



CONNECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY AGREEMENT

Project Title: [INSERT NAME]

[INSERT FULL LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT] (the "**Customer**") has requested and Canadian Niagara Power Inc. ("**Canadian Niagara Power**") has agreed to perform the Work described in the Scope of Work attached hereto as Schedule "A", under the Standard Study Agreement Terms and Conditions for Distribution Connections attached hereto as Schedule "B" (the "**Standard Terms and Conditions**") and both forming a part hereof (the "**Agreement**") dated this [■] day of [■], 20[■].

PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed project is the connection of [INSERT PROJECT DESCRIPTION] with a generating capacity of [SIZE IN KW OR MW] located at [INSERT ADDRESS] (the "**Generation Facility**") to Canadian Niagara Power's distribution system at [INSERT LOCATION] with a feeder voltage of [INSERT FEEDER VOLTAGE] kVA and Feeder Operating Designation of [INSERT FEEDER DESIGNATION] (the "**Proposed Project**").

TERM

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date first written above and terminate two (2) years thereafter.

INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The Customer, at its own expense, shall provide Canadian Niagara Power with the following:

- a) site location map(s) with suitable details of the Generation Facility, line routing, and the proposed connection to Canadian Niagara Power's distribution system;
- b) Canadian Niagara Power's information package (Form B or equivalent) signed by a Professional Engineer licensed in Ontario; and
- c) any other information as may be required and requested by Canadian Niagara Power in order to conduct the Work, including, without limitation:
 - (i) arrange to have a CIA performed by Hydro One Inc. ("**Hydro One**") and/or arrange to have a System Impact Assessment ("**SIA**") performed by the Independent Electricity System Operator (the "**IESO**");
 - (ii) verification or clarification on all Proposed Project-specific connection details specified in the Customer's Form B application, including, but not limited to (this information is also applicable to existing generation located on the same site as the Proposed Project):
 - connecting station and feeder designations, and voltage level;
 - interface transformer characteristics such as MVA rating, winding connections, rated voltage levels on both windings, positive and zero sequence impedances, ULTC parameters, etc.;



- intermediate transformer characteristics such as MVA rating, winding connections, rated voltage levels on both windings, positive and zero sequence impedances, ULTC parameters, etc.;
- Generation Facility characteristics such as type (synchronous, induction, static power converter, or hybrid), manufacturer and model number, MW and MVA ratings, voltage levels, impedances (or LLL and LG fault contributions at Generation Facility's terminal), grounding methods, winding connections, fuel source technology, power factor correction system parameters, etc.;
- Proposed Project line tap information, including length, conductor size, routing and ownership;
- Proposed Project location information, including site plan, and GPS coordinates;
- Proposed Project connection point location information and GPS coordinates;
- Generation Facility single line diagrams; and
- Generation Facility protection philosophy; and

(iii) execute any written consents required so that Canadian Niagara Power, Hydro One, or any other local distribution company impacted by the Proposed Project (an "Impacted LDC") can have a third party(ies) perform the appropriate study on their behalf.

COMPLETION DATE

Canadian Niagara Power shall complete the Work, by no later than 60 days after the later of:

- a) both the Customer and Canadian Niagara Power executing this Agreement;
- b) the Customer paying Canadian Niagara Power the amount(s) specified below under the heading "Costs", including any amounts payable to an Impacted LDC, the IESO, or Hydro One; or
- c) the Customer providing the information described above under the heading "Information Requirements".

IMPACT OF CUSTOMER CHANGES TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CUSTOMER – BEFORE THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THE "SCOPE OF WORK" IS COMPLETED

Should the Customer make any changes to the information provided by the Customer (as described above under the heading "Information Requirements") after Canadian Niagara Power has commenced the Work, and such changes:

- a) result in an increase in the cost of Canadian Niagara Power performing the Work above the payment contemplated below under the heading "Costs", the Customer shall make such further payment as may be required by Canadian Niagara Power in the time specified by Canadian Niagara Power; and
- b) otherwise affect any other provision of this Agreement, such as the time required for completion of the Work, the parties shall negotiate and agree upon the required amendments to this Agreement and Canadian Niagara Power shall be under no obligation to resume performance of the Work until such time as the parties agree on such amendments.

