## AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES

by and between

### **BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

and

### GUNSIGHT MOUNTAIN WIND ENERGY, LLC (Texas Taxpayer ID # 32033576318)

**TEXAS COMPTROLLER'S APPLICATION NO. 1017** 

Dated

December 11, 2014

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STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF HOWARD §

THIS AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES, hereinafter referred to as this "Agreement," is executed and delivered by and between **BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**, hereinafter referred to as "District," a lawfully created independent school district within the State of Texas operating under and subject to the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, and **GUNSIGHT MOUNTAIN WIND ENERGY, LLC**, a Texas limited liability company, Texas Taxpayer Identification Number 32033576318 hereinafter referred to as "Applicant." Applicant and District are hereinafter sometimes referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

#### RECITALS

*WHEREAS*, on June 26, 2014, the Superintendent of Schools of the Big Spring Independent School District, acting as agent of the Board of Trustees of District, received from Applicant an Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE;

*WHEREAS*, the Board of Trustees has acknowledged receipt of the Application, and along with the requisite application fee as established pursuant to Section 313.025(a) of the TEXAS TAX CODE and Local District Policy CCG (Local), and agreed to consider the application;

*WHEREAS*, the Application was delivered to the Texas Comptroller's Office for review pursuant to Section 313.025(a-1) of the TEXAS TAX CODE; and,

*WHEREAS*, the District and Texas Comptroller's Office have determined that the application is complete and July 24, 2014 is the Application Review Start Date as that terms is defined by 34 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE 9.1051;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 34 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE §9.1054, the Application was delivered for review to the Howard County Appraisal District established in Howard County, Texas (the "Howard County Appraisal District"), pursuant to Section 6.01 of the TEXAS TAX CODE;

*WHEREAS*, the Texas Comptroller's Office reviewed the Application pursuant to Section 313.025 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, conducted an economic impact evaluation pursuant to

Section 313.026 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, and on September 17, 2014, issued a certificate for limitation on appraised value of the property described in the Application and provided the certificate to the District;

*WHEREAS*, the Board of Trustees has reviewed and carefully considered the economic impact evaluation and certificate for limitation on appraised value submitted by the Texas Comptroller's Office pursuant to Section 313.026 of the TEXAS TAX CODE;

**WHEREAS**, on December 11, 2014, the Board of Trustees conducted a public hearing on the Application at which it solicited input into its deliberations on the Application from all interested parties within the District;

**WHEREAS**, on December 11, 2014, the Board of Trustees made factual findings pursuant to Section 313.025(f) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, including, but not limited to findings that: (i) the information in the Application is true and correct; (ii) Applicant is eligible for the Limitation on Appraised Value of Applicant's Qualified Property; (iii) the project proposed by Applicant is reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset District's maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of the agreement before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period; (iv) the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in Applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state; and (v) this Agreement is in the best interest of District and the State of Texas;

**WHEREAS**, on December 11 ,2014, pursuant to the provisions of 313.025(f-1) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, and the Board of Trustees waived the job creation requirement set forth in Section 313.051(b) of the TEXAS TAX CODE;

*WHEREAS*, on November 25, 2014, the Texas Comptroller's Office approved the form of this Agreement for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes; and

**WHEREAS,** on December 11, 2014, the Board of Trustees approved the form of this Agreement for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes, and authorized the Board President and Secretary to execute and deliver such Agreement to the Applicant; and

*NOW*, *THEREFORE*, for and in consideration of the premises and the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the Parties agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

**Section 1.1 DEFINITIONS.** Wherever used herein, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context in which used clearly indicates another meaning. Words or terms defined in 34 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE §9.1051 and not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings provided by 34 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE §9.1051.

"<u>Act</u>" means the Texas Economic Development Act set forth in Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, as amended.

"<u>Agreement</u>" means this Agreement, as the same may be modified, amended, restated, amended and restated, or supplemented as approved pursuant to Section 10.2.

"<u>Applicable School Finance Law</u>" means Chapters 41 and 42 of the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, the Texas Economic Development Act (Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE), Chapter 403, Subchapter M, of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE applicable to District, and the Constitution and general laws of the State applicable to The school districts of the State, including specifically, the applicable rules and regulations of the agencies of the State having jurisdiction over any matters relating to the public school systems and school districts of the State, and judicial decisions construing or interpreting any of the above. The term also includes any amendments or successor statutes that may be adopted in the future that could impact or alter the calculation of Applicant's ad valorem tax obligation to District, either with or without the limitation of property values made pursuant to this Agreement.

"<u>Applicant</u>" means Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC (*Texas Taxpayer ID* #32033576318), the company listed in the Preamble of this Agreement and that listed as the Applicant on the Application as of the Application Approval Date. The term "Applicant" shall also include Applicant's assigns and successors-in-interest as approved according to Section 10.2 of this Agreement.

