

ANDERSON COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

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AGENDA ANDERSON COUNTY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING April 2, 2019 at 6:30 PM Historic Courthouse – Council Chambers – Second Floor Chairman Tommy Dunn, Presiding

1. CALL TO ORDER:

3.

- 2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES: minutes from March 19, 2019: not received
- 4. CITIZENS COMMENTS: Agenda Matters only
- 5. SC ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES STATE AWARD PRESENTATION:

Mr. Robert Benfield (allotted 10 minutes)

Ms. Gracie S. Floyd

6. ORDINANCE THIRD READING: none

7. ORDINANCE SECOND READING:

 a. 2019-012: An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and a company or companies know to the County at this time as Project 20180801 with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in Lieu of Taxes, including the provision of certain Special Source Credits. (Project 20180801) Mr. Burriss Nelson (allotted 5 minutes)

8. ORDINANCE FIRST READING:

- a. 2019-013: An ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Anderson County, South Carolina and a company or companies known to the County at this time as Project Azul with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in Lieu of Taxes, including the provision of certain Special Source Revenue Credits. (Project Azul) Mr. Burriss Nelson (allotted 5 minutes)
- b. <u>2019-014</u>: An ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article 5 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances, so as to clarify storage of commercial equipment in residential zones.
 Dr. Jeff Parkey (allotted 5 minutes)
- c. <u>2019-015</u>: An ordinance to amend Chapter 70, Article 6 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances, so as to clarify storage of commercial equipment in residential zones. Dr. Jeff Parkey (allotted 5 minutes)
- 9. <u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u>: Legal Advice Regarding Sewer Matters and Appeals from Planning Commission decisions.
 - a. Acquisition of Real Property by the County
 - b. Condemnation of Right -of -Way for Sewer Lines
 - c. Appeals of Planning Commission Decisions

10. ROAD ACCEPTANCE INTO COUNTY INVENTORY:

- Pheasant Ridge Drive Canary Drive Robin Drive Eagle Circle
- 11. APPROVAL OF DUKE ENERGY FOUNDATION GRANT- BELTON LANDING: Mr. Rusty Burns (allotted 5 minutes)

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 <u>REQUESTS BY COUNCIL</u>: Proverbs Mentoring Organization- D1, D2, D4 Junior League of Anderson- D4 Foothills Community Foundation- D6

13. ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

14. CITIZENS COMMENTS:

15. <u>REMARKS FROM COUNCIL</u>

16. ADJOURNMENT:

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures in order to participate in this program, service or activity please contact the office of the program, service or activity as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours before the scheduled event.

For assistance please contact the Clerk to Council at 864-260-1036.

All Districts (14 minutes)

allotted 2 minutes)

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-012

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY OR COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT 20180801 WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (the "County"), acting by and through its County Council (the "County Council"), is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 44 (the "FILOT Act"), Title 4, Chapter 1 (the "Multi-County Park Act"), and Title 4, Chapter 29, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to enter into agreements with industry whereby the industry would pay fees-in-lieu-of taxes with respect to qualified industrial projects; to provide infrastructure credits against payment in lieu of taxes for reimbursement in respect of investment in certain infrastructure enhancing the economic development of the County; through all such powers the industrial development of the State of South Carolina (the "State") will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate or remain in the State and thus utilize and employ the manpower, products and resources of the State and benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provide locally; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the FILOT Act, and in order to induce investment in the County, the County Council adopted on March 19, 2019 an inducement resolution (the "Inducement Resolution") with respect to certain proposed investment by [PROJECT 20180801], a ______ (the "Company") (which was known to the County at the time as "Project 20180801"), with respect to the acquisition, construction, and installation of buildings, improvements, fixtures, machinery, equipment, furnishings and other real and/or tangible personal property to constitute an expansion of the Company's existing research and development facility in the County (collectively, the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Company has represented that the Project will involve an investment of approximately \$5,350,000 in the County and the projected creation of approximately eighteen (18), but not less than twelve (12), net new, full-time, jobs (with benefits) at the Project, all within the Investment Period (as such term is defined in the hereinafter defined Fee Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the County has determined on the basis of the information supplied to it by the Company that the Project would be a "project" and "economic development property" as such terms are defined in the FILOT Act, and that the Project would serve the purposes of the FILOT Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of Section 4-1-170 of the Multi-County Park Act and Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, the County intends to cause the Project, to the extent not already therein located, to be placed in a joint county industrial and business park such that the Project will receive the benefits of the Multi-County Park Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Inducement Resolution, the County has agreed to, among other things, (a) enter into a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special source revenue credit Agreement with the Company (the "Fee Agreement"), whereby the County would provide therein for a payment of a fee-in-lieu-of taxes by the Company with respect to the Project, and (b) provide for certain infrastructure credits to be claimed by the Company against its payments of fees-in-lieu-of taxes with respect to the Project pursuant to Section 4-1-175 of the Multi-County Park Act; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has caused to be prepared and presented to this meeting the form of the Fee Agreement which the County proposes to execute and deliver; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the documents above referred to, which are now before this meeting, are in appropriate form and are an appropriate instrument to be executed and delivered or approved by the County for the purposes intended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council as follows:

Section 1. Based on information supplied by the Company, it is hereby found, determined and declared by the County Council, as follows:

(a) The Project will constitute a "project" and "economic development property" as said terms are referred to and defined in the FILOT Act, and the County's actions herein will subserve the purposes and in all respects conform to the provisions and requirements of the FILOT Act;

(b) The Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally;

(c) The Project will give rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either;

(d) The purposes to be accomplished by the Project, i.e., economic development, creation of jobs and addition to the tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes; and

(e) The benefits of the Project are anticipated to be greater than the costs.

<u>Section 2.</u> The form, terms and provisions of the Fee Agreement presented to this meeting are hereby approved and all of the terms and provisions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if the Fee Agreement was set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of County Council is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Fee Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the County, and the Clerk to County Council is hereby authorized and directed to attest the same, and thereupon to cause the Fee Agreement to be delivered to the Company and cause a copy of the same to be delivered to the Anderson County Auditor, Assessor and Treasurer. The Fee Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, or with such minor changes therein as shall be approved by the Chairman of County Council, upon advice of counsel, his execution thereof to constitute conclusive evidence of his approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of Fee Agreement now before this meeting.

<u>Section 3.</u> The Chairman of County Council, the County Administrator and the Clerk to County Council, for and on behalf of the County, are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the execution and delivery of the Fee Agreement and the performance of all obligations of the County thereunder.

<u>Section 4.</u> The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phrase or provisions shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases and provisions hereunder.

<u>Section 5.</u> All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the County Council.

ENACTED in meeting duly assembled this _____ day of ______, 2019.

ATTEST:

ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Rusty Burns Anderson County Administrator Tommy Dunn, Chairman Anderson County Council

Lacey Croegaert Clerk to Anderson County Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leon Harmon Anderson County Attorney

First Reading: March 19, 2019 Second Reading: Third Reading: Public Hearing:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ANDERSON

I, the undersigned Clerk to County Council of Anderson County, South Carolina, do hereby certify that attached hereto is a true, accurate and complete copy of an ordinance which was given reading, and received unanimous approval, by the County Council at its meetings of ______, 2019, _____, 2019, and ______, 2019, at which meetings a quorum of members of County Council were present and voted, and an original of which ordinance is filed in the permanent records of the County Council.

Lacey Croegaert, Clerk to County Council, Anderson County, South Carolina

Dated: _____, 2019

FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT

Between

ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

and

[PROJECT 20180801]

Dated as of _____, 2019

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SUMMARY OF CONTENTS OF FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT

As permitted under Section 12-44-55(B), Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Code"), the parties have agreed to waive the requirements of Section 12-44-55 of the Code. The following is a summary of the key provisions of this Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special source revenue credit Agreement. This summary is inserted for convenience only and does not constitute a part of this Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special source revenue credit Agreement or a summary compliant with Section 12-44-55 of the Code.

Company Name:	[Project 20180801]	Project Name:	Project 20180801	
Projected Investment:	\$5,350,000	Projected Jobs:	18	
Location (street):	To be provided	Tax Map No.:	To be provided	
1. FILOT				
Required Investment:	\$5,350,000	Required Jobs:	12	
Investment Period:	5 years	Ordinance No./Date:		
Assessment Ratio:	6%	Term (years):	30	
Fixed Millage:	321.5 mills	Net Present Value (if		
		yes, discount rate):		
Clawback information:	If the FILOT Act Minimum Invest		made during the Investment	
	Period, the FILOT is terminated re	troactively		
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2. MCIP				
Included in an MCIP:		Yes		
If yes, Name & Date:	Anderson County/Greenville Coun	ty 2010 Park		
3. SSRC				
No. of Years	30 years			
Yearly Increments:	50% years $1 - 5$, $40%$ years $6 - 15$	50% years 1 – 5, 40% years 6 – 15		
Clawback information:				
4. Other information	If either the Contract Minimu	m Investment Requireme	ent or the Jobs Creation	
	Requirement is not made by the e		g the Investment Period, the	
	50% SSRC will reduce to 20% three			
	If the Contract Minimum Investment Requirement and the Jobs Creation Minimum			
	Requirement are made by the end of the 5 th year (Investment Period), the 40% Special			
	source revenue credit shall apply to the Project for the following 10-year period.			
	If either the Contract Minimum Investment Requirement or the Jobs Creation Minimum			
	Requirement are not made by the end of the Investment Period, the 20% Special source revenue credit shall continue through 6 th year.			
	If the Contract Minimum Investment Requirement and the Jobs Creation Requirement are made by the end of the sixth year, the 40% SSRC shall apply for the following 9-year period.			

FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT

THIS FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AND SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDIT AGREEMENT (the "*Fee Agreement*") is made and entered into as of ______, 2019 by and between ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (the "*County*"), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina (the "*State*"), acting by and through the Anderson County Council (the "*County Council*") as the governing body of the County, and [PROJECT 20180801], a _______ organized and existing under the laws of the State of _______ (the "*Company*").

RECITALS

1. Title 12, Chapter 44 (the "FILOT Act"), Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended (the "Code"), authorizes the County to (a) induce industries to locate in the State; (b) encourage industries now located in the State to expand their investments and thus make use of and employ manpower, products, and other resources of the State; and (c) enter into a fee agreement with entities meeting the requirements of the FILOT Act, which identifies certain property of such entities as economic development property and provides for the payment of a fee in lieu of tax with respect to such property.

2. Sections 4-1-17 and 12-44-70 of the Code authorize the County to provide special source revenue credit (*"Special Source Revenue Credit"*) financing secured by and payable solely from revenues of the County derived from payments in lieu of taxes for the purposes set forth in Section 4-29-68 of the Code, namely: the defraying of the cost of designing, acquiring, constructing, improving, or expanding the infrastructure serving the County and for improved and unimproved real estate, and personal property, including but not limited to machinery and equipment, used in the operation of a manufacturing facility or commercial enterprise in order to enhance the economic development of the County (collectively, *"Infrastructure"*).

3. The Company (as a Sponsor, within the meaning of the FILOT Act) desires to provide for the acquisition and construction of the Project (as defined herein) to constitute an expansion of the Company's facilities in the County for research and development.

4. Based on information supplied by the Company, the County Council has evaluated the Project based on relevant criteria that include, but are not limited to, the purposes the Project is to accomplish, the anticipated dollar amount and nature of the investment, employment to be created or maintained, and the anticipated costs and benefits to the County. Pursuant to Section 12-44-40(H)(1) of the FILOT Act, the County finds that: (a) the Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise adequately provided locally; (b) the Project will give rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality therein and to no charge against their general credit or taxing powers; (c) the purposes to be accomplished by the Project are proper governmental and public purposes; and (d) the benefits of the Project are greater than the costs.

5. The Project is located, or if not so located as of the date of this Fee Agreement the County intends to use its best efforts to so locate the Project, in a joint county industrial or business park created with an adjoining county in the State pursuant to agreement entered into pursuant to Section 4-1-170 of the Code and Article VIII, Section 13(D) of the South Carolina Constitution.

6. By enactment of an Ordinance on _____, 2019, the County Council has authorized the County to enter into this Fee Agreement with the Company which classifies the Project as Economic Development Property under the FILOT Act and provides for the payment of fees in lieu of taxes and the

provision of Special source revenue credits to reimburse the Company for payment of the cost of certain Infrastructure in connection with the Project, all as further described herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the respective representations and agreements hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 Definitions

The terms that this Article defines shall for all purposes of this Fee Agreement have the meanings herein specified, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

"Administration Expenses" shall mean the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by the County with respect to this Fee Agreement, including without limitation reasonable attorney fees; provided, however, that no such expense shall be considered an Administration Expense until the County has furnished to the Company a statement in writing indicating the amount of such expense and the reason it has been or will be incurred.

"Affiliate" shall mean any corporation, limited liability company, partnership or other entity which owns all or part of the Company (or with respect to a Sponsor Affiliate, such Sponsor Affiliate) or which is owned in whole or in part by the Company (or with respect to a Sponsor Affiliate, such Sponsor Affiliate) or by any partner, shareholder or owner of the Company (or with respect to a Sponsor Affiliate, such Sponsor Affiliate, as described in Section 267(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Code" shall mean the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended.

"Commencement Date" shall mean the last day of the property tax year during which the Project or the first Phase thereof is placed in service, which date shall not be later than the last day of the property tax year which is three (3) years from the year in which the County and the Company enter into this Fee Agreement.

"*Company*" shall mean [PROJECT 20180801], a ______, and any surviving, resulting, or transferee entity in any merger, consolidation, or transfer of assets; or any other person or entity which may succeed to the rights and duties of the Company.

"Condemnation Event" shall mean any act of taking by a public or quasi-public authority through condemnation, reverse condemnation or eminent domain.

"Contract Minimum Investment Requirement" shall mean, with respect to the Project, investment by the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates of at least \$5,350,000 in Economic Development Property subject (non-exempt) to ad valorem taxation (in the absence of this Fee Agreement).

"County" shall mean Anderson County, South Carolina, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State, its successors and assigns, acting by and through the County Council as the governing body of the County.

"County Administrator" shall mean the Anderson County Administrator, or the person holding any successor office of the County.

"County Assessor" shall mean the Anderson County Assessor, or the person holding any successor office of the County.

"County Auditor" shall mean the Anderson County Auditor, or the person holding any successor office of the County.

"County Council" shall mean Anderson County Council, the governing body of the County.

"County Treasurer" shall mean the Anderson County Treasurer, or the person holding any successor office of the County.

"Defaulting Entity" shall have the meaning set forth for such term in Section 6.02(a) hereof.

"Deficiency Amount" shall have the meaning set forth for such term in Section 4.03(a) hereof.

"Department" shall mean the South Carolina Department of Revenue.

"Diminution in Value" in respect of the Project shall mean any reduction in the value, using the original fair market value (without regard to depreciation) as determined in Step 1 of Section 4.01 of this Fee Agreement, of the items which constitute a part of the Project and which are subject to FILOT payments which may be caused by the Company's or any Sponsor Affiliate's removal and/or disposal of equipment pursuant to Section 4.04 hereof, or by its election to remove components of the Project as a result of any damage or destruction or any Condemnation Event with respect thereto.

"Economic Development Property" shall mean those items of real and tangible personal property of the Project which are eligible for inclusion as economic development property under the FILOT Act, selected and identified by the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate in its annual filing of a SCDOR PT-300S or comparable form with the Department (as such filing may be amended from time to time) for each year within the Investment Period.

"Equipment" shall mean machinery, equipment, furniture, office equipment, and other tangible personal property, together with any and all additions, accessions, replacements, and substitutions thereto or therefor.

"Event of Default" shall mean any event of default specified in Section 6.01 hereof.

"Exemption Period" shall mean the period beginning on the first day of the property tax year after the property tax year in which an applicable portion of Economic Development Property is placed in service and ending on the Termination Date. In case there are Phases of the Project, the Exemption Period applies to each year's investment made during the Investment Period.

"Fee Agreement" shall mean this Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special source revenue credit Agreement.

"FILOT" or *"FILOT Payments"* shall mean the amount paid or to be paid in lieu of *ad valorem* property taxes as provided herein.

"FILOT Act" shall mean Title 12, Chapter 44, of the Code, and all future acts successor or supplemental thereto or amendatory thereof.

"FILOT Act Minimum Investment Requirement" shall mean, with respect to the Project, an investment of at least \$2,500,000 by the Company, or of at least \$5,000,000 by the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates in the aggregate, in Economic Development Property.

"*Improvements*" shall mean improvements to the Land, including buildings, building additions, roads, sewer lines, and infrastructure, together with any and all additions, fixtures, accessions, replacements, and substitutions thereto or therefor.

"Infrastructure" shall mean infrastructure serving the County and improved or unimproved real estate and personal property, including machinery and equipment, used in the operation of the Project, within the meaning of Section 4-29-68 of the Code.

"Investment Period" shall mean the period beginning with the first day of any purchase or acquisition of Economic Development Property and ending five (5) years after the Commencement Date.

"Jobs Creation Minimum Requirement" shall mean the creation of at least twelve (12) new, full-time, jobs (with benefits) at the Project.

