# NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BEND AND CENTRAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

This Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between the City of Bend, an Oregon municipal corporation ("City") and Central Electric Cooperative Inc., an Oregon cooperative ("Franchisee").

#### Section 1. Definitions

Any term defined in the Bend Code and not in this Agreement shall have the meaning provided by the Bend Code definition.

"Facilities" means Franchisee's electrical transmission and distribution facilities, including lines, conduit, poles, towers, wires, guy anchors, vaults and boxes, transformers, fixtures and other physical components of Franchisee's electric power distribution system located within any Right-of-Way within the City.

"Gross Revenues" means "gross operating revenue" as defined in Bend Code 3.20.010A.

"Right-of-Way" means the space on, above or below the surface of property owned by the City, or dedicated to the public or the City, for transportation purposes, including public streets, roads, highways, lanes, courts, ways, alleys, boulevards, sidewalks, bicycles lanes, bridges and places as the same now or may hereafter exist.

#### Section 2. Grant of Authority

City grants to Franchisee the right to construct, install, maintain, repair, replace, upgrade and operate Facilities over, in, on and under present and future City Right-of-Way, both within the existing City limits and any additional area acquired by annexation, for the purpose of providing electric power utility service on the terms stated in this Agreement. This franchise is not exclusive, and City reserves the right to grant a similar franchise to any other person or entity. This franchise is subject to all prior rights, interests, agreements, permits, easements, or licenses granted by the City, and to the City's and the public's right to use and administer the Right-of-Way. The City acknowledges that Franchisee has been granted an exclusive service territory within the city limits of the City by the Public Utility Commission of Oregon for the purpose of supplying electricity and electric service to the City and to the inhabitants thereof.

#### Section 3. Compliance with Laws, Rules and Regulations

Franchisee shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and City laws and regulations as the same may be amended from time to time, including but not limited to, Bend Code Title 3 and City ordinances, regulations, and standards and specifications. In the event of any conflict between the terms of this Agreement and future City ordinance setting forth terms and conditions of general applicability to franchises, the terms and

conditions of this Agreement shall govern; provided that City and Franchisee may amend this Agreement by any written agreement that is adopted by City and accepted in writing by Franchisee.

The locations and methods of installation and maintenance of all of Franchisee's facilities shall be subject at all times to regulation by the City. Except as otherwise provided for emergencies by this Agreement, any required permits must be obtained prior to installation or construction of Facilities. In the event of an emergency, Franchisee may undertake work immediately to repair or replace its Facilities or restore service without a permit, but must inform the City as soon as reasonably possible and shall apply for any required permit, applicable retroactively, within one working day after notification. The City shall excuse other late permit applications if Franchisee has good cause for any delay. All Facilities shall be installed and at all times maintained by Franchisee in accordance with the National Electrical Safety Code, ANSI Standard C2, and any applicable electric utility industry standards. Underground power lines shall be installed in utility easements, non-paved portions of City rights-of-way, or alleys whenever possible, except when necessary to cross streets or when non-paved portions of right-of-way are not available. The precise location of lines shall be determined through the permitting process.

# Section 4. Franchisee Liability, Indemnification of City and Insurance

A. Franchisee shall conduct its operations under this Franchise, including installation, construction, maintenance, repair, replacement, upgrade, and operation of its Facilities, in a safe and workmanlike manner and subject to all lawful and applicable governmental regulations.

- B. Franchisee shall defend, indemnify, and hold the City, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers harmless against all liability, claims, losses, demands, suits, fees and judgments (collectively known as 'claims') based on, or arising out of damage or injury (including death) to persons or property caused by or resulting from any act or omission by Franchisee in connection with the performance by Franchisee of this Agreement or based upon violation of any statute, ordinance or regulation by Franchisee. The obligations of Franchisee under this Section shall not apply to claims to the extent caused by the negligence or willful misconduct of the City, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers. Franchisee agrees that it is not an agent of the City and is not entitled to indemnification and defense under ORS 30.285 and ORS 30.287.
- C. Franchisee shall purchase and maintain at Franchisee's expense, Commercial General Liability and Commercial Automobile insurance covering bodily injury and property damage in an amount of \$5 million per occurrence and \$10 million in aggregate. The insurance policy obtained by franchisee shall be primary and non-contributory. Franchisee shall remain fully responsible for any claims resulting from negligence or intentional misconduct of Franchisee or its subcontractors and their

officials, agents and employees in performance of this Agreement, even if not covered by, or in excess of insurance limits. This insurance requirement may be met in part by self-insurance.