"<u>Applicant's Qualified Investment</u>" means the Qualified Investment of the Applicant during the Qualifying Time Period and as more fully described in Section 3.3 of this Agreement.

"<u>Application</u>" means the Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property (Chapter 313, Subchapter B or C, of the Texas Tax Code) filed with District by Applicant on June 26, 2014. The term includes all forms required by Comptroller, the schedules attached thereto, and all other documentation submitted by Applicant for the purpose of obtaining an Agreement with District. The term also includes all amendments and supplements thereto submitted by Applicant.

"<u>Application Approval Date</u>" means the date that the Application is approved by the Board of Trustees of District and as further identified in Section 2.3.B of this Agreement.

"<u>Application Review Start Date</u>" means the later date of either the date on which District issues its written notice that Applicant has submitted a completed application or the date on which Comptroller issues its written notice that Applicant has submitted a completed application and as further identified in Section 2.3.A of this Agreement.

"<u>Appraised Value</u>" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.04(8) of the Texas Tax Code.

"<u>Appraisal District</u>" means the Howard County Appraisal District.

"Board of Trustees" means the Board of Trustees of the Big Spring Independent School District.

"<u>*Comptroller*</u>" means the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, or the designated representative of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts acting on behalf of Comptroller.

"<u>*Comptroller's Rules*</u>" means the applicable rules and regulations of Comptroller set forth in Chapter 34 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 9, Subchapter F, together with any court or administrative decisions interpreting same.

"*County*" means Howard County, Texas.

"<u>District</u>" or "<u>School District</u>" means the Big Spring Independent School District, being a duly authorized and operating school district in the State, having the power to levy, assess, and collect ad valorem taxes within its boundaries and to which Subchapter C of the Act applies. The term also includes any successor independent school district or other successor governmental authority having the power to levy and collect ad valorem taxes for school purposes on Applicant's Qualified Property or the Applicant's Qualified Investment.

"*Final Termination Date*" means the last date of the final year in which Applicant is required to Maintain Viable Presence and as further identified in Section 2.3.E of this Agreement.

"<u>Force Majeure</u>" means those causes generally recognized under Texas law as constituting impossible conditions. Each party must inform the other in writing with proof of receipt within three business days of the existence of such force majeure or otherwise waive this right as a defense.

"*Land*" means the real property described on **EXHIBIT 2**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

"<u>Maintain Viable Presence</u>" means (i) the development, construction and operation

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during the term of this Agreement of the facility or facilities for which the tax limitation is granted, as the same may from time to time be expanded, upgraded, improved, modified, changed, remodeled, repaired, restored, reconstructed, reconfigured, and/or reengineered; (ii) the retention during the term of this Agreement of the number of New Qualifying Jobs set forth in its Application by Applicant; and, (iii) continue the average weekly wage paid by Applicant for all Non-Qualifying Jobs created by Applicant that exceeds the county average weekly wage for all jobs in the county where the administrative office of District is maintained.

"<u>M&O Amount</u>" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 4.2 of the Agreement.

"<u>Maintenance and Operations Revenue</u>" or "<u>M&O Revenue</u>" means (i) those revenues which District receives from the levy of its annual ad valorem maintenance and operations tax pursuant to Section 45.002 of the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE and Article VII § 3 of the TEXAS CONSTITUTION, plus (ii) all State revenues to which the District is or may be entitled under Chapter 42 of the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE or any other statutory provision as well as any amendment or successor statute to these provisions, plus (iii) any indemnity payments received by the District under other agreements similar to this Agreement to the extent that such payments are designed to replace District M&O Revenue lost as a result of such similar agreements, less (iv) any amounts necessary to reimburse the State of Texas or another school district for the education of additional students pursuant to Chapter 41 of the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE.

"<u>Market Value</u>" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.04(7) of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

"<u>New Qualifying Jobs</u>" means the total number of jobs to be created and maintained by Applicant after the Application Approval Date in connection with the project which is the subject of its Application that meet the criteria of Qualifying Job as defined in Section 313.021(4) of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

"<u>*Qualified Investment*</u>" has the meaning set forth in Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, as interpreted by Comptroller's Rules, as these provisions existed on the Application Review Start Date.

"<u>Non-Qualifying Jobs</u>" means the number of New Non-Qualifying Jobs, as defined in 34 TAC §9.0151, to be created and maintained by the Applicant after the Application Approval Date in connection with the project which is the subject of its Application.