"Land" means the land upon which the Project will be located, as described in Exhibit A attached hereto, as Exhibit A may be supplemented from time to time in accordance with Section 3.01(c) hereof.

"MCIP Act" shall mean Title 4, Chapter 1, of the Code, and all future acts successor or supplemental thereto or amendatory thereof.

"MCIP Agreement" shall mean the Agreement for the Development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park (2010 Park) dated as of December 1, 2010, as amended, between the County and Greenville County, South Carolina, as the same may be further amended or supplemented from time to time, or such other agreement as the County may enter with respect to the Project to offer the benefits of the Special source revenue credits to the Company hereunder.

"MCIP" shall mean (i) the joint county industrial park established pursuant to the terms of the MCIP Agreement and (ii) any joint county industrial park created pursuant to a successor park agreement delivered by the County and a partner county in accordance with Section 4-1-170 of the MCIP Act, or any successor provision, with respect to the Project.

"Phase" or "Phases" in respect of the Project shall mean that the components of the Project are placed in service during more than one year during the Investment Period, and the word "Phase" shall therefore refer to the applicable portion of the Project placed in service in a given year during the Investment Period.

"Project" shall mean all the Equipment and Improvements that the Company determines to be necessary, suitable or useful for the purposes described in Section 2.02(b) hereof, to the extent determined by the Company and any Sponsor Affiliate to be a part of the Project and placed in service during the Investment Period, and any Replacement Property. Notwithstanding anything in this Fee Agreement to the contrary, the Project shall not include property which will not qualify for the FILOT pursuant to Section 12-44-110 of the FILOT Act, including without limitation property which has been subject to *ad valorem* taxation in the State prior to commencement of the Investment Period; provided, however, the Project may include (a) modifications which constitute an expansion of the real property portion of the Project and (b) the property allowed pursuant to Section 12-44-110(2) of the FILOT Act.

"Removed Components" shall mean components of the Project or portions thereof which the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate in its sole discretion, elects to remove from the Project pursuant to Section 4.04 hereof or as a result of any Condemnation Event.

"Replacement Property" shall mean any property which is placed in service as a replacement for any item of Equipment or any Improvement previously subject to this Fee Agreement regardless of whether such property serves the same functions as the property it is replacing and regardless of whether more than one piece of property replaces any item of Equipment or any Improvement to the fullest extent that the FILOT Act permits.

"Special source revenue credits" shall mean the annual special source revenue credits provided to the Company pursuant to Section 4.02 hereof.

"Sponsor Affiliate" shall mean an entity that joins with the Company and that participates in the investment in, or financing of, the Project and which meets the requirements under the FILOT Act to be entitled to the benefits of this Fee Agreement with respect to its participation in the Project, all as set forth in Section 5.13 hereof.

"State" shall mean the State of South Carolina.

"Termination Date" shall mean, with respect to each Phase of the Project, the end of the last day of the property tax year which is the 29th year following the first property tax year in which such Phase of the Project is placed in service; provided, that the intention of the parties is that the Company will make at least 30 annual FILOT payments under Article IV hereof with respect to each Phase of the Project; and provided further, that if this Fee Agreement is terminated earlier in accordance with the terms hereof, the Termination Date shall mean the date of such termination.

"Transfer Provisions" shall mean the provisions of Section 12-44-120 of the FILOT Act, as amended or supplemented from time to time, concerning, among other things, the necessity of obtaining County consent to certain transfers.

Any reference to any agreement or document in this Article I or otherwise in this Fee Agreement shall include any and all amendments, supplements, addenda, and modifications to such agreement or document.

Section 1.02 Project-Related Investments

The term "investment" or "invest" as used herein shall include not only investments made by the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates, but also to the fullest extent permitted by law, those investments made by or for the benefit of the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate with respect to the Project through federal, state, or local grants, to the extent such investments are subject to *ad valorem* taxes or FILOT payments by the Company.

[End of Article I]

ARTICLE II

REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES, AND AGREEMENTS

Section 2.01 Representations, Warranties, and Agreements of the County

The County hereby represents, warrants, and agrees as follows:

(a) The County is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State and acts through the County Council as its governing body. The County has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Fee Agreement and any and all other agreements described herein or therein and has obtained all consents from third parties and taken all actions necessary or that the law requires to fulfill its obligations hereunder.

(b) Based upon representations by the Company, the Project constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the FILOT Act.

(c) The County has agreed that each item of real and tangible personal property comprising the Project which is eligible to be economic development property under the FILOT Act and that the Company selects shall be considered Economic Development Property and is thereby exempt from *ad valorem* taxation in the State.

(d) The millage rate set forth in Step 3 of Section 4.01(a) hereof is 321.5 mills, which is the millage rate in effect with respect to the location of the proposed Project as of June 30, 2019, as permitted under Section 12-44-50(A)(1)(d) of the FILOT Act.

(e) The County will use its reasonable best efforts to cause the Project to be located in a MCIP for a term extending at least until the end of the period of FILOT Payments against which a Special source revenue credit is to be provided under this Fee Agreement.

Section 2.02 Representations, Warranties, and Agreements of the Company

The Company hereby represents, warrants, and agrees as follows:

(a) The Company is organized and in good standing under the laws of the State of ______, is duly authorized to transact business in the State, has power to enter into this Fee Agreement, and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Fee Agreement.

(b) The Company intends to operate the Project as a "project" within the meaning of the FILOT Act as in effect on the date hereof. The Company intends to operate the Project for the purpose of a research and development facility, and for such other purposes that the FILOT Act permits as the Company may deem appropriate.

(c) The execution and delivery of this Fee Agreement by the County has been instrumental in inducing the Company to locate the Project in the County.

(d) The Company, together with any Sponsor Affiliates, will use commercially reasonable efforts to meet, or cause to be met, (i) the Contract Minimum Investment Requirement and (ii) the Jobs Creation Minimum Requirement, all within the Investment Period.

[End of Article II]

ARTICLE III

COMMENCEMENT AND COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT

Section 3.01 The Project

(a) The Company intends and expects, together with any Sponsor Affiliate, to (i) construct and acquire the Project, and (ii) meet the Contract Minimum Investment Requirement and the Jobs Creation Minimum Requirement within the Investment Period. The Company anticipates that the first Phase of the Project will be placed in service during the calendar year ending December 31, 2019.

(b) Pursuant to the FILOT Act and subject to Section 4.03 hereof, the Company and the County hereby agree that the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates shall identify annually those assets which are eligible for FILOT payments under the FILOT Act and which the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate selects for such treatment by listing such assets in its annual PT-300S form (or comparable form) to be filed with the Department (as such may be amended from time to time) and that by listing such assets, such assets shall automatically become Economic Development Property and therefore be exempt from all *ad valorem* taxation during the Exemption Period. Anything contained in this Fee Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates shall not be obligated to complete the acquisition of the Project. However, if the Company, together with any Sponsor Affiliates, does not meet the Contract Minimum Investment Requirement and the Jobs Creation Minimum Requirement within the Investment Period, the provisions of Section 4.03 hereof shall control.

(c) The Company may add to the Land such real property, located in the same taxing District in the County as the original Land, as the Company, in its discretion, deems useful or desirable. In such event, the Company, at its expense, shall deliver an appropriately revised <u>Exhibit A</u> to this Fee Agreement, in form reasonably acceptable to the County.

Section 3.02 Diligent Completion

The Company agrees to use its reasonable efforts to cause the completion of the Project as soon as practicable, but in any event on or prior to the end of the Investment Period.

Section 3.03 Filings and Reports

(a) Each year during the term of the Fee Agreement, the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates shall deliver to the County, the County Auditor, the County Assessor and the County Treasurer a copy of their most recent annual filings with the Department with respect to the Project, not later than thirty (30) days following delivery thereof to the Department.

(b) The Company shall cause a copy of this Fee Agreement, as well as a copy of the completed Form PT-443 of the Department, to be filed with the County Auditor and the County Assessor, and to their counterparts in the partner county to the MCIP Agreement, the County Administrator and the Department within thirty (30) days after the date of execution and delivery of this Fee Agreement by all parties hereto.

(c) Each of the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates agree to maintain complete books and records accounting for the acquisition, financing, construction, and operation of the Project. Such books and records shall (i) permit ready identification of the various Phases and components thereof; (ii) confirm the dates on which each Phase was placed in service; and (iii) include copies of all filings made

by the Company and any such Sponsor Affiliates in accordance with Section 3.03(a) or (b) above with respect to property placed in service as part of the Project.

[End of Article III]

ARTICLE IV

FILOT PAYMENTS

Section 4.01 FILOT Payments

Pursuant to Section 12-44-50 of the FILOT Act, the Company and any Sponsor (a) Affiliates, as applicable, are required to make payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes to the County with respect to the Economic Development Property. Inasmuch as the Company anticipates an initial investment of sums sufficient for the Project to qualify for a fee in lieu of tax arrangement under Section 12-44-50(A)(1) of the FILOT Act, the County and the Company have negotiated the amount of the FILOT Payments in accordance therewith. The Company and any Sponsor Affiliates, as applicable, shall make payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes on all Economic Development Property which comprises the Project and is placed in service, as follows: the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates, as applicable, shall make payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes during the Exemption Period with respect to the Economic Development Property or, if there are Phases of the Economic Development Property, with respect to each Phase of the Economic Development Property, said payments to be made annually and to be due and payable and subject to penalty assessments on the same dates and in the same manner as prescribed by the County for ad valorem taxes. The determination of the amount of such annual FILOT Payments shall be in accordance with the following procedure (subject, in any event, to the procedures required by the FILOT Act):

Step 1: Determine the fair market value of the Economic Development Property (or Phase of the Economic Development Property) placed in service during the Exemption Period using original income tax basis for State income tax purposes for any real property and Improvements without regard to depreciation (provided, the fair market value of real property, as the FILOT Act defines such term, that the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates obtains by construction or purchase in an arms-length transaction is equal to the original income tax basis, and otherwise, the determination of the fair market value is by appraisal) and original income tax basis for State income tax purposes for any personal property less depreciation for each year allowable for property tax purposes, except that no extraordinary obsolescence shall be allowable. The fair market value of the real property and Improvements for the life of the Exemption Period. The determination of these values shall take into account all applicable property tax exemptions that State law would allow to the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates if the property were taxable, except those exemptions that Section 12-44-50(A)(2) of the FILOT Act specifically disallows.

Step 2: Apply an assessment ratio of six percent (6%) to the fair market value in Step 1 to establish the taxable value of the Economic Development Property (or each Phase of the Economic Development Property) in the year it is placed in service and in each of the 29 years thereafter or such longer period of years in which the FILOT Act permits the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates to make annual FILOT payments.

Step 3: Use a millage rate of 321.5 mills during the Exemption Period against the taxable value to determine the amount of the FILOT Payments due during the Exemption Period on the applicable payment dates.

(b) In the event that a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction from which no further appeal is allowable declares the FILOT Act and/or the herein-described FILOT Payments invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, for any reason, the parties express their intentions to reform such payments so as to effectuate most closely the intent thereof (without increasing the amount of incentives being afforded herein) and so as to afford the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates with the benefits to be derived herefrom, the intention of the County being to offer the Company and such Sponsor Affiliates a strong inducement to locate the Project in the County. If the Economic Development Property is deemed to be subject to ad valorem taxation, this Fee Agreement shall terminate, and the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates shall pay the County regular ad valorem taxes from the date of termination, but with appropriate reductions equivalent to all tax exemptions which are afforded to the Company and such Sponsor Affiliates. Any amount determined to be due and owing to the County from the Company and such Sponsor Affiliates, with respect to a year or years for which the Company or such Sponsor Affiliates previously remitted FILOT Payments to the County hereunder, shall (i) take into account all applicable tax exemptions to which the Company or such Sponsor Affiliates would be entitled if the Economic Development Property was not and had not been Economic Development Property under the Act; and (ii) be reduced by the total amount of FILOT Payments the Company or such Sponsor Affiliates had made with respect to the Project pursuant to the terms hereof.

Section 4.02 Special source revenue credits

(a) In accordance with and pursuant to Section 12-44-70 of the FILOT Act and Section 4-1-175 of the MCIP Act and subject to subsections (d), (e) and (f) below, in order to reimburse the Company for qualifying capital expenditures incurred for costs of the Infrastructure during the Investment Period, the Company shall be entitled to receive, and the County agrees to provide, annual Special source revenue credits against the Company's FILOT Payments for a period of five (5) consecutive years in an amount equal to fifty percent (50%) of that portion of FILOT Payments payable by the Company with respect to the Project (that is, with respect to investment made by the Company in the Project during the Investment Period), calculated and applied after payment of the amount due the non-host county under the MCIP Agreement, and thereafter, for a period of ten (10) consecutive years in an amount equal to forty percent (40%) of that portion of FILOT Payments payable by the Company with respect to the Project (that is, with respect to investment made by the Company with respect to the Project (that is, with respect to investment made by the Company with respect to the Project (that is, with respect to investment made by the Company in the Project (that is, with respect to investment made by the Company in the Project to the Project (that is, with respect to investment made by the Company in the Project during the Investment Period), calculated and applied after payment of the amount due the non-host county under the MCIP Agreement.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, under no circumstances shall the Company be entitled to claim or receive any abatement of *ad valorem* taxes for any portion of the investment in the Project for which a Special source revenue credit is taken.

(c) In no event shall the aggregate amount of all Special source revenue credits claimed by the Company exceed the amount expended with respect to the Infrastructure at any point in time. The Company shall be responsible for making written annual certification as to compliance with the provisions of the preceding sentence through the delivery of a certification in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit \underline{C} .

(d) In the event the Company, together with any Sponsor Affiliates, fails to meet either the Contract Minimum Investment Requirement or the Jobs Creation Minimum Requirement by the end of the fourth (4^{th}) year following the Commencement Date, the 50% Special source revenue credit will reduce to 20% through the remainder of the initial 5-year period.

(e) In the event the Company, together with any Sponsor Affiliates, meets the Contract Minimum Investment Requirement and the Jobs Creation Minimum Requirement by the end of the Investment Period, the 40% Special source revenue credit shall apply to the Project for the following 10-

year period, but no lost Special source revenue credits, if any, may be captured by the Company. If, however, the Company, together with any Sponsor Affiliates, fails to meet either the Contract Minimum Investment Requirement or the Jobs Creation Minimum Requirement by the end of the Investment Period, the 20% Special source revenue credit shall continue through the sixth (6th) year following the Commencement Date.

(f) In the event the Company, together with any Sponsor Affiliates, meets the Contract Minimum Investment Requirement and the Jobs Creation Minimum Requirement by the end of the sixth (6th) year following the Commencement Date, the 40% Special source revenue credit shall apply to the Project for the remainder of the 10-year period, but no lost Special source revenue credits, if any, may be captured by the Company. If, however, the Company, together with any Sponsor Affiliates, fails to meet either the Contract Minimum Investment Requirement or the Jobs Creation Minimum Requirement by the end of the sixth (6th) year following the Commencement Date, the Special source revenue credit will terminate.

(g) As provided in Section 4-29-68 of the Code, to the extent any Special source revenue credit is taken against fee in lieu of tax payment on personal property, and the personal property is removed from the Project at any time during the term of this Agreement (and not replaced with qualifying replacement property), the amount of the fee in lieu of taxes due on the personal property for the year in which the personal property was removed from the Project shall be due for the two (2) years immediately following such removal.

(h) Each annual Special source revenue credit shall be reflected by the County Auditor or other authorized County official or representative on each bill for FILOT Payments sent to the Company by the County for each applicable property tax year, by reducing such FILOT Payments otherwise due by the amount of the Special source revenue credit to be provided to the Company for such property tax year.

(i) The Special source revenue credits are payable solely from the FILOT Payments, are not secured by, or in any way entitled to, a pledge of the full faith, credit or taxing power of the County, are not an indebtedness of the County within the meaning of any State constitutional provision or statutory limitation, are payable solely from a special source that does not include revenues from any tax or license, and are not a pecuniary liability of the County or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of the County.

Section 4.03 Failure to Achieve FILOT Act Minimum Investment Requirement

(a) In the event the Company, together with any Sponsor Affiliates, fails to meet the FILOT Act Minimum Investment Requirement by the end of the Investment Period, this Fee Agreement shall terminate and the Company and such Sponsor Affiliates shall pay the County an amount which is equal to the excess, if any, of (i) the total amount of *ad valorem* taxes as would result from taxes levied on the Project by the County, municipality or municipalities, school district or school districts, and other political units as if the items of property comprising the Economic Development Property were not Economic Development Property, but with appropriate reductions equivalent to all tax exemptions and abatements to which the Company and such Sponsor Affiliates would be entitled in such a case, through and including the end of the Investment Period, over (ii) the total amount of FILOT payments the Company and such Sponsor Affiliates have made with respect to the Economic Development Property (after taking into account any Special source revenue credits received) (such excess, a "*Deficiency Amount*") for the period through and including the end of the Investment Period. Any amounts determined to be owing pursuant to the foregoing sentence shall be payable to the County on or before the one hundred twentieth (120^{th}) day following the last day of the Investment Period.