IMPACT OF CUSTOMER CHANGES TO INFORMATION PROVIDED BY CUSTOMER – AFTER THE WORK DESCRIBED IN THE "SCOPE OF WORK" IS COMPLETED



Should Canadian Niagara Power have to re-perform all or any part of the Work and/or have a Hydro One, an Impacted LDC, or the IESO re-perform Work (the "**Work Revisions**") as a consequence of any of the following during the term of the Agreement:

- the Customer making changes to the Proposed Project;
- the Customer making changes to any of the information provided by the Customer as described above under the heading "Information Requirements";
- Where applicable, the SIA performed for or in respect of the Proposed Project;
- Where applicable, the IESO making any changes to the SIA performed for or in respect of the Project;
- where applicable, the CIA issued by Hydro One or an Impacted LDC for or in respect of the Proposed Project; or
- where applicable, Hydro One or an Impacted LDC requiring any changes to the CIA performed for or in respect of the Proposed Project,

the Customer shall pay Canadian Niagara Power the amount requested by Canadian Niagara Power, in writing, for such Work Revisions. Canadian Niagara Power's written request shall include a brief description of the scope of the Work Revisions and the number of days from receipt of payment and receipt of any information as may be required and requested by Canadian Niagara Power in order to be able to perform the Work Revisions that Canadian Niagara Power estimates will be required to perform the Work Revisions.

Furthermore and where applicable, should the Customer make any changes to the Proposed Project and/or to any of the information provided or to be provided by the Customer as described above under the heading "Information Requirements", the Customer shall also be responsible for paying Canadian Niagara Power any amount payable to, the IESO to perform the SIA for or in respect of the Proposed Project, or Hydro One or an Impacted LDC to perform the CIA for or in respect of the revised Proposed Project.

COSTS

- a) The Customer shall pay Canadian Niagara Power the amount of \$[■] (plus applicable Taxes) for the Work described in the Scope of Work upon the execution of this Agreement.
- b) Where applicable, the Customer shall also pay Canadian Niagara Power, and Canadian Niagara Power will deposit on the Customer's behalf, any amount required by the IESO for a SIA and/or an Impacted LDC or Hydro One for a CIA. In the event that all or any part of such deposit is refunded to Canadian Niagara Power, Canadian Niagara Power agrees to pay the refund to the Customer by no later than 30 days after receipt of the refund by Canadian Niagara Power. If costs are more than the deposit, the Customer agrees to pay the difference between the cost of the studies and the deposit in accordance with the invoices rendered to Canadian Niagara Power.
- c) Should the Customer cancel the Proposed Project or terminate this Agreement or should Canadian Niagara Power terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 9 of the Standard Terms and Conditions:
 - (i) *prior* to Canadian Niagara Power performing the pre-CIA check, Canadian Niagara Power will refund 100% of the amounts paid by the Customer under the terms of this Agreement within 60 days after the Customer cancelled the Proposed Project or this Agreement was terminated, less any amounts payable to the IESO for a SIA and/or an Impacted LDC or Hydro One for its CIA;