- D. Commercial General Liability coverage shall name, by certificate and endorsement, the City, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers as additional insureds with respect to Franchisee's work or services conducted under this Agreement. Such certificate and endorsement shall be consistent with Section 4.G of this Agreement.
- E. Franchisee shall obtain and maintain Workers' Compensation insurance required by ORS chapter 656. Franchisee shall ensure that each of its contractors obtains and maintains workers' compensation insurance and obtains proof of the coverage before performing work.
- F. Coverages provided by Franchisee must be underwritten by an insurance company authorized to do business in the state of Oregon and with a Best's rating of A-VII or higher.
- G. As evidence of the insurance coverage required by Section 4.C of this Agreement, Franchisee shall provide proof of coverage required by acceptable certificate of insurance and endorsement from the carrier(s). The certificate and endorsement shall provide that there will be no cancellation, termination, or reduction in limits of the insurance coverage without a minimum 30-day written notice to the City except if such cancellation is due to failure to pay premiums in which case 10 days' prior written notice of cancellation is given to Company. The certificate and endorsement shall also state the deductible or self-insured retention level. This Agreement shall not be in effect until the required certificates and signed endorsements have been received and approved by City. Renewal certificates and endorsements will be sent to City prior to coverage expiration. The City may terminate this Agreement for failure to maintain the required insurance.
- H. Franchisee grants waiver of subrogation to the City, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers for any claims arising out of Franchisee's work or service under this Agreement, and shall cause its insurers providing coverage to either Franchisee or City with respect to the work or services of Franchisee a waiver of any right to subrogation which any insurer or subcontractor may acquire against City by virtue of the payment of any loss under the insurance coverage.

#### Section 5. Performance Bond

If Franchisee is obligated to restore any street, sidewalk or other surface disturbed by Franchisee in any right-of-way administered by the City, the cost of which exceeds \$100,000 ("Major Infrastructure"), before commencing any such work Franchisee must provide a performance bond in the amount of \$100,000, or a lesser amount as agreed

to in writing by the City as being sufficient to assure proper restoration of any street, sidewalk or other surface disturbed by Franchisee. Franchisee must keep the bond in full force and effect during any activities that disturb the surface of any rights-of- way and for a period of at least one year after restoration of rights-of-way. The bond may be withdrawn one year after restoration of rights-of-way, but must be restored prior to any further action that would disturb any street, sidewalk, or other surface. The bond must be issued by surety authorized to do business in the state of Oregon and with a Best's rating of A- VII or higher.

City may, in the event of any construction which is likely to be substantially greater than \$100,000, or in the event the City's cost to complete or repair the construction upon Franchisee's failure to perform the same would be greater than \$100,000, as reasonably determined by the City, require the amount of the performance bond to be increased. The performance bond is subject to increase each time Franchisee applies for permits to perform work within the City of Bend. Franchisee must provide to City all necessary documentation demonstrating Franchisee's cost estimation in a format reasonably acceptable to City.

# Section 6. Construction and Conditions on Right-of-Way Occupancy

A. Use. Franchisee shall construct, install, maintain and operate its Facilities in the Right-of-Way consistent with industry standards and City's commercially reasonable satisfaction, and, subject to Section 3, in compliance with all City ordinances, rules, standards and specifications, policies and regulations, as may be amended; and in a manner so as to cause minimum interference with the proper use of the Right-of-Way for transportation and for other utility purposes and so as to cause minimum interference with the rights or reasonable convenience of property owners who adjoin any Right-of-Way. Except in the case of emergency work described in Section 3, all work in the Right-of-Way will require a permit prior to any work being started and will require a traffic plan that is fully compliant with the City of Bend Design Standards and Specifications. Franchisee shall have the right to cut, trim or prune all trees and vegetation within the Right-of-Way to prevent interference with Franchisee's facilities, remove hazards or to mitigate risk of fire. All vegetation management shall be performed consistent with applicable provisions of the National Electric Safety Code, applicable standards enacted by the Oregon Public Utility Commission, and applicable standards of the American National Standard for Tree Care Operation, as well as any applicable provision in the City's Design Standards and Specifications. In the event of any conflict between the National Electric Safety Code and other vegetation management standards listed in this paragraph, the provisions of the National Electric Safety Code shall govern Franchisee's activities.