(b) As a condition to the FILOT benefit provided herein, the Company agrees to provide the County Administrator, the County Assessor, the County Auditor and the County Treasurer with an annual certification as to investment in the Project and the cumulative number of new, full-time jobs created by the Company with respect to the Project. Such certification shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>, and shall be due no later than the May 1 following the immediately preceding December 31 of each year during the Investment Period.

Section 4.04 Removal of Equipment

Subject, always, to the other terms and provisions of this Fee Agreement, the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates shall be entitled to remove and dispose of components of the Project from the Project in its sole discretion with the result that said components shall no longer be considered a part of the Project and, to the extent such constitute Economic Development Property, shall no longer be subject to the terms of this Fee Agreement. Economic Development Property is disposed of only when it is scrapped or sold or removed from the Project. If it is removed from the Project, it is subject to *ad valorem* property taxes to the extent the Property remains in the State and is otherwise subject to *ad valorem* property taxes.

Section 4.05 FILOT Payments on Replacement Property

If the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate elects to replace any Removed Components and to substitute such Removed Components with Replacement Property as a part of the Economic Development Property, or the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate otherwise utilizes Replacement Property, then, pursuant and subject to the provisions of Section 12-44-60 of the FILOT Act, the Company or such Sponsor Affiliate shall make statutory payments in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes with regard to such Replacement Property in accordance with the following:

(i) Replacement Property does not have to serve the same function as the Economic Development Property it is replacing. Replacement Property is deemed to replace the oldest Economic Development Property subject to the Fee, whether real or personal, which is disposed of in the same property tax year in which the Replacement Property is placed in service. Replacement Property qualifies as Economic Development Property which is being disposed of in the same property tax year. More than one piece of property can replace a single piece of Economic Development Property. To the extent that the income tax basis of the Replacement Property which it is replacing, the excess amount is subject to annual payments calculated as if the exemption for Economic Development Property were not allowable. Replacement Property is entitled to treatment under the Fee Agreement for the period of time remaining during the Exemption Period for the Economic Development Property which it is replacing, the economic Property which it is replaced as informed to the exemption of the treatment under the Fee Agreement for the period of time remaining during the Exemption Period for the Economic Development Property which it is replacing; and

(ii) The new Replacement Property which qualifies for the FILOT shall be recorded using its income tax basis, and the calculation of the FILOT shall utilize the millage rate and assessment ratio in effect with regard to the original property subject to the FILOT.

Section 4.06 Reductions in Payment of Taxes Upon Diminution in Value; Investment Maintenance Requirement

In the event of a Diminution in Value of the Economic Development Property, the Payment in Lieu of Taxes with regard to the Economic Development Property shall be reduced in the same proportion as the amount of such Diminution in Value bears to the original fair market value of the Economic

Development Property as determined pursuant to Step 1 of Section 4.01(a) hereof; *provided, however*, that if at any time subsequent to the end of the Investment Period, the total value of the Project remaining in the County based on the original income tax basis thereof (that is, without regard to depreciation), is less than the FILOT Act Minimum Investment Requirement, then beginning with the first payment thereafter due hereunder and continuing until the Termination Date, the Project shall no longer be entitled to the incentive provided in Section 4.01, and the Company and any Sponsor Affiliate shall therefore commence to pay regular *ad valorem* taxes thereon, calculated as set forth in Section 4.01(b) hereof.

[End of Article IV]

ARTICLE V

PARTICULAR COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS

Section 5.01 Cessation of Operations

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Fee Agreement, each of the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates acknowledges and agrees that County's obligation to provide the FILOT incentive ends, and this Fee Agreement is terminated, if the Company ceases operations at the Project. For purposes of this Section, "ceases operations" means closure of the facility or the cessation of research and development for a continuous period of twelve (12) months. The provisions of Section 4.03 hereof relating to retroactive payments shall apply, if applicable, if this Fee Agreement is terminated in accordance with this Section prior to the end of the Investment Period. Each of the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates agrees that if this Fee Agreement is terminated pursuant to this subsection, that under no circumstance shall the County be required to refund or pay any monies to the Company or any Sponsor Affiliates.

Section 5.02 Rights to Inspect

The Company agrees that the County and its authorized agents shall have the right at all reasonable times and upon prior reasonable notice to enter upon and examine and inspect the Project. The County and its authorized agents shall also be permitted, at all reasonable times and upon prior reasonable notice, to have access to examine and inspect the Company's South Carolina property tax returns, as filed. The aforesaid rights of examination and inspection shall be exercised only upon such reasonable and necessary terms and conditions as the Company shall prescribe, and shall be subject to the provisions of Section 5.03 hereof.

Section 5.03 Confidentiality

The County acknowledges and understands that the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates may utilize confidential and proprietary processes and materials, services, equipment, trade secrets, and techniques (herein "Confidential Information"). In this regard, the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates may clearly label any Confidential Information delivered to the County "Confidential Information." The County agrees that, except as required by law, neither the County nor any employee, agent, or contractor of the County shall disclose or otherwise divulge any such clearly labeled Confidential Information to any other person, firm, governmental body or agency, or any other entity unless specifically required to do so by law. Each of the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates acknowledge that the County is subject to the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act, and, as a result, must disclose certain documents and information on request, absent an exemption. In the event that the County is required to disclose any Confidential Information obtained from the Company or any Sponsor Affiliates to any third party, the County agrees to provide the Company and such Sponsor Affiliates with as much advance notice as is reasonably possible of such requirement before making such disclosure, and to cooperate reasonably with any attempts by the Company and such Sponsor Affiliates to obtain judicial or other relief from such disclosure requirement.

Section 5.04 Limitation of County's Liability

Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, any financial obligation the County may incur hereunder, including for the payment of money, shall not be deemed to constitute a pecuniary liability or a debt or general obligation of the County (it being intended herein that any obligations of the County with respect to the Special source revenue credits shall be payable only from FILOT payments received from or payable by the Company or any Sponsor Affiliates); provided, however, that nothing herein shall prevent the Company from enforcing its rights hereunder by suit for *mandamus* or specific performance.

Section 5.05 Mergers, Reorganizations and Equity Transfers

Each of the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates acknowledges that any mergers, reorganizations or consolidations of the Company and such Sponsor Affiliates may cause the Project to become ineligible for negotiated fees in lieu of taxes under the FILOT Act absent compliance by the Company and such Sponsor Affiliates with the Transfer Provisions; provided that, to the extent provided by Section 12-44-120 of the FILOT Act or any successor provision, any financing arrangements entered into by the Company or any Sponsor Affiliates with respect to the Project and any security interests granted by the Company or any Sponsor Affiliates in connection therewith shall not be construed as a transfer for purposes of the Transfer Provisions. Notwithstanding anything in this Fee Agreement to the contrary, it is not intended in this Fee Agreement that the County shall impose transfer restrictions with respect to the Company, any Sponsor Affiliates or the Project as are any more restrictive than the Transfer Provisions.

Section 5.06 Indemnification Covenants

Notwithstanding any other provisions in this Fee Agreement or in any other agreements (a) with the County, the Company agrees to indemnify, defend and save the County, its County Council members, elected officials, officers, employees, servants and agents (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") harmless against and from all claims by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation arising from the conduct or management of, or from any work or thing done on the Project or the Land by the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate, their members, officers, shareholders, employees, servants, contractors, and agents during the Term, and, the Company further, shall indemnify, defend and save the Indemnified Parties harmless against and from all claims arising during the Term from (i) entering into and performing its obligations under this Fee Agreement, (ii) any condition of the Project, (iii) any breach or default on the part of the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate in the performance of any of its obligations under this Fee Agreement, (iv) any act of negligence of the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate or its agents, contractors, servants, employees or licensees, (v) any act of negligence of any assignee or lessee of the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate, or of any agents, contractors, servants, employees or licensees of any assignee or lessee of the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate, or (vi) any environmental violation, condition, or effect with respect to the Project. The Company shall indemnify, defend and save the County harmless from and against all costs and expenses incurred in or in connection with any such claim arising as aforesaid or in connection with any action or proceeding brought thereon, and upon notice from the County, the Company shall defend it in any such action, prosecution or proceeding with legal counsel acceptable to the County (the approval of which shall not be unreasonably withheld).

(b) Notwithstanding the fact that it is the intention of the parties that the Indemnified Parties shall not incur pecuniary liability by reason of the terms of this Fee Agreement, or the undertakings required of the County hereunder, by reason of the granting of the FILOT, by reason of the execution of this Fee Agreement, by the reason of the performance of any act requested of it by the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate, or by reason of the County's relationship to the Project or by the operation of the Project by the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate, including all claims, liabilities or losses arising in connection with the violation of any statutes or regulations pertaining to the foregoing, nevertheless, if the County or any of the other Indemnified Parties should incur any such pecuniary liability, then in such event the Company shall indemnify, defend and hold them harmless against all claims by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation, arising out of the same, and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with any such claim or in connection or proceeding brought thereon, and upon notice, the Company shall defend them in any such action or proceeding with legal counsel acceptable to the County (the approval of which shall not be unreasonably withheld); provided, however, that such indemnity shall

not apply to the extent that any such claim is attributable to (i) the grossly negligent acts or omissions or willful misconduct of the County, its agents, officers or employees, or (ii) any breach of this Fee Agreement by the County.

(c) Notwithstanding anything in this Fee Agreement to the contrary, the above-referenced covenants insofar as they pertain to costs, damages, liabilities or claims by any Indemnified Party resulting from any of the above-described acts of or failure to act by the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate, shall survive any termination of this Fee Agreement.

Section 5.07 Qualification in State

Each of the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates warrant that it is duly qualified to do business in the State, and covenants that it will continue to be so qualified so long as it operates any portion of the Project.

Section 5.08 No Liability of County's Personnel

All covenants, stipulations, promises, agreements and obligations of the County contained herein shall be deemed to be covenants, stipulations, promises, agreements and obligations of the County and shall be binding upon any member of the County Council or any elected official, officer, agent, servant or employee of the County only in his or her official capacity and not in his or her individual capacity, and no recourse shall be had for the payment of any moneys hereunder against any member of the governing body of the County or any elected official, officer, agent, servants or employee of the County and no recourse shall be had against any member of the County Council or any elected official, officer, agent, servant or employee of the County for the performance of any of the covenants and agreements of the County herein contained or for any claims based thereon except solely in their official capacity.

Section 5.09 Assignment, Leases or Transfers

The County agrees that the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates may at any time (a) transfer all or any of their rights and interests under this Fee Agreement or with respect to all or any part of the Project, or (b) enter into any lending, financing, leasing, security, or similar arrangement or succession of such arrangements with any financing or other entity with respect to this Fee Agreement or all or any part of the Project, including without limitation any sale-leaseback, equipment lease, build-to-suit lease, synthetic lease, nordic lease, defeased tax benefit or transfer lease, assignment, sublease or similar arrangement or succession of such arrangements, regardless of the identity of the income tax owner of such portion of the Project, whereby the transferee in any such arrangement leases the portion of the Project in question to the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate or operates such assets for the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate or is leasing the portion of the Project in question from the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate. In order to preserve the FILOT benefit afforded hereunder with respect to any portion of the Project so transferred, leased, financed, or otherwise affected: (i) except in connection with any transfer to an Affiliate of the Company or of any Sponsor Affiliate, or transfers, leases, or financing arrangements pursuant to clause (b) above (as to which such transfers the County hereby consents), the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates, as applicable, shall obtain the prior consent or subsequent ratification of the County which consent or subsequent ratification may be granted by the County in its sole discretion; (ii) except when a financing entity which is the income tax owner of all or part of the Project is the transferee pursuant to clause (b) above and such financing entity assumes in writing the obligations of the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate, as the case may be, hereunder, or when the County consents in writing, no such transfer shall affect or reduce any of the obligations of the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates hereunder; (iii) to the extent the transferee or financing entity shall become obligated to make FILOT Payments hereunder, the transferee shall assume the then current basis of, as the case may

be, the Company or any Sponsor Affiliates (or prior transferee) in the portion of the Project transferred; (iv) the Company or applicable Sponsor Affiliate, transferee or financing entity shall, within sixty (60) days thereof, furnish or cause to be furnished to the County and the Department a true and complete copy of any such transfer agreement; and (v) the Company, the Sponsor Affiliates and the transferee shall comply with all other requirements of the Transfer Provisions.

Subject to County consent when required under this Section, and at the expense of the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate, as the case may be, the County agrees to take such further action or execute such further agreements, documents, and instruments as may be reasonably required to effectuate the assumption by any such transferee of all or part of the rights of the Company or such Sponsor Affiliate under this Fee Agreement and/or any release of the Company or such Sponsor Affiliate pursuant to this Section.

Each of the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates acknowledges that such a transfer of an interest under this Fee Agreement or in the Project may cause all or part of the Project to become ineligible for the FILOT benefit afforded hereunder or result in penalties under the FILOT Act absent compliance by the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates with the Transfer Provisions.

Section 5.10 Administration Expenses

The Company agrees to pay any Administration Expenses to the County when and as they shall become due, but in no event later than the date which is the earlier of any payment date expressly provided for in this Fee Agreement or the date which is forty-five (45) days after receiving written notice from the County, accompanied by such supporting documentation as may be necessary to evidence the County's or Indemnified Party's right to receive such payment, specifying the nature of such expense and requesting payment of same.

Section 5.11 Priority Lien Status

The County's right to receive FILOT payments hereunder shall have a first priority lien status pursuant to Sections 12-44-90(E) and (F) of the FILOT Act and Chapters 4, 49, 51, 53, and 54 of Title 12 of the Code.

Section 5.12 Interest; Penalties

In the event the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate should fail to make any of the payments to the County required under this Fee Agreement, then the item or irstal lment so in default shall continue as an obligation of the Company or such Sponsor Affiliate until the Company or such Sponsor Affiliate shall have fully paid the amount, and the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates agree, as applicable, to pay the same with interest thereon at a rate, unless expressly provided otherwise herein and in the case of FILOT payments, of 5% per annum, compounded monthly, to accrue from the date on which the payment was due and, in the case of FILOT payments, at the rate for non-payment of *ad valorem* taxes under State law and subject to the penalties the law provides until payment.

Section 5.13 Sponsor Affiliates

The Company may designate from time to time any Sponsor Affiliates pursuant to the provisions of Sections 12-44-30(20) and 12-44-130 of the FILOT Act, which Sponsor Affiliates shall join with the Company and make investments with respect to the Project, or participate in the financing of such investments, and shall agree to be bound by the terms and provisions of this Fee Agreement pursuant to the terms of a written joinder agreement with the County and the Company, in form reasonably

acceptable to the County. The Company shall provide the County and the Department with written notice of any Sponsor Affiliate designated pursuant to this Section within ninety (90) days after the end of the calendar year during which any such Sponsor Affiliate has placed in service any portion of the Project, in accordance with Section 12-44-130(B) of the FILOT Act.

[End of Article V]

ARTICLE VI

DEFAULT

Section 6.01 Events of Default

The following shall be "Events of Default" under this Fee Agreement, and the term "Event of Default" shall mean, whenever used with reference to this Fee Agreement, any one or more of the following occurrences:

(a) Failure by the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate to make the FILOT Payments described in Section 4.01 hereof, or any other amounts payable to the County under this Fee Agreement when due, which failure shall not have been cured within thirty (30) days following receipt of written notice thereof from the County; provided, however, that the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates shall be entitled to all redemption rights granted by applicable statutes; or

(b) A representation or warranty made by the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate hereunder which is deemed materially incorrect when deemed made; or

(c) Failure by the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate to perform any of the terms, conditions, obligations, or covenants hereunder (other than those under (a) above), which failure shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice from the County to the Company and such Sponsor Affiliate specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, unless the Company or such Sponsor Affiliate shall have instituted corrective action within such time period and is diligently pursuing such action until the default is corrected, in which case the 30-day period shall be extended to cover such additional period during which the Company or such Sponsor Affiliate is diligently pursuing corrective action; or

(d) Failure by the County to perform any of the terms, conditions, obligations, or covenants hereunder, which failure shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice from the Company to the County and any Sponsor Affiliates specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, unless the County shall have instituted corrective action within such time period and is diligently pursuing such action until the default is corrected, in which case the 30-day period shall be extended to cover such additional period during which the County is diligently pursuing corrective action.

Section 6.02 Remedies Upon Default

(a) Whenever any Event of Default by the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate (the "Defaulting Entity") shall have occurred and shall be continuing, the County may take any one or more of the following remedial actions as to the Defaulting Entity, only:

(i) terminate this Fee Agreement; or

(ii) take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to collect the amounts due hereunder.