- (ii) *after* Canadian Niagara Power has performed the CIA check but *prior* to Canadian Niagara Power assigning the CIA to a Planner, then Canadian Niagara Power will retain 25% of the amounts paid by the Customer under the terms of this Agreement as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, and refund the remaining 75% to the Customer within 60 days after the Customer cancelled the Proposed Project or this Agreement was terminated, less any amounts payable to the IESO for a SIA and/or an Impacted LDC or Hydro One for its CIA;
- (iii) *after* Canadian Niagara Power has assigned the work to a Planner, then Canadian Niagara Power will retain 50% of the amounts paid by the Customer under the terms of this Agreement as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, and refund the remaining 50% to the Customer within 60 days after the Customer cancelled the Proposed Project or this Agreement was terminated, less any amounts payable to the IESO for a SIA and/or an Impacted LDC or Hydro One for its CIA; or
- (iv) *after* Canadian Niagara Power's CIA has been completed and irrespective of whether it has been delivered to the Customer, Canadian Niagara Power will retain 100% of the amounts paid by the Customer under the terms of this Agreement as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, including any amounts paid to the IESO for a SIA and/or an Impacted LDC or Hydro One for its CIA.

GST/HST REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The GST/HST registration number for Canadian Niagara Power is 872498225 RT0001 and the GST/HST registration number for the Customer is [INSERT REGISTRATION NUMBER].

NOTICES

Any notice, demand, consent, request or other communication required or permitted to be given or made under or in relation to the Agreement shall be given or made: by courier or other personal form of delivery; by registered mail; by facsimile; or by electronic mail. Notices to the Customer shall be addressed to [NAME], [TITLE], [MAILING ADDRESS], [EMAIL ADDRESS], and [FAX NUMBER]. Notices to Canadian Niagara Power shall be addressed to: Engineering Department, Canadian Niagara Power, 1130 Bertie Street, Fort Erie, ON, L2A 1Y2, or by email to cnppanning2@cnpower.com.

A notice, demand, consent, request or other communication shall be deemed to have been made as follows:

- a) where given or made by courier or other form of personal delivery, on the date of receipt;
- b) where given or made by registered mail, on the sixth day following the date of mailing;
- c) where given or made by facsimile, on the day and at the time of transmission as indicated on the sender's facsimile transmission report; and
- d) where given or made by electronic mail, on the day and at the time when the notice, demand, consent, request or other communication is recorded by the sender's electronic communications system as having been received at the electronic mail destination.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by the signatures of their proper officers duly authorized in that behalf.

[FULL LEGAL NAME OF APPLICANT]

Name:

Title:

CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER INC.

Name:

Title:

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SCHEDULE A

"SCOPE OF WORK"

CONNECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDY

- a) Canadian Niagara Power will conduct and provide a Connection Impact Assessment to determine the feasibility of the proposed connection arrangement for the Proposed Project. The Connection Impact Assessment will review the impact of the connection of the Proposed Project on Canadian Niagara Power's distribution facilities. The Connection Impact Assessment may also include the results of any study performed by an Impacted LDC, the IESO, or Hydro One (as applicable). Therefore, separate study agreements to determine the feasibility of the Proposed Project may also need to be signed by Canadian Niagara Power to facilitate the Customer's request.
- b) Canadian Niagara Power will review the Customer supplied detailed single line diagram ("SLD") and provide comments with regard to interface connection items.

Note: The purpose of Canadian Niagara Power review of the SLD and other information is to establish that the Customer's electrical interface design meets Canadian Niagara Power's and/or Hydro One's minimum requirements to permit the initial connection of the Generation Facility. It is the Customer's responsibility to ensure that its Generation Facility causes no negative impacts to Canadian Niagara Power's or Hydro One's distribution system, Hydro One's transmission system, or any customers of Canadian Niagara Power or Hydro One.