B. Construction and Maps. The Franchisee shall at all times keep maps and records showing the locations and sizes of all Facilities and all appurtenant facilities constructed or owned by it within the City and surrounding urban growth boundary as defined in the City's Comprehensive Plan, and such maps and records shall be electronically available

to the City at all times. Maps shall be provided in Geographical Information System (GIS) or other digital electronic format compatible with systems used by the City. All maps provided to City under these provisions shall be kept confidential to the maximum extent allowed by Oregon law.

- C. Restoration. In case of any disturbance of pavement, sidewalk, driveway or other surfacing by Franchisee, Franchisee shall, at its own cost and expense and in compliance with the City's pavement restoration policy and standards and specifications, promptly replace and restore all paving, sidewalk, driveway, landscaping or surface of any street or alley disturbed. Franchisee shall not be obligated to restore any third-party structure or improvement in the Right-of-Way that is not lawfully existing or permitted in the Right-of-Way. Franchisee warrants all restoration work for a period of one year from completion of the work. If Franchisee fails to make restoration as required by this section or if the restoration fails within the one year warranty period, City may, after notice to Franchisee, cause the repairs to be made at the expense of Franchisee. If Franchisee fails to reimburse the City for any reasonable costs incurred under this section within 45 days' of demand for reimbursement, City may refuse to issue additional permits.
- D. Notification. Franchisee shall comply with the applicable requirements of the Oregon Utility Notification Law and implementing rules and regulations.
- E. Relocation. City may require Franchisee to relocate its Facilities. If the removal or relocation of Facilities is caused directly by development of private property or other third-party project, including projects of other public entities, and the removal or relocation of Facilities occurs within the area to be developed, or is made for the convenience of a third-party. Franchisee may charge the expense of removal or relocation to the developer or other third-party. Franchisee shall be solely responsible for enforcing collection from the developer or other third-party, but Franchisee shall not be required to remove or relocate Facilities for the benefit of third-parties until it receives payment for the removal or relocation. If the removal or relocation of Facilities results from City's need to provide public facilities, or is a City project, Franchisee will remove or relocate its Facilities at Franchisee's expense within a reasonable time after notification by City. City will provide Franchisee with an alternate location for its Facilities within the City Right of Way or a public utility easement. If Franchisee refuses to relocate its facilities as required by this Agreement, City may cause such facilities to be relocated and Franchisee shall reimburse the City for its actual costs in doing so. If the City requires the subsequent relocation of the same facility within five years of the initial relocation. City shall bear the expense of the subsequent relocation.
- F. Right-of-Way Vacation. City shall retain public utility easements if it vacates any public Right-of-Way where Franchisee has Facilities. If Franchisee's facilities must be

relocated from a vacated public Right-of-Way, the petitioner of the vacation will bear the expense of moving the facilities.

- G. Placement of Facilities. Franchisee shall not knowingly place its Facilities where they will interfere with any existing or known future City utility, gas, electric or telephone fixture, power, sanitary sewer, storm sewer or water facility. Franchisee will consult with City Engineer prior to placement of Facilities, and will comply with all City ordinances, policies, rules and regulations in connection with its placement of Facilities. Franchisee shall also comply with all co-location and joint use requirements as set forth in state and local law, including, Subject to Section 3, the Bend Development Code and the Bend Standards and Specifications, as may be amended.
- H. Underground Conversion. Franchisee shall remove and replace overhead Facilities with underground Facilities at the request of the City pursuant to a City or third-party project, as described in Section 6.E. (Relocation), above. Cost responsibility shall be allocated in accordance with all applicable Oregon Administrative Rules and a schedule agreed upon by the City and Franchisee. The City shall require that each customer served from the existing overhead Facilities shall make all facility changes to the customer's premises in accordance with Franchisee's policies and standards necessary to receive service from the underground facilities as soon as they become available.