In no event shall the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate be liable to the County or otherwise for monetary damages resulting from the Company's (together with any Sponsor Affiliates) failure to meet the FILOT Act Minimum Investment Requirement, the Contract Minimum Investment Requirement or the Jobs Creation Minimum Requirement other than as expressly set forth in this Fee Agreement. In addition to all other remedies provided herein, the failure to make FILOT payments shall give rise to a lien for tax purposes as provided in Section 12-44-90 of the FILOT Act. In this regard, and notwithstanding anything in this Fee Agreement to the contrary, the County may exercise the remedies that general law (including Title 12, Chapter 49 of the Code) provides with regard to the enforced collection of *ad valorem* taxes to collect any FILOT payments due hereunder.

(b) Whenever any Event of Default by the County shall have occurred or shall be continuing, the Company and any Sponsor Affiliate may take one or more of the following actions:

- (i) bring an action for specific enforcement;
- (ii) terminate this Fee Agreement as to the acting party; or

(iii) in case of a materially incorrect representation or warranty, take such action as is appropriate, including legal action, to recover its damages, to the extent allowed by law.

Section 6.03 Reimbursement of Legal Fees and Expenses and Other Expenses

Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default hereunder by the Company or any Sponsor Affiliate, should the County be required to employ attorneys or incur other reasonable expenses for the collection of payments due hereunder or for the enforcement of performance or observance of any obligation or agreement, the County shall be entitled, within thirty (30) days of demand therefor, to reimbursement of the reasonable fees of such attorneys and such other reasonable expenses so incurred.

Section 6.04 No Waiver

No failure or delay on the part of any party hereto in exercising any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right, power, or remedy preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power, or remedy hereunder. No waiver of any provision hereof shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the waiving party hereto.

[End of Article VI]

ARTICLE VII

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 7.01 Notices

Any notice, election, demand, request, or other communication to be provided under this Fee Agreement shall be effective when delivered to the party named below or when deposited with the United States Postal Service, certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows (or addressed to such other address as any party shall have previously furnished in writing to the other party), except where the terms hereof require receipt rather than sending of any notice, in which case such provision shall control:

If to the Company:

Attn:

With a copy to:

James K. Price Nexsen Pruet, LLC 55 E. Camperdown Way, Suite 400 Greenville, South Carolina 29601

If to the County:

Anderson County Attn: Rusty Burns, County Administrator P.O. Box 8002 Anderson, South Carolina 29622-8002

With a copy to:

Anderson County Attorney P.O. Box 8002 Anderson, South Carolina 29622-8002

Section 7.02 Binding Effect

This Fee Agreement and each document contemplated hereby or related hereto shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates, the County, and their respective successors and assigns. In the event of the dissolution of the County or the consolidation of any part of the County with any other political subdivision or the transfer of any rights of the County to any other such political subdivision, all of the covenants, stipulations, promises, and agreements of this Fee Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the successors of the County from time to time and any entity, officer, board, commission, agency, or instrumentality to whom or to which any power or duty of the County has been transferred.

Section 7.03 Counterparts

This Fee Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and all of the counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 7.04 Governing Law

This Fee Agreement and all documents executed in connection herewith shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State.

Section 7.05 Headings

The headings of the articles and sections of this Fee Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this Fee Agreement.

Section 7.06 Amendments

The provisions of this Fee Agreement may only be modified or amended in writing by any agreement or agreements entered into between the parties.

Section 7.07 Further Assurance

From time to time, and at the expense of the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates, the County agrees to execute and deliver to the Company and any such Sponsor Affiliates such additional instruments as the Company or such Sponsor Affiliates may reasonably request and as are authorized by law and reasonably within the purposes and scope of the FILOT Act and this Fee Agreement to effectuate the purposes of this Fee Agreement.

Section 7.08 Invalidity; Change in Laws

In the event that the inclusion of property as Economic Development Property or any other issue is unclear under this Fee Agreement, the County hereby expresses its intention that the interpretation of this Fee Agreement shall be in a manner that provides for the broadest inclusion of property under the terms of this Fee Agreement and the maximum incentive permissible under the FILOT Act, to the extent not inconsistent with any of the explicit terms hereof. If any provision of this Fee Agreement is declared illegal, invalid, or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions hereof shall be unimpaired, and such illegal, invalid, or unenforceable provision shall be reformed to effectuate most closely the legal, valid, and enforceable intent thereof and so as to afford the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates with the maximum benefits to be derived herefrom, it being the intention of the County to offer the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates the strongest inducement possible, within the provisions of the FILOT Act, to locate the Project in the County. In case a change in the FILOT Act or South Carolina laws eliminates or reduces any of the restrictions or limitations applicable to the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates and the FILOT incentive, the parties agree that the County will give expedient and full consideration to reformation of this Fee Agreement, and, if the County Council so decides, to provide the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates with the benefits of such change in the FILOT Act or South Carolina laws.

Section 7.09 Termination by Company

The Company is authorized to terminate this Fee Agreement at any time with respect to all or part of the Project upon providing the County with thirty (30) days' written notice; *provided, however*, that (i) any monetary obligations existing hereunder and due and owing at the time of termination to a party hereto (including without limitation any amounts owed with respect to Section 4.03 hereof); and (ii) any provisions which are intended to survive termination shall survive such termination. In the year following such termination, all property shall be subject to *ad valorem* taxation or such other taxation or fee in lieu of taxation that would apply absent this Agreement. The Company's obligation to make FILOT Payments under this Fee Agreement shall terminate in the year following the year of such termination pursuant to this section.

Section 7.10 Entire Understanding

This Fee Agreement expresses the entire understanding and all agreements of the parties hereto with each other, and neither party hereto has made or shall be bound by any agreement or any representation to the other party which is not expressly set forth in this Fee Agreement or in certificates delivered in connection with the execution and delivery hereof.

Section 7.11 Waiver

Either party may waive compliance by the other party with any term or condition of this Fee Agreement only in a writing signed by the waiving party.

Section 7.12 Business Day

In the event that any action, payment, or notice is, by the terms of this Fee Agreement, required to be taken, made, or given on any day which is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in the jurisdiction in which the person obligated to act is domiciled, such action, payment, or notice may be taken, made, or given on the following business day with the same effect as if given as required hereby, and no interest shall accrue in the interim.

[End of Article VII]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County, acting by and through the County Council, has caused this Fee Agreement to be executed in its name and behalf by the County Administrator and to be attested by the Clerk of the County Council; and the Company has caused this Fee Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer, all as of the day and year first above written.

ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

(SEAL)

By:_____ Tommy Dunn, Chairman of County Council, Anderson County, South Carolina

ATTEST:

Lacey Croegaert, Clerk to County Council, Anderson County, South Carolina

[Signature Page 1 to Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special source revenue credit Agreement]

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[Signature Page 2 to Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special source revenue credit Agreement]

EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

[Insert legal description here]

EXHIBIT B

INVESTMENT AND JOBS CREATON CERTIFICATION

I______, the ______ of ______ (the "*Company*"), do hereby certify in connection with Section 4.03 of the Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special source revenue credit Agreement dated as of _______, 2019 between Anderson County, South Carolina and the Company (the "*Agreement*"), as follows:

(1) The total investment made by the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates in the Project during the calendar year ending December 31, 20_ was \$_____.

(2) The cumulative total investment made by the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates in the Project from the period beginning ______, 20__ (that is, the beginning date of the Investment Period) and ending December 31, 20__, is \$_____.

(3) The number of full-time jobs at the Company facilities where the Project is located was ______ persons as of _______, 20__ (the beginning date of the Investment Period).

(4) The number of net new, full-time jobs created at the Project since _____, 20_ (the beginning date of the Investment Period) is _____ persons.

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Name:	 	
Its:		

EXHIBIT C

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT CERTIFICATION

I _____, the _____ of _____ (the "*Company*"), do hereby certify in connection with Section 4.02 of the Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special source revenue credit Agreement dated as of ______, 2019 between Anderson County, South Carolina and the Company (the "*Agreement*"), as follows:

(1) As of the date hereof, the aggregate amount of Special source revenue credits previously received by the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates is \$_____.

(2) As of December 31, 20__, the aggregate amount of investment in costs of Infrastructure incurred by the Company and any Sponsor Affiliates during the Investment Period is not less than \$_____.

(3) [Use only if expenditures for personal property will be used to account for Special source revenue credits.] Of the total amount set forth in (2) above, \$_____ pertains to the investment in personal property, including machinery and equipment, at the Project. The applicable personal property, and associated expenditures, are listed below:

Personal Property Description

Investment Amount

All capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning set forth in the Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this _____ day of _____, 20___.

Name:		
Its:	 	

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-013

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A FEE IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA AND A COMPANY OR COMPANIES KNOWN TO THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME AS PROJECT AZUL WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY, WHEREBY SUCH PROPERTY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, INCLUDING THE PROVISION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE CREDITS; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (the "County"), acting by and through its County Council (the "County Council"), is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 44 (the "FILOT Act"), Title 4, Chapter 1 (the "Park Act"), and Title 4, Chapter 29, of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended, to enter into agreements with industry whereby the industry would pay fees-in-lieu-of taxes with respect to qualified projects; to provide infrastructure credits against payment in lieu of taxes for reimbursement in respect of investment in certain infrastructure enhancing the economic development of the County; through all such powers the industrial development of the State of South Carolina (the "State") will be promoted and trade developed by inducing manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate or remain in the State and thus utilize and employ the manpower, products and resources of the State and benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally; and

WHEREAS, a company (the "Sponsor"), whose identity is being withheld at Sponsor's request until it is in a position to make a public announcement, is considering making an investment of not less than \$4,000,000 ("Project Azul," or the "Project") in order to produce and supply to the public electricity by conversion of solar energy at a site in Anderson County, South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor has represented that the Project will involve an investment in at least the amount detailed above within the Investment Period (as such term is defined in the hereinafter defined Fee Agreement); and

WHEREAS, the County has determined on the basis of the information supplied to it by the Sponsor that the Project would be a "project" and "economic development property" as such terms are defined in the FILOT Act, and that the Project would serve the purposes of the FILOT Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to the County under Section 4-1-170 of the Park Act and Article VIII, Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution, the County intends to cause the Project, to the extent not already therein located, to be placed in a joint county industrial and business park (a "*Park*") such that the Project will receive the benefits of the FILOT Act; and

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to, among other things, enter into a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement with the Sponsor for the Project (the "*Fee Agreement*"), whereby the County would (a) provide therein for a payment of a fee-in-lieu-of taxes by the Sponsor with respect to the Project, and (b) provide for certain special source revenue credits to be claimed by the Sponsor against its payments of fees-in-lieu-of taxes with respect to the Project pursuant to Section 4-1-175 of the Park Act; and

WHEREAS, the County Council has caused to be prepared and presented to this meeting the form of the Fee Agreement which the County proposes to execute and deliver; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the document above referred to, which is now before this meeting, is in appropriate form and is an appropriate instrument to be executed and delivered or approved by the County for the purposes intended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the County Council as follows:

Section 1. Based on information supplied by the Sponsor, it is hereby found, determined and declared by the County Council, as follows:

(a) The Project will constitute a "project" and "economic development property" as said terms are referred to and defined in the FILOT Act, and the County's actions herein will subserve the purposes and in all respects conform to the provisions and requirements of the FILOT Act;

(b) The Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation or other public benefits not otherwise provided locally;

(c) Neither the Project, nor any documents or agreements entered into by the County in connection therewith, will give rise to any pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality or a charge against the general credit or taxing power of either;

(d) The purposes to be accomplished by the Project, i.e., economic development, creation of jobs and addition to the tax base of the County, are proper governmental and public purposes; and

(e) The benefits of the Project are anticipated to be greater than the costs.

Section 2. The form, terms and provisions of the Fee Agreement presented to this meeting are hereby approved and all of the terms and provisions thereof are hereby incorporated herein by reference as if the Fee Agreement was set out in this Ordinance in its entirety. The Chairman of County Council or the County Administrator are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute, acknowledge and deliver the Fee Agreement in the name of and on behalf of the County, and the Clerk to County Council is hereby authorized and directed to attest the same, and thereupon to cause the Fee Agreement to be delivered to the Sponsor and cause a copy of the same to be delivered to the Anderson County Auditor, Assessor and Treasurer. The Fee Agreement is to be in substantially the form now before this meeting and hereby approved, or with such minor changes therein as shall be approved by the Chairman of County Council or the County Administrator, upon advice of counsel, such official's execution thereof to constitute conclusive

evidence of approval of any and all changes or revisions therein from the form of Fee Agreement now before this meeting.

<u>Section 3.</u> The County shall use its best efforts and endeavor to work with one or more adjoining counties (and, to the extent any portion of any Project site is located within the corporate limits of a municipality, to work with such municipality) to cause the Project site to be located within a Park, through amendment of an existing Park or creation of a new Park in accordance with the Park Act. The County shall undertake those procedures and documents necessary for the creation or expansion of such Park and shall use its best efforts to maintain the Project site in such Park during the term of the incentives provided for pursuant to the inducement resolution and the Fee Agreement or subsequent ordinances or agreements.

<u>Section 4</u>. The Chairman of County Council, the County Administrator and the Clerk to County Council, for and on behalf of the County, are hereby authorized and directed to do any and all things necessary to effect the execution and delivery of the Fee Agreement and the performance of all obligations of the County thereunder.

<u>Section 5</u>. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phrase or provisions shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases and provisions hereunder.

<u>Section 6.</u> All ordinances, resolutions, and parts thereof in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the County Council.

[signature page follows]

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

FOR ANDERSON COUNTY:

Rusty Burns Anderson County Administrator Tommy Dunn, Chairman Anderson County Council

Lacey Croegaert Anderson County Clerk to Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leon C. Harmon Anderson County Attorney

First Reading: Second Reading: Public Hearing: Third Reading:

FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

PROJECT AZUL AS SPONSOR

AND

ANDERSON COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

EFFECTIVE AS OF _____, 2019

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FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT

THIS FEE-IN-LIEU OF AD VALOREM TAXES AGREEMENT ("Fee Agreement") is entered into, effective, as of ______, 2019, between Anderson County, South Carolina ("County"), a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State of South Carolina ("State"), acting through the Anderson County Council ("County Council") as the governing body of the County, and [____], a limited liability company organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Carolina ("Sponsor"), previously identified as Project Azul.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the County is authorized and empowered under and pursuant to the provisions of Title 12, Chapter 44 (the "Act") of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended (the "Code") and the Multi-County Park Act (as defined herein): (i) to enter into agreements with certain entities meeting the requirements of the Act to construct, operate, maintain, and improve certain industrial and commercial properties through which the economic development of the State of South Carolina will be promoted and trade developed by inducing corporate headquarters, manufacturing and commercial enterprises to locate and remain in the State of South Carolina and thus utilize and employ the manpower, agricultural products, and natural resources of the State; (ii) to covenant with such investors to accept certain payments in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes with respect to the project; and (iii) to maintain, create or expand, in conjunction with one or more other counties, a multi-county industrial park in order to afford certain enhanced income tax credits to such investors; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor proposes to develop, install or operate, as applicable solar power generating facilities located at a leased site on parcel tax map number [_____] (the "Land") in Anderson County, South Carolina (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the Project will involve an investment which, but for this Fee Agreement, would have a value for *ad valorem* taxation purposes, of not less than \$4,000,000 within the time period required under the Act ("*Project Commitment*"), meeting the minimum investment requirement under the Act;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Act, the County has determined that (a) the Project (as defined herein) is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefit not otherwise adequately provided locally; (b) the Project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or incorporated municipality and to no charge against its general credit or taxing power; (c) the purposes to be accomplished by the Project are proper governmental and public purposes; and (d) the benefits of the Project to the public are greater than the costs to the public;

WHEREAS, the County Council adopted an ordinance on ______, (the "Fee Ordinance"), as an inducement to the Sponsor to develop the Project and at the Sponsor's request, the County Council authorized the County to enter into this Fee Agreement as a fee-in-lieu of ad valorem tax agreement with the Sponsor which identifies the property comprising the Project as Economic Development Property under the Act subject to the terms and conditions hereof;

WHEREAS, the Project constitutes Economic Development Property within the meaning of the Act; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes set forth above, based solely on information provided by the Sponsor to the County, the County has determined that it is in the best interests of the County to enter into this Fee Agreement with the Sponsor subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth.

NOW, THEREFORE, AND IN CONSIDERATION of the respective representations and agreements hereinafter contained, the parties hereto agree as follows, with the understanding that no obligation of the County described herein shall create a pecuniary liability or charge upon its general credit or taxing powers, but shall be payable solely out of the sources of payment described herein and shall not under any circumstances be deemed to constitute a general obligation to the County:

ARTICLE I PROJECT OVERVIEW

Section 1.1. Agreement to Waive Requirement of Recapitulation. Pursuant to Section 12-44-55(B) of the Act, the County and the Sponsor agree to waive the requirement of including in this Agreement the recapitulation information as set forth in Section 12-44-55(A) of the Act. If the Sponsor should be required to retroactively comply with the recapitulation requirements of Section 12-44-55 of the Act, then the County agrees, to the extent permitted by law, to waive all penalties of the County for the Sponsor's noncompliance that are within the County's control.

