUR LETTER OF CREDIT NUMBER INDICATED ABOVE ACCOMPANIED BY:				
(1) an original or photocopy of this Letter of Credit and any effective amendments to this Letter of Credit, and (2) Sharyland's demand draft for payment, marked "Drawn under [Issuing Bank] Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit No," indicating the amount of such demand (which amount, together with the amounts of all previous draws presented hereunder, however, shall not exceed the face amount of this Letter of Credit) and accompanied by a statement signed by an officer or other authorized representative of Sharyland with the following statement:	to .			
"Pursuant to the ERCOT Standard Interconnection Agreement between Sharyland and Tahoka Wind, LLC, the undersigned beneficiary is entitled to demand payment under this Letter of Credit The undersigned does hereby demand payment under this Letter of Credit No of \$USD."	•			
Documents drawn under and in compliance with the terms of this Letter of Credit shall be duly honored upon presentation as specified. Partial and multiple drawings are permitted hereunder. Th amounts that may be drawn under this Letter of Credit shall be automatically reduced by the amou of any payments made through the Issuing Bank referencing this Letter of Credit No				

This Letter of Credit may be transferred in its entirety (but not in part) to an affiliate of Sharyland or any other entity controlled by one or more members of the Ray L. Hunt family. Requests for transfer of this Letter of Credit to any such transferee shall be accompanied by a statement signed by an officer or other authorized representative of Sharyland with the following statement:

"Pursuant to the ERCOT Standard Interconnection Agreement between Sharyland and Tahoka Wind, LLC, the undersigned beneficiary is entitled to transfer this Letter of Credit to [\_\_\_\_]. The undersigned beneficiary hereby irrevocably transfers to [\_\_\_\_] all rights of the undersigned beneficiary to draw under the above Letter of Credit in its entirety."

This Letter of Credit shall be governed by the International Standby Practices (ISP98), International Chamber of Commerce Publication No. 590, or revision currently in effect (the "ISP"), except to the extent that the terms hereof are inconsistent with the provisions of the ISP. As to matters not governed by the ISP, this Letter of Credit shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York, including the Uniform Commercial Code.

Any legal action or proceeding with respect to this Letter of Credit shall be brought in the courts of the State of New York in the County of New York or the United States of America in the Southern District of New York. Sharyland (by its acceptance hereof) and the Issuing Bank irrevocably submit to the nonexclusive jurisdiction of such courts solely for the purposes of this Letter of Credit. Sharyland (by its acceptance hereof) and the Issuing Bank hereby waive to the fullest extent permitted by law any objection either such party may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue in any such action or proceeding in any such court.

The Issuing Bank hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all rights or remedies of subrogation that it might otherwise have with respect to the beneficiary arising out of this Letter of Credit, whether to claims held by the beneficiary or against the beneficiary, including any such rights or remedies resulting from the application, if any, of Section 5-117 of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, it being the Issuing Bank's express agreement that in the event of a draw under this Letter of Credit its only recourse shall be to seek reimbursement from the Account Party.

This Letter of Credit sets forth in full the terms of the Issuing Bank's undertaking, and this undertaking shall not in any way be amplified or extended by reference to any other document, instrument or agreement.

All commissions, expenses and charges incurred in connection with this Letter of Credit are for the account of the Account Party.

IT IS A CONDITION OF THIS STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT THAT IT SHALL BE DEEMED AUTOMATICALLY EXTENDED, WITHOUT AMENDMENT, FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE PRESENT OR ANY FUTURE EXPIRATION DATE HEREOF, UNLESS WE NOTIFY YOU IN WRITING VIA COURIER SERVICE NO LATER THAN 90 DAYS PRIOR TO THE THEN EXPIRATION DATE THAT WE ELECT NOT TO CONSIDER THIS LETTER OF CREDIT EXTENDED FOR ANY SUCH ADDITIONAL PERIOD; PROVIDED THAT IN NO EVENT MAY THIS LETTER OF CREDIT BE EXTENDED BEYOND [DATE].

THE ISSUING BANK WILL NOT MAKE ANY PAYMENT UNDER THIS STANDBY LETTER OF CREDIT TO, AND THIS LETTER OF CREDIT MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO, ANY PERSON WHO IS LISTED ON A UNITED NATIONS, EUROPEAN UNION OR UNITED STATES OF AMERICA SANCTIONS LIST, NOR TO ANY PERSON WITH WHOM THE ISSUING BANK IS PROHIBITED FROM ENGAGING IN TRANSACTIONS UNDER APPLICABLE UNITED STATES FEDERAL OR STATE ANTI-BOYCOTT, ANTI-TERRORISM OR ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING LAWS.

[BANK SIGNATURE]