#### Section 7. Transfer of Franchise

Franchisee shall not sell, assign, dispose of, lease or transfer in any manner whatsoever any interest in this Franchise or in the Facilities authorized by this Agreement, or any part of the Facilities, without written consent of City, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The City may impose reasonable conditions on its approval of any transfer, including but not limited to the requirement that the transferee acknowledge in writing and agree to be bound by the terms of this Franchise. City shall have the right to collect from Franchisee City's actual administrative costs associated with processing a transfer request, including the cost of ascertaining the financial responsibility of the proposed transferee. This Section shall not apply to Franchisee's grant of a security interest in its Facilities to a lender.

#### **Section 8. City Rights in Franchise**

- A. City Supervision and Inspection. City shall have the right to inspect all construction and installation of Franchisee's Facilities to ensure compliance with governing laws, ordinances, rules and regulations.
- B. City Ordinances and Police Power. To the extent not inconsistent with applicable Law, the City may adopt and enforce and Franchisee will be subject to City's generally applicable, non-discriminatory, and competitively neutral local ordinances and regulations as may be determined by the City to be in the interest of public health, safety, welfare, convenience or necessity.

#### Section 9. Franchise Fee

- A. Franchisee shall pay monthly to City the applicable percentage of Franchisee's Gross Revenues received from customers within the City limits of the City as set forth in the Bend Municipal Code Section 3.20, as may be amended from time to time.
- B. The fee required by this section shall be due and payable within 30 days after the end of each month. Any payment not made when due shall bear 9% annual interest, compounded monthly, from the date due until paid.
- C. With each payment, Franchisee shall furnish City with a written statement in the format as provided in Exhibit A, under oath, executed by an officer of Franchisee, verifying the amount of Gross Revenues of Franchisee within City for the monthly period covered by payment.
- D. Franchisee shall submit the payment and written statement of Gross Revenues required by this Section electronically via the City's then-operational online permit center and payment portal, or in another format as may be reasonably requested by the City.
- E. City's acceptance of any payments due under this section shall not be considered a waiver by City of any breach of this Agreement.
- F. City will provide notice of any annexation of territory, including a map of the annexed territory, a legal description of the boundary change, each site address to be annexed as recorded on county assessment and tax rolls and a copy of the annexation ordinance within 10 days of the annexation. Franchisee's obligation to pay franchise fees on Gross Revenue generated by service to the annexed property shall begin 10 days after notice is actually provided.
- G. The parties agree to meet and confer in good faith on a semi-annual basis to discuss proposals for partnering to provide Franchisee's low income customers with financial assistance using proceeds from the franchise fees or other funding mechanisms.

#### Section 10. Franchisee Records and Reports

Franchisee shall keep accurate books of financial accounts at an office within the State of Oregon throughout the term of this Agreement and for six years after the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Franchisee shall produce all books and records directly concerning its Gross Revenues and other financial information deemed necessary by City for purposes of calculation of the franchise fee for inspection by City, upon 10 days' written notice, during normal working hours. City may require periodic reports from Franchisee relating to its operation within City. City shall have the right during the term

of this Agreement or within 180 days after expiration or termination of this Agreement to audit Franchisee's records for the period of three years prior to the audit. If the audit reveals underpayment of the franchise fee by 5% or more, the City may expand the audit to cover up to 6 years prior to the audit. The audits shall be undertaken by a qualified person or entity selected by City.

The cost of the audit shall be borne by City, unless the results of the audit reveals an underpayment of the franchise fee by more than 5% of the franchise fee for the period audited. In the case of underpayment of the franchise fee by more than 5%, the full cost of the audit shall be paid by Franchisee. Franchisee shall immediately pay the amount of any underpayment as determined by the audit to City together with 9% annual interest from the date the payment should have been made to the date the payment is actually made. Any audit information obtained by City under these provisions shall be kept confidential to the maximum extent allowed by Oregon law, except that this obligation shall not prevent the City from introducing audit results in any forum where enforcement of the provisions of this Agreement is at issue.

### Section 11. Permit and Inspection Fees

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to limit the right of City to require Franchisee to pay permit fees or reasonable costs incurred by City in connection with the issuance of a permit, making an inspection, or performing any other service for or in connection with Franchisee or its Facilities.

#### Section 12. Subdivision Plat Notification

City shall provide notice of preliminary subdivision plat approval, including a copy of the plat, to Franchisee prior to recordation of the final plat.