Section 1.2. *Rules of Construction; Defined Terms.* In addition to the words and terms elsewhere defined in this Fee Agreement, the terms defined in this Article shall have the meaning herein specified, unless the context clearly requires otherwise. The definition of any document shall include any amendments to that document, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Abandonment" shall mean the failure of the Company to achieve Substantial Energy Generation at the Project for a period of one year after the Project has been placed in service.

"Act" shall mean Title 12, Chapter 44, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and all future acts supplemental thereto or amendatory thereof.

"Act Minimum Investment Requirement" shall mean an investment of at least \$2,500,000 by the Sponsors of eligible economic development property under the Act.

"Administrative Expenses" shall mean the reasonable and necessary expenses, including attorneys' fees, incurred by the County with respect to the Project and this Fee Agreement.

"Authorized Sponsor Representative" shall mean any person designated from time to time to act on behalf on the Sponsor as evidenced by a written certificate or certificates furnished to the County containing the specimen signature of each such person, signed on behalf of the Sponsor by its Manager, its President, one of its vice presidents, its general counsel, its secretary or any assistant secretary. Such certificates may designate an alternate or alternates, and may designate different Authorized Sponsor Representatives to act for the Sponsor with respect to different sections of this Fee Agreement.

"Chairman" shall mean the Chairman of the County Council of Anderson County, South Carolina.

"Closing" or "Closing Date" shall mean the date of the execution and delivery hereof.

"Code" shall mean the South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, as amended.

"Commencement Date" shall mean the last day of the property tax year during which Economic Development Property is first placed in service, except that this date must not be later than the last day of the property tax year which is three years from the year in which the County and the Sponsor execute this Fee Agreement.

"County" shall mean Anderson County, South Carolina, a body politic and corporate and political subdivision of the State of South Carolina, its successors and assigns, acting by and through the Anderson County Council as the governing body of the County.

"County Administrator" shall mean the person appointed by the County Council to act as county administrator of the County at any one time during the term of this Fee Agreement, or in the event that the form of government of the County changes from that which is in place at the time of the execution of this Fee Agreement, the person who is authorized to perform the managerial and/or administrative duties presently assigned to the County Administrator.

"County Council" shall mean the Anderson County Council, the governing body of the County.

"Decommissioning" shall mean the removal and proper disposal of all Equipment, stabilization and rehabilitation of the Land, and restoration of the Land to its original state. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Sponsor shall have no obligation to remove roads constructed on the Land, or to remove fencing that the then current landowner requests to remain, or to remove subsurface improvements below 30 inches of depth.

"Diminution of Value" in respect of any Phase of the Project shall mean any reduction in the value based on original fair market value as determined in Step 1 of Section 4.2 of this Fee Agreement, of the items which constitute a part of the Phase which may be caused by (i) the Sponsor's removal of equipment pursuant to Section 4.6 of this Fee Agreement, (ii) a casualty to the Phase of the Project, or any part thereof, described in Section 4.7 of this Fee Agreement or (iii) a condemnation to the Phase of the Project, or any part thereof, described in Section 4.8 of this Fee Agreement.

"Economic Development Property" shall mean all items of real and tangible personal property comprising the Project which are eligible for inclusion as economic development property under the Act, become subject to this Fee Agreement, and which are identified by the Sponsor in connection with its annual filing of a SCDOR PT-300 or comparable form with the South Carolina Department of Revenue (as such filing may be amended from time to time) for each year within the Investment Period. Title to all Economic Development Property shall at all times remain vested in the Sponsor, except as may be necessary to take advantage of Section 12-44-160 of the Act.

"Equipment" shall mean all of the equipment and fixtures, together with any and all additions, accessions, replacements and substitutions thereto or therefor to the extent such equipment and fixtures become a part of the Project under this Fee Agreement.

"Event of Default" shall mean any Event of Default specified in Section 4.18 of this Fee Agreement.

"Fee Agreement" shall mean this Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes Agreement.

"Fee Term" or "Term" shall mean the period from the date of delivery of this Fee Agreement until the last Phase Termination Date unless sooner terminated or extended pursuant to the terms of this Fee Agreement.

"FILOT" shall mean the fee-in-lieu of taxes, which the Sponsor is obligated to pay to the County pursuant to Section 4.2 hereof.

"FILOT Payments" shall mean the payments to be made by the Sponsor pursuant to Section 4.2 hereof.

"FILOT Revenues" shall mean the revenues received by the County from the Sponsor's payment of the FILOT.

"Investment Period" shall mean the period commencing in 2019 and ending on the last day of the fifth property tax year following the earlier of the property tax year in which Economic Development Property is placed in service or the property tax year in which this Fee Agreement is executed; provided a later date may be agreed to by the Sponsor and County pursuant to Section 12-44-30(13) of the Act.

"Land" shall mean the real estate upon which the Project is to be located, as described on Exhibit A attached hereto, as Exhibit A may be supplemented from time to time in accordance with the provisions hereof.

"Multi-County Park" shall mean that multi-county industrial/business park established pursuant to a qualifying agreement with Greenville County, dated November 16, 2010, and any amendments there to (the "Multi County Park Agreement").

"Multi-County Park Act" shall mean Title 4, Chapter 1 of the Code, as amended through the date hereof.

"Negotiated FILOT Payments" shall mean the FILOT payments due pursuant to Section 4.2 hereof with respect to that portion of the Project consisting of Economic Development Property.

"Net FILOT Payment" shall mean a total annual payment of \$11,250 for the entire term of this Fee Agreement, for those years for which a FILOT payment is due hereunder. It is anticipated that the first Net FILOT Payment due hereunder shall be the payment for property tax year 2020, due and payable to the County on or before January 15, 2021. Provided, the Net FILOT Payments shall be increased in any year in which the total power generation capacity of the Project exceeds three megawatts of AC power, in proportion to the excess. For example, and by way of example only, if the total power generation capacity of the 2024 tax year is 125% of three megawatts of AC power, then the Net FILOT Payment for such year shall be increased by 25%. The Sponsor shall provide the County Administrator and Finance Director with report(s) (including third party reports, if applicable) not less frequently than annually, at the end of the calendar year, or any time the power generation capacity of the Project is increased, providing conclusive evidence of the then-current power generation capacity of the Project and the actual maximum power production of the Project since the last such report.

"Phase" or "Phases" in respect of the Project shall mean the Building and Equipment placed in service during each year of the Investment Period.

"Phase Termination Date" shall mean with respect to each Phase of the Project the day thirty (30) years after each such Phase of the Project becomes subject to the terms of this Fee Agreement with an option to extend the term for a further ten (10) years in accordance with the Act. Anything contained herein to the contrary notwithstanding, the last Phase Termination Date shall be no later than the later of: (a) December 31, 2054, unless an extension of time in which to complete the Project is granted by the County pursuant to Section 12-44-30(13) of the Act or (b) December 31 of the year of the expiration of the maximum period of years that the annual fee payment is available to the Sponsor under Section 12-44-30(20) of the Act, as amended.

"Project" shall mean the Structure and the Equipment, together with the acquisition and installation thereof as acquired, in Phases.

"Project Commitment" shall have the meaning set forth in the recitals to this Fee Agreement.

"Qualifying Infrastructure Costs" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.1 of this Fee Agreement.

"Real Property" shall mean the Land identified on <u>Exhibit A</u>, together with all and singular rights, members, hereditaments and appurtenances belonging or in any way incident or appertaining thereto to the extent such become a part of the Project under this Fee Agreement, all improvements hereafter situated thereon and all fixtures hereafter attached thereto, to the extent such improvements and fixtures become part of the Project under this Fee Agreement.

"Replacement Property" shall mean any property which is placed in service as a replacement for any item of Equipment which is scrapped or sold by the Sponsor and treated as a Removed Component under Section 4.6 hereof regardless of whether such property serves the same function as the property it is replacing and regardless of whether more than one piece of property replaces any item of Equipment, but only to the extent that such property may be included in the calculation of the FILOT pursuant to Section 4.2 hereof and Section 12-44-60 of the Code.

"Special Source Revenue Credit" shall mean the Special Source Revenue Credit described in Section 4.1 hereof.

"Sponsor" shall mean [_____], a South Carolina limited liability company duly qualified to transact business in the State of South Carolina and any surviving, resulting, or transferee entity in any merger, consolidation, or transfer of assets; or any assignee hereunder which is designated by the Sponsor and approved or ratified by the County.

"Structure" shall mean the structures and other improvements to be constructed or installed upon the Real Property as part of the implementation of the Project.

"Substantial Energy Generation" shall mean generation of at least 50% of energy capacity at the Project.

Any reference to any agreement or document in this Article I or otherwise in this Fee Agreement shall be deemed to include any and all amendments, supplements, addenda, and modifications to such agreement or document.

ARTICLE II REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Section 2.1. *Representations of the County*. The County hereby represents and warrants to the Sponsor as follows:

(a) The County is a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the State which acts through the County Council as its governing body and by the provisions of the Act is authorized and empowered to enter into the transactions contemplated by this Fee Agreement and to carry out its obligations hereunder. The County has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Fee Agreement and any and all other agreements described herein or therein.

(b) Based on representations by the Sponsor, County Council evaluated the Project based on all relevant criteria including the purposes the Project is to accomplish, the anticipated dollar amount and nature of the investment resulting from the Project, and the anticipated costs and benefits to the County and following the evaluation, the County determined that (i) the Project is anticipated to benefit the general public welfare of the County by providing services, employment, recreation, or other public benefits not otherwise adequately provided locally; (ii) the Project gives rise to no pecuniary liability of the County or any incorporated municipality and to no charge against the County's general credit or taxing power; (iii) the purposes to be accomplished by the Project are proper governmental and public purposes; and (iv) the benefits of the Project are greater than the costs.

(c) Based upon representations by the Sponsor, the Project constitutes a "project" within the meaning of the Act.

(d) By proper action of the County Council, the County has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Agreement and any and all actions necessary and appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

(e) This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered on behalf of the County.

(f) The County agrees to use its best efforts to cause the Land to be located within the Multi-County Park, and the County will diligently take all reasonable acts to ensure that the Project will continuously be included with the boundaries of the Multi-County Park or another multi-county park in order that the maximum tax benefits afforded by the laws of the State of South Carolina for projects in the County located within multi-county industrial parks will be available to the Sponsor.

(g) No actions, suits, proceedings, inquiries, or investigations known to the undersigned representatives of the County are pending or threatened against or affecting the County in any court or before any governmental authority or arbitration board or tribunal, which could materially adversely affect the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or which could, in any way, adversely affect the validity or enforceability of this Agreement.

Section 2.2. Representations of the Sponsor. The Sponsor hereby represents and warrants to the County as follows:

(a) The Sponsor is duly organized and in good standing under the laws of the State of South Carolina, has power to enter into this Fee Agreement, and by proper company action has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Fee Agreement.

(b) The Sponsor's execution and delivery of this Fee Agreement and its compliance with the provisions hereof will not result in a default, not waived or cured, under any company restriction or any agreement or instrument to which the Sponsor is now a party or by which it is bound.

(c) The Sponsor intends to operate the Project as a "project" within the meaning of the Act as in effect on the date hereof. The Sponsor intends to develop, install or operate, as applicable solar power generating facilities, to conduct other legal activities and functions with respect thereto, and for such other purposes permitted under the Act as the Sponsor may deem appropriate.

(d) The availability of the payment in lieu of taxes with regard to the Economic Development Property authorized by the Act has induced the Sponsor to undertake the Project in the County.

(e) The Sponsor plans and commits to achieve its Project Commitment by the end of the Investment Period.

(f) The income tax year of the Sponsor, and accordingly the property tax year, for federal income tax purposes, ends on December 31.

(g) The Sponsor has retained legal counsel to confirm, or has had a reasonable opportunity to consult legal counsel to confirm, its eligibility for the FILOT and other incentives granted by this Fee Agreement and has not relied on the County, its officials, employees or legal representatives with respect to any question of eligibility or applicability of the FILOT and other incentives granted by this Fee Agreement.

ARTICLE III THE PROJECT

Section 3.1. *The Project*. The Sponsor has acquired and/or installed since the Commencement Date or made plans for the acquisition and/or installation of certain Equipment on the Land which comprises the Project.

Pursuant to the Act, the Sponsor and the County hereby agree that the property comprising the Project shall be Economic Development Property as defined under the Act.

Section 3.2. *Diligent Completion*. The Sponsor agrees to use its reasonable efforts to cause the acquisition, construction and installation of the Project to be completed as soon as practicable.

ARTICLE IV PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

Section 4.1. Special Source Revenue Credit. The County hereby grants to the Sponsor, subject to the provisions herein, and the Sponsor hereby accepts from the County, a Special Source Revenue Credit, in reimbursement of investment in Qualifying Infrastructure Costs as described below, to be applied to its annual fee-in-lieu of taxes liability in an amount equal to the FILOT Payments due under this Fee Agreement, to be calculated as set forth in Section 4.2, minus the Net FILOT Payment. For illustration purposes, and only as a means of illustration, a formula of this calculation is shown on Exhibit B, attached hereto, In no event may the Sponsor's aggregate Special Source Revenue Credit claimed pursuant to this Section exceed the aggregate amount of Qualifying Infrastructure Costs.

(a) The Special Source Revenue Credit shall be effective starting with the first property tax year following execution of this Fee Agreement and, so long as the Sponsor meets the Project Commitment within the Investment Period, shall remain effective for the entire Fee Term. For purposes of this Fee Agreement, "Qualifying Infrastructure Costs" shall include but not be limited to, the cost of designing, acquiring, constructing, improving, or expanding the infrastructure serving the Project and for improved or unimproved real estate in connection with the Project, and any other such similar or like expenditures authorized by the Code.

(b) If for any reason the FILOT Payment to be made with respect to any year is less than the Net FILOT Payment, thus resulting in an SSRC that is a negative number, and if a court of competent jurisdiction holds or determines that a negative SSRC is not permitted under the Park Act, the Sponsor shall not be entitled to receive the SSRC with respect to such year and shall make an additional payment to the County that is equal to the difference between the Net FILOT Payment and the FILOT Payment of that given year. Any payment made under the foregoing sentence shall be due at the time the corresponding FILOT Payment is due, shall be treated as a FILOT Payment under this Fee Agreement and shall be subject to statutory interest if not paid when due pursuant to Section 12-54-25, Code of Law of South Carolina 1976, as amended, as allowed under the FILOT Act.

Section 4.2. Negotiated FILOT Payments. Pursuant to Section 12-44-50 of the Act, the Sponsor is required to make payments in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes to the County with respect to the Project. Inasmuch as the Sponsor anticipates the Project will involve an initial investment of sufficient sums to qualify to enter into a fee in lieu of tax arrangement under Section 12-44-50(A)(1) of the Act, the County and the Sponsor have negotiated the amount of the payments in lieu of taxes in accordance therewith. In accordance therewith, the Sponsor shall make payments in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes on all the Equipment, Structures and Real Property which collectively comprise the Project and are placed in service, as follows: the Sponsor shall make payments in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes of the Project placed in service

on or before each December 31 through December 31, 2024, said payments to be made annually and to be due and payable and subject to penalty assessments on the same dates and in the same manner as prescribed by the County for *ad valorem* taxes, less the Special Source Revenue Credit. The amount of such equal annual payments in lieu of taxes shall be determined by the following procedure (subject, in any event, to the required procedures under the Act and to Section 4.4 hereof):

- Determine the fair market value of the improvements to the Real Property and Equipment in Step 1: the Phase of the Project placed in service in any given year for such year and for the following 29 years using the original income tax basis for State income tax purposes less depreciation for each year allowable to the Sponsor for any Equipment as determined in accordance with Title 12 of the Code, as amended and in effect on December 31 of the year in which each Phase becomes subject to the Fee Agreement, except that no extraordinary obsolescence shall be allowable but taking into account all applicable property tax exemptions which would be allowed to the Sponsor under State law, if the property were taxable, except those exemptions specifically disallowed under Section 12-44-50(A)(2) of the Act, as amended and in effect on December 31 of the year in which each Phase becomes subject to the Fee Agreement. The County and Sponsor also agree pursuant to Section 12-44-50(A)(1) of the Act that the value of the Real Property included in any Phase of the Project shall be its fair market value as determined by appraisal but the fair market value of the Real Property shall be subject to reappraisal by the South Carolina Department of Revenue not more than once every five (5) years.
- Step 2: Apply an assessment ratio of 6% to the fair market value as determined for each year in Step 1 to establish the taxable value of each Phase of the Project in the year it is placed in service and in each of the twenty-nine (29) years thereafter or such longer period of years that the annual fee payment is permitted to be made by the Sponsor under the Act, as amended.
- Step 3: Use a millage rate of 321.5 mils, or the combined millage rates set for the tax year 2019 by the County and Anderson County School District (or the applicable school district) (these combined millage rates being in effect on June 30 prior to the calendar year in which this Agreement is signed as permitted by Section 12-44-50(A)(1)(d) of the Act) and any other overlapping political units having taxing jurisdiction where the Real Property is located, to determine the amount of the payments in lieu of taxes which would be due in each year of the Fee Term on the payment dates prescribed by the County for such payments or such longer period of years that the annual fee payment is permitted to be made by the Sponsor under the Act, as amended.
- Step 4: Reduce the calculated amounts determined in the previous Steps by the Special Source Revenue Credit as described in Section 4.1 herein. The Special Source Revenue Credit shall be, at the option of the County, shown on the bill sent by the County to the Sponsor, or paid by a check from the County Treasurer.