- c) Canadian Niagara Power will advise the Customer of site-specific requirements for each of the alternative connections that are identified by the Connection Impact Assessment.
- d) Canadian Niagara Power and Hydro One will describe the necessary modifications to Hydro One's transmission system and/or Canadian Niagara Power's or Hydro One's distribution system based on Hydro One's and Canadian Niagara Power's respective reviews of the Proposed Project in order to permit the connection of the Generation Facility.
- e) Where an alternative protection or connection scheme acceptable to Canadian Niagara Power and Hydro One is determined, Canadian Niagara Power will determine and provide the Customer with an estimate of the cost of additions and modifications to the distribution facilities for the protection or connection scheme. Canadian Niagara Power and Hydro One will indicate the time required to implement such additions and modifications and the period of time for which the cost estimate is valid.
- f) Where an alternative protection or connection scheme acceptable to Canadian Niagara Power and Hydro One cannot be determined, Canadian Niagara Power will determine and provide the Customer with an estimate of the cost of additions and modifications to Hydro One's transmission and Canadian Niagara Power's or Hydro One's distribution facilities for transfer-trip. Canadian Niagara Power will indicate the time required to implement such additions and modifications and the period of time for which the cost estimate is valid.

SCHEDULE B

"Standard Study Agreement Terms and Conditions for Distribution Connections"

1. DEFINITIONS

In the Agreement, unless there is something in the subject matter or context inconsistent therewith, the following words shall have the following meanings:

"Actual Cost" means Canadian Niagara Power's charge for equipment, labour and materials at Canadian Niagara Power's standard rates plus Canadian Niagara Power's standard overheads and interest thereon.

"Applicable Laws" means any and all applicable laws, including environmental laws, statutes, codes, licensing requirements, treaties, directives, rules, regulations, protocols, policies, by-laws, orders, injunctions, rulings, awards, judgments or decrees or any requirement or decision or agreement with or by any government or government department, commission, board, court or agency.

"Business Day" means a day that is not a Saturday, Sunday, statutory holiday in Ontario or any other day on which the principal chartered banks located in the City of Toronto are not open for business during normal banking hours.

"Code" means the *Distribution System Code*, the code of standards and requirements issued by the Ontario Energy Board on June 27, 2007, as it may be amended, revised or replaced in whole or in part from time to time.

"Confidential Information" means:

- (i) the terms of the Agreement and the operations and dealings under the Agreement;
- (ii) all information disclosed by a party to the other party under the Agreement or in negotiating the Agreement which by its nature is confidential to the party disclosing the information, including, but not limited to, design and system specifications of Canadian Niagara Power's distribution and transmission systems; and
- (iii) all interpretative reports or other data generated by a party that are based in whole or in part on information that is made Confidential Information by clauses (i) and (ii).

"Connection Agreement" means the form of connection agreement appended to the *Code* as Appendix "E", as appropriate to the Customer.

"Connection Impact Assessment" or **"CIA"** means a connection impact assessment performed by Canadian Niagara Power pursuant to the requirements of the *Code* for or in respect of the Proposed Project.

"Customer's Facilities" has the meaning set forth in the *Code*, and includes, but is not limited to any new, modified or replaced Customer's Facilities.

"Good Utility Practice" has the meaning set forth in the *Code*.

"IESO" means the Independent Electricity System Operator.

"Person" shall include individuals, trusts, partnerships, firms and corporation or any other legal entity.

"Representative" means (i) a Person controlling or controlled by or under common control of a party and each of the respective directors, officers, employees and independent contractors of a party and such party's Representative, (ii) any consultants, agents or legal, financial or professional advisors of a party or such party's Representative and (iii) in the case of Customer, any institution providing or considering providing financing for the Proposed Project, including such institution's directors, officers, employees and independent contractors or its consultants, agents or legal, financial or professional advisors.

"System Impact Assessment" or **"SIA"** means any system impact assessment performed by the IESO under the Market Rules related to the Proposed Project.

"Taxes" means all property, municipal, sales, use, value added, goods and services, harmonized and any other non-recoverable taxes and other similar charges (other than Taxes imposed upon income, payroll or capital).

"Work" means the work to be conducted in accordance with the Scope of Work attached to the Agreement as Schedule A and any Work Revisions performed during the Term.

1. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- a) Each party represents and warrants to the other that:
 - (i) it is duly incorporated, formed or registered (as applicable) under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation, formation or registration (as applicable);
 - (ii) it has all the necessary corporate power, authority and capacity to enter into the Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder;
 - (iii) any individual executing the Agreement, and any document in connection herewith, on its behalf has been duly authorized by it to execute the Agreement and has the full power and authority to bind it; and
 - (iv) it is registered for purposes of Part IX of the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada).
- b) The Customer and Canadian Niagara Power shall perform their respective obligations outlined in the Agreement in a manner consistent with Good Utility Practice and in compliance with all Applicable Laws.
- c) Except as provided herein, Canadian Niagara Power makes no representation or warranty, express, implied, statutory or otherwise, including, but not limited to, any representation or warranty as to the merchantability or fitness of the Work or any part thereof for a particular purpose.

2. CUSTOMER COVENANTS

The Customer acknowledges and agrees that:

- a) should the Proposed Project proceed, an agreement must be executed by the Customer and Canadian Niagara Power to address the terms and conditions (which may include terms with respect to capital contributions required to be made) of Canadian Niagara Power performing the work required in order to provide for the connection of the Proposed Project prior to Canadian Niagara Power initiating any modifications to Canadian Niagara Power's facilities or purchasing any equipment;
- b) the Customer will be responsible for ensuring that the Proposed Project complies with all Applicable Laws;

- c) the Customer shall rectify at its expense, any negative impacts (can include, but is not limited to the impacts on safety, reliability, efficiency, power factor and power quality problems such as voltage disturbances, voltage flicker, or objectionable harmonics) that the connection of the Generation Facility and operation of the Generation Facility following connection may have on Canadian Niagara Power's distribution system, the IESO-Controlled Grid (as that term is defined in the *Electricity Act, 1998*), or on other distribution connected customers' electrical and communication systems;
- d) Canadian Niagara Power will not normally change its feeder operating, protection and reclosing practice to accommodate the connection of the Generation Facility, since this would be detrimental to the existing customers connected to these feeders;
- e) where applicable, the Customer is responsible for: (i) providing the IESO with the modeling and studies to show the acceptable dynamic behaviour of the generators as specified for the SIA; and (ii) any resulting requirements that come from the IESO's review of dynamic studies that were or are not part of the SIA including, but not limited to changes required to be made to the Work as a consequence of such review;
- f) the Customer shall obtain or shall ensure that all applicable approvals required by the IESO for the connection of the Proposed Project are obtained;
- g) all right, title and interest, including copyright ownership, to all information and material of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to the work product developed as part of the Work) that may be developed, conceived and/or produced by Canadian Niagara Power during the performance of the Agreement is the property of Canadian Niagara Power, and the Customer shall not do any act that may compromise or diminish Canadian Niagara Power's interest as aforesaid; and
- h) Canadian Niagara Power performs the Work based on the distribution and transmission system conditions at the time the Work is performed, should there be any changes to system conditions between the time that Canadian Niagara Power completes the Work and when the Customer proposes to connect the Proposed Project, the Work, where applicable, the CIA and/or SIA, may have to be revised at the Customer's expense at that time.

3. LIABILITY

- a) Canadian Niagara Power shall only be liable to the Customer for damages that arise directly out of the negligence or the willful misconduct of Canadian Niagara Power in meeting its obligations under this Agreement.
- b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, Canadian Niagara Power shall not be liable under any circumstances whatsoever for any loss of profits or revenues, business interruption losses, loss of contract or loss of goodwill, or for any indirect, consequential, incidental or special damages, including but not limited to punitive or exemplary damages, whether any of the said liability, loss or damages arise in contract, tort or otherwise.
- c) IN ANY EVENT, THE TOTAL LIABILITY OF CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER TO THE CUSTOMER FOR ANY CLAIM FOR DAMAGES WILL NOT EXCEED THE AMOUNTS PAID BY THE CUSTOMER FOR THE WORK PERFORMED BY CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER UNDER THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT.

d) This Section 3 of Schedule B shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

4. FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be considered to be in default in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, except obligations to make payments with respect to amounts already accrued, to the extent that performance of any such obligation is prevented or delayed by any cause, existing or future, which is beyond the reasonable control of, and not a result of the fault or negligence of, the affected party ("**Force Majeure**") and includes, but is not limited to, COVID-19 pandemic, strikes, lockouts and any other labour disturbances.

5. CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Disclosure of Confidential Information

- a) Pursuant to the terms and conditions contained herein, a party may disclose Confidential Information to the other party solely for the purpose of the Proposed Project or the Work. Notwithstanding such disclosure, the Confidential Information shall remain the sole and exclusive property of the disclosing party and as such shall be maintained in confidence by the receiving party using the same care and discretion to avoid disclosure as the receiving party uses with its own similar information that it does not wish to disclose. The receiving party may disclose Confidential Information to its Representatives pursuant to Section 5(c) below but may not use or disclose it to others without the disclosing party's prior written consent. Notwithstanding the generality of the foregoing, all intellectual property rights which may subsist in the Confidential Information shall remain with the disclosing party. The receiving party shall not use the Confidential Information for any purposes other than the Proposed Project or the Work without the disclosing party's prior written consent.

Information That is Not Confidential

- b) Confidential Information shall not include information which:
- (i) is previously known to or lawfully in the possession of the receiving party prior to the date of disclosure as evidenced by the receiving party's written record;
 - (ii) is independently known to or discovered by the receiving party, without any reference to the Confidential Information;
 - (iii) is obtained by the receiving party from an arm's length third party having a *bona fide* right to disclose same and who was not otherwise under an obligation of confidence or fiduciary duty to the disclosing party or its Representatives;
 - (iv) is or becomes publicly available through no fault or omission of, or breach of the obligations under the Agreement by, the receiving party or its Representatives;
 - (v) is required to be disclosed by the disclosing party in order to comply with any legislative or regulatory requirements; or
 - (vi) is contained in the Connection Impact Assessment report (or any revisions thereof) prepared by Canadian Niagara Power and released by Canadian Niagara Power to customers connected to Canadian Niagara Power's distribution or the transmission system in the vicinity of the Proposed Project that may be affected by the Proposed Project, the Ontario Electrical Safety Authority and the IESO.

Disclosure to Representatives

- c) Confidential Information shall only be disclosed to Representatives who need to know the Confidential Information for the purposes of the Proposed Project or the Work. Except in the case of officers, directors, employees, or affiliates, Confidential Information may only be disclosed to Representatives where the receiving party has an agreement in place with those Representatives sufficient to obligate them to treat the Confidential Information in accordance with the terms hereof. The receiving party hereby specifically acknowledges that it shall be solely responsible to ensure that its Representatives comply with the terms of this Section 5(c) and that the receiving party shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the disclosing party from and against all suits, actions, damages, claims and costs arising out of any breach of this Section 5 by the receiving party or any of its Representatives.

Compelled Disclosure

- d) In the event that a receiving party, or anyone to whom a receiving party transmits Confidential Information pursuant to this Section 5 or otherwise, becomes legally compelled to disclose any Confidential Information, the receiving party will provide the disclosing party with prompt notice so that the disclosing party may seek injunctive relief or other appropriate remedies. In the event that both parties are unable to prevent the further transmission of the Confidential Information, the receiving party will, or will use reasonable efforts to cause such Person to whom the receiving party transmitted the Confidential Information to furnish only that portion of the Confidential Information which the receiving party is advised by written opinion of counsel is legally required to be furnished by the receiving party, to such Person and exercise reasonable efforts to obtain assurances that confidential treatment will be afforded to that portion of the Confidential Information so furnished.