## Section 13. Enforcement and Termination of Agreement

A. Time of payment and performance are of the essence in this Agreement. The following shall be events of default:

- 1. Default in Payments. The failure of Franchisee to pay City when due any amounts required by this Agreement and the failure continues for 10 days after the due date and written notice from the City.
- 2. Default in Other Provisions. Franchisee's failure to cure a default of any other provision of this Agreement within 30 days after written notice from City of the default. If the default is curable but cannot reasonably be cured within 30 days, the City shall refrain from termination while Franchisee is diligently attempting to cure the default.
- B. Termination for Defaults Not Cured. The City may terminate this Agreement for defaults that are not cured within the time allowed by Subsection A of this section by

providing a written notice of termination to Franchisee describing the default in reasonable detail. Franchisee may challenge the notice of termination by providing a written protest to the City Manager within 10 business days of the date of the notice of termination. The City Manager, on receipt of the protest, shall either grant the protest, in which case the Agreement will remain in effect, or refer the matter to the City Council for a decision. The termination will not become final until after the decision by the City Manager or City Council. Because of the potential public health and safety risks that could arise as a result of cessation of power distribution within the City, if the City decides to terminate this Agreement, it shall set a termination date that allows for implementation of a plan to assure continued electric service.

- The Parties may terminate or amend any provision of this Agreement by mutual, C. signed agreement.
- D. Termination or Abandonment of Franchise. Upon any termination of this Agreement, if City and Franchisee are not engaged in efforts to renew or renegotiate this Agreement all Facilities installed or used by Franchisee shall be removed by Franchisee at Franchisee's expense or abandoned in place with approval of City and the property on which the Facilities were used restored by Franchisee to the condition it was in before installation.
- Except as otherwise provided in subsection F of this section, if all Facilities are E. not removed within one year after the termination or expiration of this Agreement or such further time as may be granted by City, the Facilities shall be considered forfeited and escheat to City.
- City may notify Franchisee that it waives forfeiture and escheat under subsection F. E of this section and may cause the Facilities to be removed from the Rights-of-Way and may recover from Franchisee the reasonable cost of such removal and restoration of the rights-of-way following removal.
- The Parties may agree to terminate this Agreement and replace it with a franchise or other agreement that covers all Franchisee facilities in Rights-of-Way throughout the city. Such termination shall be made in writing, signed by both Parties.

#### Section 14. Remedies not Exclusive; Waiver

All remedies granted the City under this Agreement are cumulative, and recovery or enforcement of one is not a bar to the recovery or enforcement of any other remedy. Failure to enforce any provision of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver of a breach of any other term, condition or obligation of this Agreement.

#### Section 15. Term

This Agreement shall remain in effect for a term of 10 years beginning on the date on which the ordinance authorizing this Agreement is effective. The Agreement shall be

extended for one 10-year term if neither party provides written notice of non-renewal to the other party at least six months prior to the expiration of the initial term.

# Section 16. Severability

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or portion of this Agreement is for any reason held invalid or rendered unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, that portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, independent and severable provision and the holding shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portion of this Agreement. If for any reason, the franchise fee is invalidated by any court or governmental agency, then the highest permissible franchise fee allowed shall be the franchise fee.

#### Section 17. Notices

Any notice required or permitted under this Agreement shall be deemed given when received or when deposited with postage prepaid in the United States Mail as registered or certified mail addressed as follows:

TO CITY: City Manager City of Bend 710 NW Wall Street Bend, OR 97701

TO FRANCHISEE:
President/CEO
Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.
2098 NW 6<sup>th</sup> St.
PO Box 846
Redmond, OR 97756

or to other address specified by either party in writing.

#### Section 18. Interpretation/Jurisdiction

Interpretation of this Agreement shall be governed by laws of the State of Oregon and any legal action relating to this Agreement shall be brought in Deschutes County Circuit Court.

#### **Section 19. Entire Agreement**

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding and agreement between the parties as to the subject matter herein and no other agreements or understandings, written or otherwise, shall be binding upon the parties upon execution and acceptance hereof.

**CITY OF BEND** 

-DocuSigned by:

Eric king

Eric King, City Manager

Date: 7/5/2022

**FRANCHISEE** 

By:

Dave Markham

Title: President & CEO

Date: 3007 5, 2022

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#### ELECTRONIC RECORD AND SIGNATURE DISCLOSURE

From time to time, City of Bend (we, us or City) may be required by law to provide to you certain written notices or disclosures. Described below are the terms and conditions for providing to you such notices and disclosures electronically through the DocuSign system. Please read the information below carefully and thoroughly, and if you can access this information electronically to your satisfaction and agree to this Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure (ERSD), please confirm your agreement by selecting the check-box next to 'I agree to use electronic records and signatures' before clicking 'CONTINUE' within the DocuSign system.