In the event that it is determined by a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction or by agreement of the parties that the payment in lieu of taxes applicable to this transaction is to be calculated differently than described above, the payment shall be reset at the permitted level so determined.

In the event that the Act and/or the above-described payments in lieu of taxes are declared invalid or unenforceable, in whole or in part, for any reason, the parties express their intentions that such payments and this Fee Agreement be reformed so as to most closely effectuate the legal, valid, and enforceable intent thereof and so as to afford the Sponsor with the benefits to be derived hereof, it being the intention of the County to offer the Sponsor an inducement to locate the Project in the County. If the Project is deemed to be subject to *ad valorem* taxation, the payment in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes to be paid to the County by the

Sponsor shall become equal to the amount which would result from taxes levied on the Project by the County, municipality or municipalities, school district or school districts, and other political units as if the Project was and had not been Economic Development Property under the Act. In such event, any amount determined to be due and owing to the County from the Sponsor with respect to a year or years for which payments in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes have been previously remitted by the Sponsor to the County hereunder, shall be reduced by the total amount of payments in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes made by the Sponsor with respect to the Project pursuant to the terms hereof.

To the extent permitted by law, because the Negotiated FILOT Payments agreed to herein are intended to be paid by the Sponsor to the County in lieu of taxes, it is agreed that said Negotiated FILOT Payments shall not, as to any year, be in any amount greater than what would otherwise be payable by the Sponsor to the County in property taxes if the Sponsor had not entered into a fee-in-lieu of taxes arrangement with the County (except it is not intended that said Negotiated FILOT Payments would necessarily be less than such property taxes to the extent that the constitutional abatement of property taxes would otherwise apply).

If the Sponsor fails to meet the Act Minimum Investment Requirement by December 31, 2024, the Fee Agreement shall terminate and the Sponsor shall owe the County a retroactive tax payment in an amount equal to the difference between ad valorem property taxes on the Real Property and the Equipment subject to payments in lieu of taxes under this Fee Agreement computed as if this Fee Agreement had not been in effect for such retroactive period and FILOT Payments made under this Fee Agreement for that retroactive period, taking into account exemptions and/or abatements from property taxes that would have been available to the Sponsor, including but not limited to any exemption and/or abatement provided pursuant to Section 12-37-220(A)(7) of the Code (hereinafter "*Retroactive Tax Payment*"). The repayment obligations arising under this Section survives termination of this Fee Agreement.

Section 4.3. Payments in Lieu of Taxes on Replacement Property. If the Sponsor elects to replace any Removed Components (as defined below) and to substitute such Removed Components with Replacement Property as a part of the Project, then, pursuant and subject to Section 12-44-60 of the Act, the Sponsor shall make statutory payments in lieu of *ad valorem* taxes with regard to such Replacement Property as follows (subject in all events to the applicable provisions of the Act):

(a) to the extent that the income tax basis of the Replacement Property (the "*Replacement Value*") is less than or equal to the original income tax basis of the Removed Components (the "*Original Value*") the amount of the payments in lieu of taxes to be made by the Sponsor with respect to such Replacement Property shall be calculated in accordance with Section 4.2 hereof; provided, however, in making such calculations, the original cost to be used in Step 1 of Section 4.2 shall be equal to the lesser of (x) the Replacement Value and (y) the Original Value, and the number of annual payments to be made with respect to the Replacement Property shall be equal to thirty (30) (or, if greater, the maximum number of years for which the annual fee payments are available to the Sponsor for each portion of the Project under the Act, as amended) minus the number of annual payments which have been made with respect to the oldest Removed Components disposed of in the same property tax year as the Replacement Property is placed in service; and

(b) to the extent that the Replacement Value exceeds the Original Value of the Removed Components (the "Excess Value"), the payments in lieu of taxes to be made by the Sponsor with respect to the Excess Value shall be equal to the payment that would be due if the property were not Economic Development Property.

Section 4.4. Reductions in Payments in Lieu of Taxes Upon Removal, Condemnation or Casualty. In the event of a Diminution in Value of any Phase of the Project, the payment in lieu of taxes with regard to that Phase of the Project shall be reduced in the same proportion as the amount of such Diminution in Value bears to the original fair market value of that Phase of the Project as determined pursuant to Step 1 of Section 4.2 hereof.

Section 4.5. *Place and Allocation of Payments in Lieu of Taxes*. The Sponsor shall make the abovedescribed payments in lieu of taxes directly to the County in accordance with applicable law.

Section 4.6. Removal of Equipment. The Sponsor shall be entitled to remove the following types of components or Phases of the Project from the Project with the result that said components or Phases (the "Removed Components") shall no longer be considered a part of the Project and shall no longer be subject to the terms of this Fee Agreement: (a) components or Phases which become subject to statutory payments in lieu of ad valorem taxes; (b) components or Phases of the Project or portions thereof which the Sponsor, in its sole discretion, determines to be inadequate, obsolete, uneconomic, worn-out, damaged, unsuitable, undesirable or unnecessary; or (c) components or Phases of the Project or portions thereof which the Sponsor, in their sole discretion, elects to remove pursuant to Section 4.7(c) or Section 4.8(b)(iii) hereof. To the extent that the Special Source Revenue Credit is used as payment for personal property, including machinery and equipment, and the Removed Component is removed from the Project at any time during the life of the Negotiated FILOT Payment for said Removed Component, the amount of the Negotiated FILOT Payment on the Removed Component for the year in which the Removed Component was removed from the Project also shall be due for the two years immediately following the removal. To the extent that any Special Source Revenue Credits were used for both real property and personal property or infrastructure and personal property, all amounts will be presumed to have been first used for personal property. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Removed Component is removed from the Project but is replaced with qualifying Replacement Property, then the Removed Component will not be considered to have been removed from the property.

Section 4.7. Damage or Destruction of Project.

(a) *Election to Terminate*. In the event the Project is damaged by fire, explosion, or any other casualty, the Sponsor shall be entitled to terminate this Fee Agreement; provided, however, that (i) if there has been only partial damage of the Project due to any of such casualties and the Sponsor elects to terminate this Agreement, and (ii) the Sponsor has not met the Act Minimum Investment Requirement at the time of such termination, the Sponsor shall owe the County the Retroactive Tax Payment, but to the extent permitted by law if the Sponsor has met the Act Minimum Investment Requirement within the time period required under the Act, it shall owe no Retroactive Tax Payment.

(b) *Election to Rebuild.* In the event the Project is damaged by fire, explosion, or any other casualty, and if the Sponsor does not elect to terminate this Fee Agreement, the Sponsor may in their sole discretion commence to restore the Project with such reductions or enlargements in the scope of the Project, changes, alterations and modifications (including the substitution and addition of other property) as may be desired by the Sponsor. All such restorations and replacements shall be considered, to the extent permitted by law, substitutions of the destroyed portions of the Project and shall be considered part of the Project for all purposes hereof, including, but not limited to any amounts due by the Sponsor to the County under Section 4.2 hereof.

(c) *Election to Remove*. In the event the Sponsor elects not to terminate this Fee Agreement pursuant to subsection (a) and elects not to rebuild pursuant to subsection (b), the damaged portions of the Project shall be treated as Removed Components.

Section 4.8. Condemnation.

(a) *Complete Taking*. If at any time during the Fee Term title to or temporary use of the entire Project should become vested in a public or quasi-public authority by virtue of the exercise of a taking by

condemnation, inverse condemnation or the right of eminent domain, or by voluntary transfer under threat of such taking, or in the event that title to a portion of the Project shall be taken rendering continued occupancy of the Project commercially infeasible in the judgment of the Sponsor, the Sponsor shall have the option to terminate this Fee Agreement as of the time of vesting of title by sending written notice to the County within a reasonable period of time following such vesting.

(b) *Partial Taking*. In the event of a partial taking of the Project or transfer in lieu thereof, the Sponsor may elect: (i) to terminate this Fee Agreement; provided, however, that if the Sponsor has not met the Act Minimum Investment Requirement at the time of such termination, the Sponsor shall owe the County the Retroactive Tax Payment, but to the extent permitted by law if the Sponsor has met the Act Minimum Investment Requirement within the time period required under the Act, it shall owe no Retroactive Tax Payment; (ii) to repair and restore the Project, with such reductions or enlargements in the scope of the Project, changes, alterations and modifications (including the substitution and addition of other property) as may be desired by the Sponsor; or (iii) to treat the portions of the Project so taken as Removed Components.

Section 4.9. *Merger of Sponsor with Related Party*. The County agrees that, without again obtaining the approval of the County (to the extent permitted by the Act), the Sponsor may merge with or be acquired by a related party so long as the surviving company has an equal or greater net asset value of the Sponsor and the merged entity assumes all duties and liabilities of the Sponsor set forth in this Fee Agreement.

Section 4.10. Indemnification Covenants.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (d) below, the Sponsor shall indemnify and save the County, its employees, elected officials, officers and agents (each, an "*Indemnified Party*") harmless against and from all liability or claims arising from the County's execution of this Fee Agreement, performance of the County's obligations under this Fee Agreement or the administration of its duties pursuant to this Fee Agreement, or otherwise by virtue of the County having entered into this Fee Agreement.

(b) The County is entitled to use counsel of its choice and the Sponsor shall reimburse the County for all of its costs, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with the response to or defense against such liability or claims as described in paragraph (a), above. The County shall provide a statement of the costs incurred in the response or defense, and the Sponsor shall pay the County within 30 days of receipt of the statement. The Sponsor may request reasonable documentation evidencing the costs shown on the statement. However, the County is not required to provide any documentation which may be privileged or confidential to evidence the costs. In no event shall the Sponsor's reimbursement of these costs exceed \$8,000.

(c) The County may request the Sponsor to resist or defend against any claim on behalf of an Indemnified Party. On such request, the Sponsor shall resist or defend against such claim on behalf of the Indemnified Party, at the Sponsor's expense. The Sponsor is entitled to use counsel of its choice, manage and control the defense of or response to such claim for the Indemnified Party; provided the Sponsor is not entitled to settle any such claim without the consent of that Indemnified Party.

(d) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Sponsor is not required to indemnify any Indemnified Party against or reimburse the County for costs arising from any claim or liability (i) occasioned by the acts of that Indemnified Party, which are unrelated to the execution of this Fee Agreement, performance of the County's obligations under this Fee Agreement, or the administration of its duties under this Fee Agreement, or otherwise by virtue of the County having entered into this Fee Agreement; or (ii) resulting from that Indemnified Party's own negligence, bad faith, fraud, deceit, or willful misconduct. (e) An Indemnified Party may not avail itself of the indemnification or reimbursement of costs provided in this Section unless it provides the Sponsor with prompt notice, reasonable under the circumstances, of the existence or threat of any claim or liability, including, without limitation, copies of any citations, orders, fines, charges, remediation requests, or other claims or threats of claims, in order to afford the Sponsor notice, reasonable under the circumstances, within which to defend or otherwise respond to a claim.

Section 4.11. Confidentiality/Limitation on Access to Project. The County acknowledges and understands that the Sponsor utilizes confidential and proprietary "state-of-the-art" trade equipment and techniques and that a disclosure of any information relating to such equipment or techniques, including but not limited to disclosures of financial or other information concerning the Sponsor's operations would result in substantial harm to the Sponsor. The Sponsor may clearly label any Confidential Information delivered to the County pursuant to this Fee Agreement as confidential information ("Confidential Information"). Therefore, subject to the provisions of Section 4.12 hereof, the County agrees that, except as required by law and pursuant to the County's police powers and except as deemed reasonably necessary by the County in the performance of its duties as tax assessor and collector, and/or its duties as Auditor, neither the County nor any employee, agent or contractor of the County: (i) shall request or be entitled to receive any such Confidential Information; (ii) shall request or be entitled to inspect the Project or any property associated therewith; provided, however, that if an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing hereunder, the County shall be entitled to inspect the Project provided they shall comply with the remaining provisions of this Section; or (iii) shall disclose or otherwise divulge any such Confidential Information to any other person, firm, governmental body or agency, or any other entity unless specifically required to do so by State law. Prior to disclosing any confidential or proprietary information or allowing inspections of the Project or any property associated therewith, the Sponsor may require the execution of reasonable, individual, confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements by any officers, employees or agents of the County or any supporting or cooperating governmental agencies who would gather, receive or review such information or conduct or review the results of any inspections.

Section 4.12. *Records and Reports*. The Sponsor agrees to maintain or cause to be maintained and will make available to the County for inspection upon request of the County such books and records with respect to the Project as will permit the identification of the Equipment placed in service in each property tax year during the Investment Period, the amount of investment with respect thereto, and its computations of all payments in lieu of taxes made hereunder and to comply with all reporting requirements of the State of South Carolina and the County applicable to property subject to payments in lieu of taxes under the Act, including without limitation the reports required by Section 12-44-90 of the Act (collectively, "Filings").

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 4.12, the Sponsor may designate as Confidential Information any Filings delivered to the County segments thereof that the Sponsor believes contain proprietary, confidential, or trade secret matters. The County shall conform, to the extent permitted by law, with all reasonable, written requests made by the Sponsor with respect to maintaining confidentiality of such designated segments.

Section 4.13. Payment of Administrative Expenses. The Sponsor will reimburse the County from time to time for its Administrative Expenses promptly upon written request therefor, but in no event later than 60 days after receiving written notice from the County including a general statement of the amount and nature of the Administration Expense and requesting the payment of the same. The payment by the Sponsor of the County's Administration Expenses shall not be construed as prohibiting the County from engaging, at its discretion, the counsel of the County's choice. In no event shall the Sponsor's reimbursement of these expenses exceed \$5,000.

Section 4.14. Collection and Enforcement Rights of County. The parties acknowledge that, as provided in Section 12-44-90 of the Code, the County's right to receive payments in lieu of taxes hereunder

shall be the same as its rights conferred under Title 12 of the Code relating to the collection and enforcement of *ad valorem* property taxes and, for purposes of this application, payments in lieu of taxes due hereunder shall be considered a property tax.

Section 4.15. Assignment and Subletting. This Fee Agreement may be assigned, in whole or in part and the Project may be subleased as a whole or in part by the Sponsor so long as such assignment or sublease is made in compliance with Section 12-44-120 of the Act; provided, however, that in connection with any assignment or total subleasing by the Sponsor in which the Sponsor requests the release of the Sponsor from this Fee Agreement, the consent of the County shall be required, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The County hereby consents to transfers not requiring its consent, and to the extent any required or further consent is requested, the County may do so by passage of a resolution.

Section 4.16. County's Estoppel Certificates for Sponsor's Financing Transactions. The County agrees to deliver, and hereby authorizes the County Administrator to execute and deliver on behalf of the County without further action required on the part of the County Council, all at the expense of the Sponsor, respectively, any estoppel certificates, acknowledgements or other documents certifying, to the County Administrator's knowledge, the full force and effect of this Fee Agreement and the absence of any default hereunder and acknowledging the continuing validity of this Fee Agreement after its transfer required in any financing related transfers authorized by Section 12-44-120 of the Act, as may be reasonably requested by the Sponsor or any lender of the Sponsor from time to time in connection with any financing arrangement or financing related transfers made by the Sponsor as contemplated under Section 12-44-120 of the Act.

Section 4.17. Sponsor's Continuing Obligations After Termination by Sponsor. In the event the Sponsor terminates this Fee Agreement, the Sponsor shall continue to be obligated to the County for its indemnification covenants under Section 4.10, the payment of outstanding Administrative Expenses under Section 4.13, and any outstanding payments in lieu of taxes under Article IV or retroactive payments required under this Fee Agreement or the Act.

Section 4.18. Events of Default. The following shall be "Events of Default" under this Fee Agreement, and the term "Events of Default" shall mean, whenever used with reference to this Fee Agreement, any one or more of the following occurrences:

(a) Failure by the Sponsor to make, upon levy, the payments in lieu of taxes described in Section 4.2 hereof; provided, however, that the Sponsor shall be entitled to all redemption rights granted by applicable statutes; or

(b) Failure by the Sponsor to perform any of the other material terms, conditions, obligations or covenants of the Sponsor hereunder, which failure shall continue for a period of ninety (90) days after written notice from the County to the Sponsor specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, unless the County shall agree in writing to an extension of such time prior to its expiration.

Section 4.19. *Remedies on Default.* Whenever any Event of Default shall have occurred and shall be continuing, the County, after having given written notice to the Sponsor of such default and after the expiration of a thirty (30) day cure period the County shall grant to the Sponsor (which cure period shall not be applicable in the case of failure to make the payments in lieu of taxes due under this Fee Agreement), may take any one or more of the following remedial actions:

(a) Terminate the Fee Agreement; or

(b) Take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to collect the other amounts due and thereafter to become due or to enforce performance and observance of any obligation, agreement or covenant of the Sponsor under this Fee Agreement.

