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Facilities Study Agreement

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20__ by and between _____, a _____ organized and existing under the laws of the State of _____, ("Interconnection Customer,") and Long Island Lighting Company d/b/a LIPA ("LIPA"). Interconnection Customer and LIPA each may be referred to as a "Party," or collectively as the "Parties."

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Interconnection Customer is proposing to develop a Small Generator or generating capacity addition to an existing Small Generator consistent with the Interconnection Request completed by the Interconnection Customer on _____; and

WHEREAS, the Interconnection Customer desires to interconnect the Small Generator with LIPA's Distribution System;

WHEREAS, LIPA has completed a system impact study and provided the results of said study to the Interconnection Customer; and

WHEREAS, the Interconnection Customer has requested LIPA to perform a facilities study to specify and estimate the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement and construction work needed to implement the conclusions of the system impact study in accordance with Good Utility Practice to physically and electrically connect the Small Generator with LIPA's Distribution System.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of and subject to the mutual covenants contained herein the Parties agreed as follows:

1.0 When used in this Agreement, with initial capitalization, the terms specified shall have the meanings indicated or the meanings specified in the Long Island Power Authority Small Generator Interconnection Procedures for Distributer Generation Less than 10 MW Connected in Parallel with LIPA Distribution Systems (PSEG Long Island Small Generator Interconnection Procedures).

2.0 The Interconnection Customer elects and LIPA shall cause a facilities study consistent with the PSEG Long Island Small Generator Interconnection Procedures.

3.0 The scope of the facilities study shall be subject to data provided in Attachment A to this Agreement.

4.0 The facilities study shall specify and estimate the cost of the equipment, engineering, procurement and construction work (including overheads) needed to implement the conclusions of the system impact study(s). The facilities study shall also identify (1) the electrical switching configuration of the equipment, including, without limitation, transformer, switchgear, meters, and other station equipment, (2) the nature and estimated cost of LIPA's Interconnection Facilities and Upgrades necessary to accomplish the interconnection, and (3) an estimate of the time required to complete the construction and installation of such facilities.

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5.0 LIPA may propose to group facilities required for more than one Interconnection Customer in order to minimize facilities costs through economies of scale, but any Interconnection Customer may require the installation of facilities required for its own Small Generator if it is willing to pay the costs of those facilities.

6.0 The Interconnection Customer shall provide to LIPA a deposit of \$10,000 or other commercially reasonable security in an amount equal to the good faith estimated facilities study costs.

7.0 In cases where Upgrades are required, the facilities study must be completed within forty-five (45) Business Days of the receipt of this Agreement. In cases where no Upgrades are necessary and the required facilities are limited to Interconnection Facilities, the facilities study must be completed within thirty (30) Business Days. Projects that are subject to the NYISO OATT Attachment S cost allocation process shall be processed in accordance with the NYISO's Attachment S procedures

8.0 Once the facilities study is completed, a facilities study report shall be prepared and promptly transmitted to the Interconnection Customer.

9.0 Any study fees shall be based on the actual costs of the study and will be invoiced to the Interconnection Customer after the study is completed and delivered and will include a summary of professional time.

10.0 The Interconnection Customer must pay any study costs that exceed the deposit without interest within thirty (30) calendar days on receipt of the invoice or resolution of any dispute. If the deposit exceeds the invoiced fees, LIPA shall refund such excess within thirty (30) calendar days of the invoice without interest. LIPA shall not be obligated to perform or continue to perform any Interconnection Study work for the Interconnection Customer unless the Interconnection Customer has paid all amounts in compliance herewith.

11.0 Miscellaneous.

11.1 Accuracy of Information. Except as Interconnection Customer may otherwise specify in writing when it provides information to LIPA under this Agreement, Interconnection Customer represents and warrants that the information it provides to LIPA shall be accurate and complete as of the date the information is provided. Interconnection Customer shall promptly provide LIPA with any additional information needed to update information previously provided.

11.2 Disclaimer of Warranty. In preparing the facilities study, LIPA and any subcontractors or consultants employed by LIPA shall have to rely on information provided by Interconnection Customer, and possibly by third parties, and may not have control over the accuracy of such information. Accordingly, neither LIPA nor any subcontractor consultant employed by LIPA makes any warranties, express or implied, whether arising by operation of law, course of performance or dealing, custom, usage in the trade or profession, or otherwise, including without limitation implied warranties or merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, with regard to the accuracy, content or conclusions of the facilities study. Developer acknowledges that it has not relied on any representations or warranties not specifically set forth herein and that no such representation or warranties have formed the basis of its bargain hereunder.