#### **Getting paper copies**

At any time, you may request from us a paper copy of any record provided or made available electronically to you by us. You will have the ability to download and print documents we send to you through the DocuSign system during and immediately after the signing session and, if you elect to create a DocuSign account, you may access the documents for a limited period of time (usually 30 days) after such documents are first sent to you. After such time, if you wish for us to send you paper copies of any such documents from our office to you, you may be charged a \$0.00 per-page fee. You may request delivery of such paper copies from us by following the procedure described below. Paper copies may also be requested from City by contacting Procurement.

#### Withdrawing your consent

If you decide to receive notices and disclosures from us electronically, you may at any time change your mind and tell us that thereafter you want to receive required notices and disclosures only in paper format. How you must inform us of your decision to receive future notices and disclosure in paper format and withdraw your consent to receive notices and disclosures electronically is described below.

#### Consequences of changing your mind

If you elect to receive required notices and disclosures only in paper format, it will slow the speed at which we can complete certain steps in transactions with you and delivering services to you because we will need first to send the required notices or disclosures to you in paper format, and then wait until we receive back from you your acknowledgment of your receipt of such paper notices or disclosures. Further, you will no longer be able to use the DocuSign system to receive required notices and consents electronically from us or to sign electronically documents from us.

Notices and disclosures may be sent to you electronically

Unless you tell us otherwise in accordance with the procedures described herein, we may provide electronically to you through the DocuSign system required notices, disclosures, authorizations, acknowledgements, and other documents that are required to be provided or made available to you during the course of our relationship with you. You can receive all the disclosures and notices electronically or in paper format through the paper mail delivery system. If you do not agree with this process, please let us know as described below. Please also see the paragraph immediately above that describes the consequences of your electing not to receive delivery of the notices and disclosures electronically from us.

#### How to contact the City:

You may contact us to let us know of your changes as to how we may contact you electronically, to request paper copies of certain information from us, and to withdraw your prior consent to receive notices and disclosures electronically as follows:

#### To advise the City of your new email address

To let us know of a change in your email address where we should send notices and disclosures electronically to you, you must send an email message to us at dgalanaugh@bendoregon.gov and in the body of such request you must state: your previous email address, your new email address.

If you created a DocuSign account, you may update it with your new email address through your account preferences.

To request delivery from us of paper copies of the notices and disclosures previously provided by us to you electronically, you must send us an email to dgalanaugh@bendoregon.gov and in the body of such request you must state your email address, full name, mailing address, and telephone number.

To withdraw your consent with the City

To inform us that you no longer wish to receive future notices and disclosures in electronic format you may:

i. decline to sign a document from within your signing session, and on the subsequent page, select the check-box indicating you wish to withdraw your consent, or you may;

ii. send us an email to dgalanaugh@bendoregon.gov and in the body of such request you must state your email, full name, mailing address, and telephone number.

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https://support.docusign.com/guides/signer-guide-signing-system-requirements.

Acknowledging your access and consent to receive and sign documents electronically

To confirm to us that you can access this information electronically, which will be similar to other electronic notices and disclosures that we will provide to you, please confirm that you have read this ERSD, and (i) that you are able to print on paper or electronically save this ERSD for your future reference and access; or (ii) that you are able to email this ERSD to an email address where you will be able to print on paper or save it for your future reference and access. Further, if you consent to receiving notices and disclosures exclusively in electronic format as described herein, then select the check-box next to 'I agree to use electronic records and signatures' before clicking 'CONTINUE' within the DocuSign system.

By selecting the check-box next to 'I agree to use electronic records and signatures', you confirm that:

- You can access and read this Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure; and
- You can print on paper this Electronic Record and Signature Disclosure, or save or send this Electronic Record and Disclosure to a location where you can print it, for future reference and access; and
- Until or unless you notify the City as described above, you consent to receive exclusively through electronic means all notices, disclosures, authorizations, acknowledgements, and other documents that are required to be provided or made available to you by the City during the course of your relationship with the City.