Records with Respect to Confidential Information

- e) The receiving party shall keep all written or electronic Confidential Information furnished to or created by it. All such Confidential Information, including that portion of the Confidential Information which consists of analyses, compilations, studies or other documents prepared by the receiving party or by its Representatives, is the disclosing party's property and will be returned immediately to the disclosing party or destroyed upon its request and the receiving party agrees not to retain any copies, extracts or other reproductions in whole or in part. If a receiving party does not receive a request to return Confidential Information to the disclosing party within six months of the last communication between the parties concerning the Proposed Project or the Work then the receiving party shall destroy any Confidential Information it holds.
- f) Notwithstanding the foregoing and provided that the Proposed Project is connected, Canadian Niagara Power shall have the right to retain such electrical information concerning the Proposed Project that it has received from the Customer or its Representatives for the purpose of Canadian Niagara Power making the required calculations and decisions:
- (i) related to the design, operation, and maintenance of Canadian Niagara Power's distribution facilities; or
 - (ii) required to be performed for any other Person that could be impacted by or could impact the Proposed Project.

Remedies

- g) The receiving party agrees that the disclosing party would be irreparably injured by a breach of this Section 5 and that the disclosing party shall be entitled to equitable relief, including a restraining order, injunctive relief, specific performance and/or other relief as may be granted by a court to prevent breaches of this Section 5 and to enforce specifically the terms and provision hereof in any action instituted in any court having subject matter jurisdiction, in addition to any other remedy to which the disclosing party may be entitled at law or in equity in the event of any breach of the provisions hereof. Such remedies shall not be deemed to be the exclusive remedies for a breach of this Section 5 but shall be in addition to all other remedies available at law or equity.

Confidentiality Obligations Perpetual

- h) The obligations in this Section 5 shall be effective as of the date of this Agreement and shall remain in force and effect in perpetuity unless modified by further written agreement of the parties notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement under any circumstances.

6. TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT BY CANADIAN NIAGARA POWER

Canadian Niagara Power shall have the right to terminate this Agreement on ten (10) Business Days written notice to the Customer in the event that the Customer fails to respond to any request for information made by Canadian Niagara Power (including, but not limited to any request made by Canadian Niagara Power for information that the IESO may have requested Canadian Niagara Power to provide).

7. GENERAL

- a) No amendment, modification or supplement to the Agreement or any waiver shall be valid or binding unless set out in writing and executed by the parties with the same degree of formality as the execution of the Agreement.
- b) The failure of either party hereto to enforce at any time any of the provisions of the Agreement or to exercise any right or option which is herein provided shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provision or any other provision nor in any way affect the validity of the Agreement or any part hereof or the right of either party to enforce thereafter each and every provision and to exercise any right or option. The waiver of any breach of the Agreement shall not be held to be a waiver of any other or subsequent breach. Nothing shall be construed or have the effect of a waiver except an instrument in writing signed by a duly authorized officer of the party against whom such waiver is sought to be enforced which expressly waives a right or rights or an option or options under the Agreement.
- c) The Agreement may not be assigned without the written consent of the other party, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld.
- d) The Agreement may be executed in counterparts, including electronic or facsimile counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall together constitute one and the same agreement.
- e) The Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and the rights of the parties shall be governed by, the laws of the Province of Ontario and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

- f) Invoiced amounts are due 30 days after invoice issuance. All overdue amounts including, but not limited to amounts that are not invoiced but required under the terms of this Agreement to be paid in a specified time period, shall bear interest at 1.5% per month compounded monthly (19.56 percent per year) for the time they remain unpaid.
- g) The obligation to pay any amount due and payable hereunder shall survive the termination of the Agreement.
- h) Each party agrees that no portion of the Agreement shall be interpreted less favourably to either party because that party or its counsel was primarily responsible for the drafting of that portion.
- i) The Agreement will supersede the terms of any purchase orders issued by the Customer to Canadian Niagara Power in respect of the Proposed Project irrespective of whether same have been issued by Customer and/or accepted by Canadian Niagara Power on or after the execution of the Agreement by the Customer.

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