Section 4.20. *Remedies Not Exclusive.* No remedy conferred upon or reserved to the County under this Fee Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other lawful remedy now or hereafter existing. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any continuing default hereunder shall impair any such right or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, 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 County to exercise any remedy reserved to it, it shall not be necessary to give notice, other than such notice as may be herein expressly required and such notice required at law or equity which the Sponsor is not competent to waive.

Section 4.21. *Decommissioning the Project.* The Sponsor shall obtain a bond listing the County as obligee in the amount of \$50,000 to ensure performance of Sponsor's Decommissioning obligations within six months of the Abandonment, termination of the lease governing the Land, or other termination of the Project by the Sponsor. The obligations arising under this Section survive termination of this Fee Agreement.

ARTICLE V MISCELLANEOUS

Section 5.1. *Notices.* Any notice, election, demand, request or other communication to be provided under this Fee Agreement shall be effective when delivered to the party named below or when deposited with the United States Postal Service, certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows (or addressed to such other address as any party shall have previously furnished in writing to the other party), except where the terms hereof require receipt rather than sending of any notice, in which case such provision shall control:

	AS	TO	THE	COUNTY:	
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Anderson County, South Carolina Attn: Anderson County Administrator 101 S Main St. Anderson, SC 29624

WITH COPIES TO:

Leon Harmon Anderson County Attorney 101 S Main St. Anderson, SC 29624

James K. Price Nexsen Pruet, LLC 55 E. Camperdown Way, Suite 400 Greenville, SC 29601 (864) 282-1164

AS TO THE SPONSOR: [____]

WITH COPIES TO:

W. Ford Graham K&L Gates LLP 134 Meeting Street, Suite 500 Charleston, South Carolina 29401 (843) 579-5600

Section 5.2. *Binding Effect.* This Fee Agreement and each document contemplated hereby or related hereto shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Sponsor and the County and their respective successors and assigns. In the event of the dissolution of the County or the consolidation of any party of the County with any other political subdivision or the transfer of any rights of the County to any other such political subdivision, all of the covenants, stipulations, promises and agreements of this Fee Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the successors of the County from time to time and any entity, officer, board, commission, agency or instrumentality to whom or to which any power or duty of the County has been transferred.

Section 5.3. *Counterparts.* This Fee Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and all of the counterparts taken together shall be deemed to constitute one and the same instrument.

Section 5.4. *Governing Law*. This Fee Agreement and all documents executed in connection herewith shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of South Carolina.

Section 5.5. *Headings*. The headings of the articles and sections of this Fee Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not be deemed to constitute a part of this Fee Agreement.

Section 5.6. *Amendments*. The provisions of this Fee Agreement may only be modified or amended in writing by an agreement or agreements entered into between the parties.

Section 5.7. *Further Assurance*. From time to time the County agrees to execute and deliver to the Sponsor such additional instruments as the Sponsor may reasonably request to effectuate the purposes of this Fee Agreement.

Section 5.8. *Severability.* If any provision of this Fee Agreement is declared illegal, invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provisions hereof shall be unimpaired and such illegal, invalid or unenforceable provision shall be reformed so as to most closely effectuate the legal, valid and enforceable intent thereof and so as to afford the Sponsor with the maximum benefits to be derived herefrom, it being the intention of the County to offer the Sponsor the strongest inducement possible to locate the Project in the County.

Section 5.9. *Limited Obligation*. ANY OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY CREATED BY OR ARISING OUT OF THIS FEE AGREEMENT SHALL BE A LIMITED OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY, PAYABLE BY THE COUNTY SOLELY FROM THE PROCEEDS DERIVED UNDER THIS FEE AGREEMENT AND SHALL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE DEEMED TO CONSTITUTE A GENERAL OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY WITHIN THE MEANING OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR STATUTORY LIMITATION.

Section 5.10. Force Majeure. Except for payments in lieu of taxes under this Fee Agreement the due dates of which are statutorily mandated, the Sponsor shall not be responsible for any delays or non-performance caused in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, by strikes, accidents, freight embargoes, fire, floods, inability to obtain materials, conditions arising from government orders, acts or regulations, war or national emergency, or acts of God.

Section 5.11. *Execution Disclaimer.* Notwithstanding any other provisions, the County is executing this Fee Agreement as a statutory accommodation to assist the Sponsor in achieving the intended benefits and purposes of the Act. The County has made no independent legal or factual investigation regarding the particulars of this transaction and it executes this Fee Agreement in reliance upon representations by the Sponsor that this document complies with all laws and regulations, particularly those pertinent to industrial development projects in South Carolina.

[Signature page follows]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the County, acting by and through the County Council, has caused this Fee Agreement to be executed in its name and behalf by its Chairman and to be attested by the County Manager; and the Sponsor has caused this Fee Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officer, all as of the day and year first above written.

FOR ANDERSON COUNTY:

Tommy Dunn, Chairman Anderson County Council

ATTEST:

Lacey Croegaert, Anderson County Clerk to Council

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SPONSOR:

[____]

By:

Its:

Exhibit A

Description of Real Estate

A portion of that certain piece, parcel, or tract of land, with all improvements thereon, situate lying or being in the County of Anderson, State of South Carolina, bearing Tax Map Number [_____].

<u>Exhibit B</u>

Illustration of Special Source Revenue Credit Calculation

Negotiated FILOT Payment

(Fair Market Value (as adjusted for depreciation) x 6% Assessment Ratio x 321.5 mils)

Net FILOT Payment (\$11,250 (as adjusted for increases in power production)) =

> The Special Source Revenue Credit (for the applicable year)

ORDINANCE #2019-014

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 70, ARTICLE 5 OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SO AS TO CLARIFY STORAGE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the County wishes to clarify requirements for the storage of personal property in residentially zoned areas; and

WHEREAS, Anderson County Council wishes to amend Chapter 70, Article 5 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances, attached hereto and incorporated herein as <u>Exhibit A</u>.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Anderson County Council, in meeting duly assembled, that:

- 1. Chapter 70, Article 5 of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to include the language attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- 2. The remaining terms and provisions of the Anderson County Code of Ordinances not revised or affected hereby remain in full force and effect.
- 3. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be deemed unconstitutional or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance, all of which is hereby deemed separable.
- 4. All Ordinances, Orders, Resolutions, and actions of Anderson County Council inconsistent herewith are, to the extent of such inconsistency only, hereby repealed, revoked, and rescinded.
- 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon the Third Reading and Enactment by Anderson County Council.

ATTEST: Ordinance 2019-014

Rusty Burns Anderson County Administrator Tommy Dunn, Chairman Anderson County Council

Lacey Croegaert Clerk to Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leon C. Harmon, Esq. Anderson County Attorney

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

3rd Reading:

Public Hearing:

Exhibit A

5:3.1 Uses permitted

. . .

Temporary building, incidental to construction and used primarily for storage of equipment, tools building materials and other items located on the same site and which shall be completely removed for the site upon completion of such construction; or temporary sales office used exclusively for the sale of properties or dwelling units located within the same development or subdivision and contained either within a building which will be completely removed immediately after all sales are completed, or within a building which will be sold or used as a residential dwelling unit immediately after all sales are completed. "Temporary" means for a period of no longer than 180 days. Buildings used primarily for storage of items of any type that remain on a property for more than 180 days are considered permanent and shall be located in the rear yard of the property.

ORDINANCE #2019-015

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 70, ARTICLE 6 OF THE ANDERSON COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SO AS TO CLARIFY STORAGE OF COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

WHEREAS, the County wishes to clarify requirements for the storage of commercial equipment in residentially zoned areas; and

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Rusty Burns Anderson County Administrator Tommy Dunn, Chairman Anderson County Council

Lacey Croegaert Clerk to Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leon C. Harmon, Esq. Anderson County Attorney

1st Reading:

2nd Reading:

3rd Reading:

Public Hearing:

Exhibit A

6.4 *Commercial equipment and materials*. In all "R" Districts, with the exception of R-A, all commercial equipment and materials associated with an off-site business that are stored on a property must be kept enclosed or otherwise screened from public view, e.g. using 6-foot high stockade fence. Such equipment and materials may include but are not limited to tractors, backhoes, front end loaders, skidsteers, ditchwitches, grinders, chippers, shredders, large commercial equipment, or other machinery; logs, stumps, mulch, or debris; paper, plastic, and cardboard debris or containers; auto parts and tires; appliances and furniture; rock, gravel, railroad ties, building materials, or other supplies or materials.



MEMORANDUM ANDERSON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

DATE:	March 15, 2019
TO:	Lacey Croegert
	Executive Clerk to Council
FROM:	Tim Cartee
	Subdivision Administrator
CC:	Holt Hopkins, Alesia Hunter

SUBJECT: Pheasant Ridge Subdivision Phase II-III-IV

Based on the recommendation of the Roads and Bridges Department, would you please place on the next County Council Agenda for consideration of acceptance for the following roads into the County Maintenance System at their April 2, 2019 Meeting.

This will add 2,898 feet of paved roads to the county maintenance system.

Developer:	Melvin Younts
Location:	Off Hwy 24
County Council District:	5
Roads:	Pheasant Ridge Drive, Canary Drive, Robin Drive, Eagle Circle

Please feel free to contact me at (260-4719) if you need more information.

Tommy Dunn Chairman, District 5

Ray Graham

Craig Wooten Council District 1

Brett Sanders Council District 4

Cindy Wilson Council District 7

Lacey Croegaert

ANDERSON COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

Rusty Burns | County Administrator rbums@andersoncountysc.org

Gracie Floyd Council District 2 V. Chairman, District 3

Jimmy Davis Council District 6

Clerk to Council

401 E Rivers Street, Anderson, SC 29621 | www.andersoncountysc.org



MEMORANDUM ANDERSON COUNTY ROADS AND BRIDGES

DATE:	March 15, 2019
TO:	Alesia Hunter Development Standards
FROM:	Norman McGill Roadway Management Supervisor
CC:	Holt Hopkins
SUBJECT:	Pheasant Ridge Phases 2, 3, and 4

To the best of my ability, I certify that there are no known drainage issues in **Pheasant Ridge Phases 2, 3**, and 4. All drainage facilities and roadways within the proposed county right of way meet the county standards that were approved by the Planning Commission from the preliminary plat. These phases of this subdivision are now eligible to be considered for acceptance into the county maintenance system. This will add 2,898 feet of paved roads to the county maintenance system.

District: 5

Location: Pheasant Ridge Phase 2, 3, and 4 (Pheasant Ridge Subdivision off of Highway 24 in Anderson) Roads: Pheasant Ridge Drive (P-09-0486_1), Pheasant Ridge Drive (P-09-0486_2), Canary Drive (P-09-0487)

Robin Drive (P-09-0488), and Eagle Circle (P-09-0509)

Tommy Dunn Chairman, District 5 Craig Wooten Council District 1 Brett Sanders Council District 4

Jimmy Davis

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Cindy Wilson Council District 7

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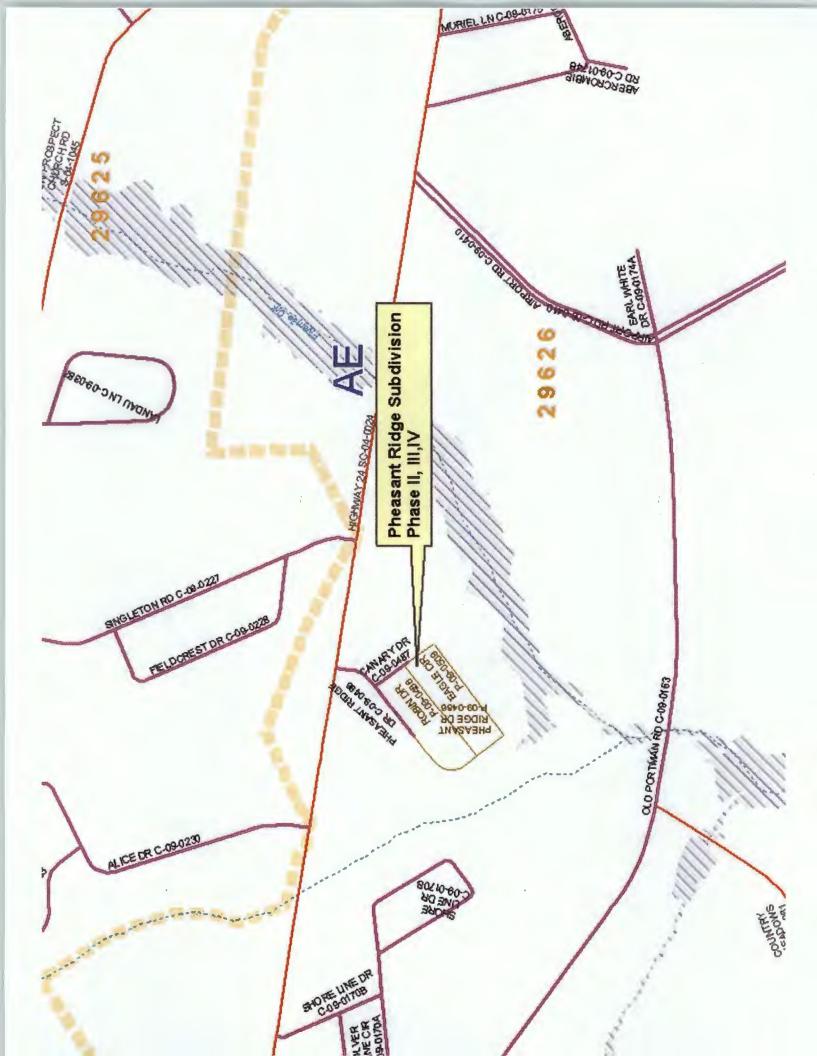
ANDERSON COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

Rusty Burns | County Administrator

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Ray Graham V. Chairman, District 3 Gracie Floyd Council District 2 Lacey Croegaert Clerk to Council

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MEMORANDUM

TO:	RUSTY BURNS
FROM:	STEVE NEWTON
CC:	LACEY CROEGAERT, CLERK TO COUNCIL
DATE:	MARCH 27, 2019
RE:	ITEM FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION- DUKE ENERGY WATER RESOURCES PROGRAM GRANT

As you are aware, the County received a request for assistance from the City of Belton for a project at Belton Landing on the Saluda River. This city-owned property has been targeted in the Saluda River Blue Trail master plan as a location for site and access improvements.

In partnership with the City of Belton, the County submitted a no-required-match grant application to the Duke Energy Foundation for funding from their Water Resource Grant Program. With Belton's blessings, the County served as the applicant for this grant since we have an established track record with the Duke Foundation and can demonstrate sufficient institutional capacity to carry out the project.

I am pleased to advise you that the Duke Energy Foundation has offered an award for this project in the amount of \$100,000. Funding will be used to improve the existing site and install an ADA-accessible kayak launch. Belton will work with an accredited firm to finalize construction plans, and the County will bid out and manage the project under the auspices of the Parks Department.

I am requesting formal permission from County Council to have Mr. Dunn and Mr. Burns execute the attached grant agreement. This project is expected to enhance nature-based tourism opportunities in Belton and Eastern Anderson County and help to ensure longterm preservation of the Saluda River. Again, this is a no-match grant and the project can be done with the funding provided by the granting agency.

Attached also please find a location map and site plan for the project.

Tommy Dunn Chalman, District 5

Ray Graham

V. Chairman, District 3

Craig Wooten Council District 1 Brett Sanders Council District 4 Cindy Wilson Council District 7 ANDERSON COUNTY SOUTH CAROLINA

Gracie Floyd Council District 2 Jimmy Davis Council District 6 Lacey Croegaert Clerk to Council Rusty Burns County Administrator rburns@andersoncountysc.org

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COMMENTY FOUNDATION



Information in this document is considered CONFIDENTIAL, including your grant recipient status, until Duke Energy issues a news release announcing all grant recipients at once.

March 16, 2019

Mr. Steve Newton Anderson County PO Box 8002 Room 316 Anderson, SC 29622-8002

Dear Mr. Newton:

We are pleased to inform you that the Advisory Committee for the Duke Energy Water Resources Fund has approved a grant of \$100,000.00 for the Belton Landing Blue Trailhead and Kayak Launch. Grant funds are awarded from the Duke Energy Water Resources Fund, which is administered by North Carolina Community Foundation. On behalf of The Duke Energy Foundation ("Duke Energy"), we congratulate you on your success in attaining this funding.