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- 11.3 Force Majeure. For purposes of this Agreement, "Force Majeure Event" means any event: (a) that is beyond the reasonable control of the affected Party; and (b) that the affected Party is unable to prevent or provide against by exercising reasonable diligence, including the following events or circumstances, but only to the extent they satisfy the preceding requirements: acts of war, public disorder, insurrection, or rebellion; floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, lightning, storms, and other natural calamities; explosions or fires; strikes, work stoppages, or labor disputes; embargoes; and sabotage. If a Force Majeure Event prevents a Party from fulfilling any obligations under this Agreement, such Party will promptly notify the other Party in writing, and will keep the other Party informed on a continuing basis of the scope and duration of the Force Majeure Event. The affected Party will specify in reasonable detail the circumstances of the Force Majeure Event, its expected duration, and the steps that the affected Party is taking to mitigate the effects of the event on its performance. The affected Party will be entitled to suspend or modify its performance of obligations under this Agreement, other than the obligation to make payments then due or becoming due under this Agreement.
- 11.4 Limitations of Liability. In no event shall any Party or its subcontractor consultant be liable for indirect, special, incidental, punitive, or consequential damages of any kind including loss of profits, arising under or in connection with this Agreement or the facilities study or any reliance on the facilities study by Developer or third parties, even if one or more of the Parties or its subcontractor consultants have been advised of the possibility of such damages. Nor shall LIPA be liable for any delay in delivery or for the non-performance or delay in performance of LIPA's obligations under this Agreement.
- 11.5 Indemnification. Interconnection Customer shall at all times indemnify, defend, and save harmless LIPA, and their respective directors, officers, members, employees and agents from any and all damages, losses, claims and liabilities ("Losses") by or to third parties arising out of or resulting from the performance by LIPA under this Agreement, any bankruptcy filings made by Interconnection Customer, or the actions or omissions of Interconnection Customer in connection with this Agreement, except to the extent such Losses arise from the gross negligence or willful misconduct by LIPA or their respective directors, officers, members, employees or agents. The amount of any indemnity payment hereunder shall be reduced (including, without limitation, retroactively) by any insurance proceeds or other amounts actually recovered by the indemnified party in respect of the indemnified action, claim, demand, cost, damage or liability. The obligations of Interconnection Customer to indemnify LIPA shall be several, and not joint or joint and several.
- 11.6 Third-Party Beneficiaries. Without limitation of Sections 11.2, 11.3 and 11.5 of this Agreement, Interconnection Customer further agrees that subcontractor or consultant to LIPA to conduct or review, or to assist in the conducting or reviewing, a facilities study shall be deemed third party beneficiaries with respect to Sections 11.2, 11.3, 11.4 and 11.5.
- 11.7 Term and Termination. This Agreement shall be effective from the date hereof and unless earlier terminated in accordance with this Section 11.7, shall continue in effect for a term of one year or until the facilities study for Interconnection Customer's Small Generating Facility is completed, whichever event occurs first. Interconnection Customer or LIPA may terminate this Agreement upon the withdrawal of the Interconnection Customer's application pursuant to Section II.A.4 of PSEG Long Island's Small Generator Interconnection Procedures.
- 11.8 Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, without regard to any choice of laws provisions.

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- 11.9 Severability. In the event that any part of this Agreement is deemed as a matter of law to be unenforceable or null or void, such unenforceable or void part shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and the Agreement shall continue in full force and effect as if each part was not contained herein.
- 11.10 Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and each counterpart shall have the same force and effect as the original instrument.
- 11.11 Amendment. No amendment, modification or waiver of any term hereof shall be effective unless set forth in writing signed by the Parties hereto.
- 11.12 Survival. All warranties, limitations of liability, indemnification and confidentiality provisions provided herein shall survive the expiration or termination hereof.
- 11.13 Independent Contractor. LIPA shall at all times be deemed to be an independent contractor and none of their employees or the employees of its subcontractors shall be considered to be employees of Interconnection Customer as a result of this Agreement.
- 11.14 No Implied Waivers. The failure of a Party to insist upon or enforce strict performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall not be construed as a waiver or relinquishment to any extent of such party's right to insist or rely on any such provision, rights and remedies in that or any other instances; rather, the same shall be and remain in full force and effect.
- 11.15 Successors and Assigns. This Agreement, and each and every term and condition hereof, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns. No assignment shall be permitted where the assignee is currently in litigation with one of the Parties to this Agreement, except with the consent of the affected Party.
- 11.16 Due Authorization. Each Party to this Agreement represents and warrants that it has full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder, that execution of this Agreement will not violate any other agreement with a third party, and that the person signing this Agreement on its behalf has been properly authorized and empowered to enter into this Agreement.
- 12.0 All disputes shall be resolved in accordance with the procedures set forth in Section II.A.9 of the PSEG Long Island Small Generator Interconnection Procedures.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their duly authorized officers or agents on the day and year first above written.

**Long Island Electric Utility Service LLC
acting as agent of and on behalf of
Long Island Lighting Company d/b/a LIPA**

[Insert name of Interconnection Customer]

By: _____
(Signature)

By: _____
(Signature)

Name: _____
(Print)

Name: _____
(Print)

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____