Grant funds are to be used ONLY for the following purposes, according to grantee's proposal:

Mobilization & Demolition	\$5,000	
Clearing & Grubbing	\$3,300	
Silt Fence	\$2,025	
Construction Entrance	\$3,000	
Strip, Stockpile & Spread Topsoil	\$7,500	
Fence Removal	\$1,625	
Fine Grading (Pavement, Slopes, etc.)	\$3,600	
Fence	\$5,500	
5' Concrete Sidewalk	\$3,500	
Striping, Paint & Signage	\$3,000	
Kayak Launch	\$45,000	
Bollards	\$4,800	
Site Furnishings	\$3,200	
Asphalt Parking Lot with Gravel Base	\$8,950	

The terms of this award are as follows:

- This grant is being made for the specific project and/or components of the project outlined in your grant proposal. If any changes to your project are needed, contact Foundation staff to discuss amendments and to obtain approval to proceed prior to implementing any changes.
- 2. Payment of the grant will be scheduled upon receipt of a signed copy of this award letter and confirmation that all pre-grant conditions as listed below have been satisfied.
- 3. The Grantee agrees to distribute a press release. A press release template will be provided, and it must be reviewed and approved by Duke Energy in advance of distribution.
- 4. The Grantee must complete the funded project within the <u>18-month</u> grant term. If necessary, the Grantee may submit a written request for an extension, which must be received by the Foundation at least sixty (60) days in advance of the report deadline. The Foundation will notify the Grantee in writing of its decision regarding the extension.
- 5. The Grantee agrees to submit report(s) describing the project and an explanation of how the funds were spent as listed in conditions below. False reporting or failure to submit such reports by the date(s) specified may obligate the Grantee to refund the grant.

6. Conditions:

a. Should the project exceed expectations or experience challenges, an interim report will be required. It is the responsibility of the Grantee to contact Foundation staff to report such an event.

- b. A final report is required for this program and is due on November 1, 2020. Format to be provided by Duke Energy.
- 7. The Foundation reserves the right to conduct an independent evaluation of your project and a verification of grant expenditures. The Grantee agrees to provide the information necessary to complete such an evaluation. Failure to submit requested information in a timely fashion may obligate the Grantee to refund the grant.
- 8. To the extent allowed by North Carolina law, the Foundation is not responsible for any actions of the Grantee, and furthermore the Grantee agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Duke Energy, Duke Energy Corporation and its affiliates, the Foundation, its agents and employees, and the Trustees/Board from any liability, loss, cost, injury, damage or other expense that may be incurred by the Grantee or claimed by any third person against it as a result of funding of the project or any action or non-action taken in connection with the project.

Your acceptance of the grant includes agreement to all terms and/or conditions. Please sign below indicating acceptance of the grant and return an original of this award letter to North Carolina Community Foundation no later than **Friday**, **March 29**, **2019**. Should you need any other information, please contact Leslie Ann Jackson at 919.256.6913 or lajackson@nccommunityfoundation.org.

You may mention this grant in other public information or materials you publish (after the grant has been publicly announced by Duke Energy), however, please use the following statement to describe the Duke Energy Water Resources Fund:

The Duke Energy Foundation is investing \$10 million to fund programs benefiting waterways in the Carolinas or immediately downstream of our operational facilities in Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia. The fund supports science-based, research-supported projects and programs that provide direct benefits in water quality, fish and wildlife habitats, public use and access to waterways, and public awareness about individuals' roles in protecting water resources.

Please use the following statement to describe North Carolina Community Foundation in publications:

North Carolina Community Foundation administers the Duke Energy Water Resources Fund across the entire geographic scope of the grant program. The Foundation is the single statewide community foundation in North Carolina, serving the philanthropic needs of donors and a broad range of charitable purposes in North Carolina. Visit www.nccommunityfoundation.org.

The NC Community Foundation is pleased to assist you with this grant.

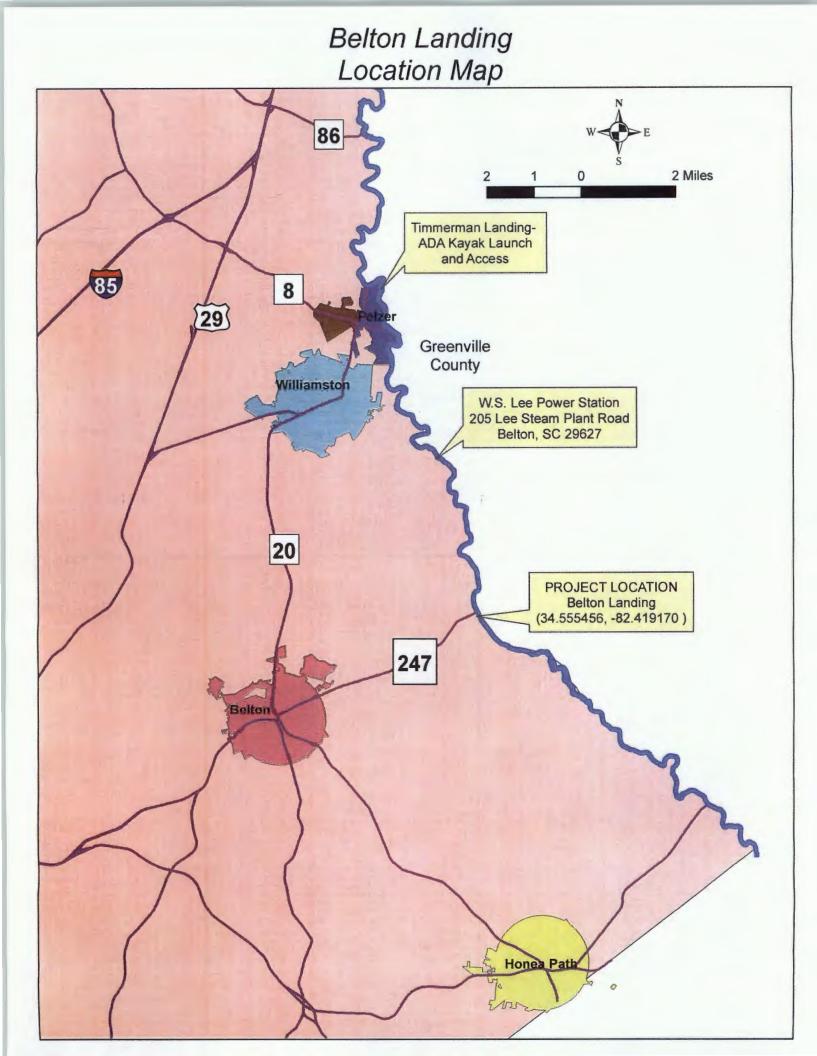
Kind Regards,

Leslie Ann Jackson Vice President of Community Investment and Engagement North Carolina Community Foundation

Acceptance of Grant

The Grantee hereby accepts this grant and any terms and contingencies as stated in this award letter. The Grantee agrees that if it does not meet conditions stated, the grant will be forfeited. The Grantee also agrees that if it does not provide reports by the designated deadline(s), the Grantee will return all grant funds upon request. Acceptance requires the signatures of an executive officer and a financial officer of the grantee organization (or their equivalents) who have authority to agree to these terms.

Name (Print)	Signature	
Title (Print)	Date	
Name (Print)	Signature	
Title (Print)	Date	





Saluda River Trailhead

Scale: 1"=30'-0" | January 2019

RECREATION FUND APPROPRIATIONS APPLICATION FORM

WHAT DISTRICT(S) ARE YOU REQUESTING FUNDING FROM: DISTRICT: 1, 2, 4

Mail/Email/Fax to: Anderson County Council Clerk P. O. Box 8002 Anderson, SC 29622 lacroegaert@andersoncountysc.org Fax: 864-260-4356

- Name of entity requesting recreation fund appropriation: 1.
- Proverbs Mentoring Organization Amount of request (If requesting funds from more than one district, annotate amount from each district): \$1,000 from each district
- 3. The purpose for which the funds are being requested: The funds being requested are for a college football recruiting exposure trip for local Anderson County High School students. 4. Is the entity a non-profit corporation in good standing with the South Carolina Secretary of State? If so,
- please attach evidence of that good standing. Y_{esc}
- 5. Contact Person: Don Peppers Mailing Address: PO Box 15 Phone Number: 864-209-5632 Email: pdon 3944@gmail.com
- 6. Statement as to whether the entity will be providing matching funds: No

I certify that the forgoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am authorized to make this application on behalf of the above named entity.

3-26-19 ld b, tegers Print Name Signature

South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond

Business Entities Online

File, Search, and Retrieve Documents Electronically

Proverbs Mentoring Organization

Corporate Information

Entity Type: Nonprofit

Status: Good Standing

Domestic/Foreign: Domestic

Incorporated State: South Carolina

Registered Agent

Agent: Donald B. Peppers

Address: 132 Kenwood Dr

Anderson, South Carolina 29625

Official Documents On File

Filing Type	Filing Date
501(c)(3) Attachment	01/08/2018
Articles of Incorporation.	01/08/2018

For filing questions please contact us at 803-734-2158

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Important Dates

Effective Date: 01/08/2018

Expiration Date: N/A

Term End Date: N/A

Dissolved Date: N/A



CAMP PROVERBS ♦ CAMP ESSENCE ♦ AB HONOR ROLL ♦ EXTRA M.I.L.E.

March 8, 2019

Kenneth Cunningham Proverbs Mentoring Organization PO Box 15 Pendleton, South Carolina 29670

Ms. Gracie Floyd 1201 Ramona Dr. Belton, SC 29627

Dear Ms. Gracie Floyd,

First I would like to thank you again for your generous donation to the Proverbs Mentoring Organization for helping us send 12 young men from Anderson County, Districts 1, 2, & 4, to visit multiple colleges in Georgia & Alabama. Out of that group all five seniors will be graduating this June and will be attending college this Fall. Two are from District 2, Jaydon McKinney will attend Coffeyville College in Kansas and Quinn Adams will attend Victor Valley College in California.

Proverbs Mentoring Organization is looking to raise money to send another group of young men to visit multiple colleges this April during their Spring Break. This trip gets young men from the Anderson community out to experience colleges and universities that they might not get the chance to. Last year they got to visit schools like Georgia Tech, Georgia State, Samford, and The University of Alabama. They also got a cultural and educational experience by visiting the Civil Rights Institute in Birmingham, Alabama.

I'm writing to you to ask if you would support our program again with another monetary donation. Your donation will help pay for travel expenses: Van rental, Hotel, and Food cost. This helps so the kids don't have to pay for this valuable opportunity.

If you would like to speak further about this endeavor feel free to email me at ikcunningham64@gmail.com or the Founder of Proverbs Mentoring Organization, Don Peppers pdon3944@gmail.com or call (864) 209-5632. We will be able to answer any questions you have and give you more information about the organization.

Thank you in advance for your contribution. You have no idea how much it means to have your support. If you would like to mail your donation, please send it to PO Box 15 Pendleton, SC 29670 or contact Don Peppers to set up another donation method.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Cunningham



CAMP PROVERBS ♦ CAMP ESSENCE ♦ AB HONOR ROLL ♦ EXTRA M.I.L.E.

March 8, 2019

Kenneth Cunningham Proverbs Mentoring Organization PO Box 15 Pendleton, South Carolina 29670

Dear Mr. Brett Sanders,

My name is Kenneth Cunningham with Proverbs Mentoring Organization, a 501-c3 non-profit organization from the Anderson Area. Our Organization is dedicated to enhance youth leadership skills by mentoring through C.A.R.E., community service, academics & athletics, religion, and entrepreneurship. The flagship program Camp Proverbs has been in existence for over 10 years. The organization and its founder Don Peppers was featured in the Anderson Magazine last year.

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I'm writing to you to ask if you would support our program with a monetary donation. Last year we had council members from district 1 and 2 to donate. We are hoping that you would help this year also since we will have young men from the Pendleton/LaFrance area. Your donation will help pay for travel expenses: Van rental, Hotel, and Food cost. This helps so the kids don't have to pay for this valuable opportunity.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Cunningham



CAMP PROVERBS ♦ CAMP ESSENCE ♦ AB HONOR ROLL ♦ EXTRA M.I.L.E.

March 8, 2019

Kenneth Cunningham Proverbs Mentoring Organization PO Box 15 Pendleton, South Carolina 29670

Dear Mr. Craig Wooten,

First I would like to thank you again for your generous donation to the Proverbs Mentoring Organization for helping us send 12 young men from Anderson County, Districts 1, 2, & 4, to visit multiple colleges in Georgia & Alabama. Out of that group all five seniors will be graduating this June and will be attending college this Fall. One of those seniors is from District One, Jay Lagroon. He has decided to attend The Citadel in the Fall.

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I'm writing to you to ask if you would support our program again with another monetary donation. Last year you donated \$1000 and we are hoping you can give that again or more. Your donation will help pay for travel expenses: Van rental, Hotel, and Food cost. This helps so the kids don't have to pay for this valuable opportunity.

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Cunningham

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1. Name of entity requesting recreation fund appropriation:

Juhior League of Anderson County

- 2. Amount of request (If requesting funds from more than one district, annotate amount from each district): $\$ \le 0 0$
- 3. The purpose for which the funds are being requested:

4. Is the entity a non-profit corporation in good standing with the South Carolina Secretary of State? If so, please attach evidence of that good standing.

5.

6. Statement as to whether the entity will be providing matching funds:

Funds will be given to our seats for Safety committee to provide car seats to those in heed in Anderson County.

I certify that the forgoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am authorized to make this application on behalf of the above named entity.

3/27/19 Stephrinie Irby



State of South Carolina Office of the Secretary of State The Honorable Mark Hammond

Oct 25, 2018

Junior League of Anderson County, Inc. Eugenia Hall PO BOX 931 ANDERSON, SC 296220931

RE: Registration Confirmation

Charity Public ID: P6684

Dear Eugenia Hall:

This letter confirms that the Secretary of State's Office has received and accepted your Registration, therefore, your charitable organization is in compliance with the registration requirement of the "South Carolina Solicitation of Charitable Funds Act." The registration of your charitable organization will expire on Oct 15, 2019.

If any of the information on your Registration form changes throughout the course of the year, please contact our office to make updates. It is important that this information remain updated so that our office can keep you informed of any changes that may affect your charitable organization.

If you have not yet filed your annual financial report or an extension for the annual financial report, the annual financial report is still due 4 ½ months after the close of your fiscal year.

- Annual financial reports must either be submitted on the Internal Revenue Service Form 990 or 990-EZ or the Secretary of State's Annual Financial Report Form.
- If you wish to extend the filing of that form with us, please submit a written request by email or fax to our office using the contact information below. Failure to submit the annual financial report may result in an administrative fine of up to \$2,000.00.

If you have any questions or concerns, please visit our website at www.sos.sc.gov or contact our office using the contact information below.

Sincerely,

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Kimberly S. Wickersham Director, Division of Public Charities

South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond

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JUNIOR LEAGUE OF ANDERSON COUNTY, INC.

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Corporate Information

Entity Type: Nonprofit

Status: Good Standing

Domestic/Foreign: Domestic

Incorporated State: South Carolina

Registered Agent

Agent: Eugenia Hall

Address: 303 E Greenville St

Anderson, South Carolina 29621

Official Documents On File

Filing Type	Filing Date
Notice of Change of Registered Office or Registered Agent or Both of a Nonprofit Corporation	08/09/2017
Change of Agent or Office	12/18/2015
Amendment	01/26/1993
Amendment	09/02/1992
Amendment	06/04/1991
Incorporation	04/05/1973

Former Names

Name	Filing Date
ANDERSON JUNIOR ASSEMBLY OPPORTUNITIES, INC.	N/A
ANDERSON JUNIOR LEAGUE, INC.	N/A
ASSOCIATION OF JUNIOR LEAGUES INTERNATIONAL INC.	N/A

For filing questions please contact us at 803-734-2158

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Important Dates

Effective Date: 04/05/1973

Expiration Date: N/A

Term End Date: N/A

Dissolved Date: N/A

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RECREATION FUND APPROPRIATIONS APPLICATION FORM

WHAT DISTRICT(S) ARE YOU REQUESTING FUNDING FROM: DISTRICT: 6

Mail/Email/Fax to: Anderson County Council Clerk P. O. Box 8002 Anderson, SC 29622 lacroegaert@andersoncountysc.org Fax: 864-260-4356

- 1. Name of entity requesting recreation fund appropriation: Foothills Community Foundation for the benefit of Go Play Outside - Disc Golf
- 2. Amount of request (If requesting funds from more than one district, annotate amount from each district): \$2,000.00
- 3. The purpose for which the funds are being requested: Purchase and installation of 18 Disc Golf Baskets at Hurricane Springs Park
- 4. Is the entity a non-profit corporation in good standing with the South Carolina Secretary of State? If so, please attach evidence of that good standing. Yes

5.	Contact Person:	Dean Woods / Cindy Kibler
	Mailing Address:	907 N Main St Anderson SC 29621
	Phone Number:	222.9096
	Email:	info@foothillsfoundation.org

6. Statement as to whether the entity will be providing matching funds: Matching funds are being provided by course partners in the amount of \$3,000 from Go Play Outside and Kyle Taylor, who has championed the effort at Hurricane Springs.

I certify that the forgoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and that I am authorized to make this application on behalf of the above named entity.

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Signature

South Carolina Secretary of State Mark Hammond

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FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Corporate Information

Entity Type: Nonprofit

Status: Good Standing

Domestic/Foreign: Domestic

Incorporated State: South Carolina

Registered Agent

Agent: ROBERT N. RAINEY

Address: 907 NORTH MAIN STREET SUITE 201 ANDERSON, South Carolina 29621

Official Documents On File

Filing Type	Filing Date
Change of Agent or Office	01/21/2011
Incorporation	02/05/1999

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Expiration Date: N/A

Term End Date: N/A

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