"<u>*Qualified Property*</u>" has the meaning set forth in Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code and as interpreted by Comptroller's Rules and the Texas Attorney General, as these provisions existed on the date of the Application is approved by District,

"Qualifying Time Period" means the period that begins on the date of approval of this

Agreement by District's Board of Trustees and ends on December 31st of the second Tax Year that begins after such date of approval as is defined in Section 313.021(4)(A) of the Texas Tax Code and during which Applicant shall make investment on the land where the qualified property in the amount required by the Act, the Comptroller's rules, and this Agreement and as further identified in Section 2.3.C of this Agreement.

"<u>Revenue Protection Amount</u>" means the amount calculated pursuant to Section 4.2 of this Agreement.

"*State*" means the State of Texas.

"<u>Substantive Document</u>" means a document or other information or data in electronic media determined by the Comptroller to substantially involve or include information or data significant to an application, the evaluation or consideration of an application, or the agreement or implementation of an agreement for limitation of appraised value pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. The term includes, but is not limited to, any application requesting a limitation on appraised value and any amendments or supplements, any economic impact evaluation made in connection with an application, any agreement between applicant and the school district and any subsequent amendments or assignments, and any school district written finding or report filed with the comptroller as required under this subchapter.

"Supplemental Payment" has the meaning as set forth in Article VI of this Agreement.

"<u>*Tax Limitation Amount*</u>" means the maximum amount which may be placed as the Appraised Value on Applicant's Qualified Property for each tax year of the Tax Limitation Period of this Agreement pursuant to Section 313.054 of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

"<u>*Tax Limitation Period*</u>" means the Tax Years for which the Applicant's Qualified Property is subject to the Tax Limitation Amount and as further identified in Section 2.3.D of this Agreement.

"*Tax Year*" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.04(13) of the TEXAS TAX CODE (*i.e.*, the calendar year).

"*Taxable Value*" shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.04(10) of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

"<u>Texas Education Agency Rules</u>" means the applicable rules and regulations adopted by the Texas Commissioner of Education in relation to the administration of Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, which are set forth at 19 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE, Part 2, together with any court or administrative decisions interpreting same.

#### ARTICLE II AUTHORITY, PURPOSE AND LIMITATION AMOUNTS

**Section 2.1. AUTHORITY.** This Agreement is executed by District as its written agreement with Applicant pursuant to the provisions and authority granted to District in Section 313.027 of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

**Section 2.2. PURPOSE.** In consideration of the execution of and subsequent performance of the terms and obligations by Applicant pursuant to this Agreement, identified in Section 2.5 and 2.6 and as more fully specified in this Agreement, the value of Applicant's Qualified Property listed and assessed by the County Appraiser for District's operation and maintenance ad valorem property tax shall be the Tax Limitation Amount as set forth in Section 2.4 of this Agreement during the Tax Limitation Period.

#### Section 2.3. TERM OF THE AGREEMENT.

- A. The Application Review Start Date for this Agreement is July 24, 2014, which will determine Applicant's Qualified Property and applicable wage standard.
- B. The Application Approval Date for this Agreement is December 11, 2014, which will determine the qualifying time period.
- C. The Qualifying Time Period for this agreement:
  - 1. Starts on December 11, 2014, Application Approval Date; and
  - 2. Ends on December 31, 2016.
- D. The Tax Limitation Period for this Agreement:
  - 1. Starts on January 1, 2017; and,
  - 2. Ends on December 31, 2026.
- E. The Final Termination Date for this Agreement is December 31, 2031.

F. This Agreement, and the obligations and responsibilities created by this Agreement, shall be and become effective on the Application Approval Date identified in Subsection B. This Agreement, and the obligation and responsibilities created by this Agreement, terminate on the Final Termination Date identified in Subsection E, unless extended by the express terms of this Agreement.

**Section 2.4. TAX LIMITATION.** So long as Applicant makes the Qualified Investment as defined by Section 2.5 below, during the Qualifying Time Period, and unless this Agreement has been terminated as provided herein before such Tax Year, on January 1 of each Tax Year of the Tax Limitation Period, the Appraised Value of the Applicant's Qualified Property for the District's maintenance and operations ad valorem tax purposes shall not exceed the lesser of:

- A. the Market Value of the Applicant's Qualified Property; or
- B. Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000).

This Tax Limitation Amount is based on the limitation amount for the category that applies to the District on the effective date of this Agreement, as set out by Section 313.052 of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

Section 2.5. QUALIFIED INVESTMENT FOR TAX LIMITATION ELIGIBILITY. In order to be eligible and entitled to receive the value limitation identified in 2.4 for the Qualified Property identified in Article III, Applicant shall:

A. have completed Qualified Investment in the amount of \$30,000,000 by the end of the Qualifying Time Period;

B. have created the number of Qualifying Jobs specified in, and in the time period specified on, Schedule C of the Application; and

C. be paying the average weekly wage of all jobs in the county in which District's administrative office is located for all non-qualifying jobs created by Applicant.

Section 2.6. TAX LIMITATION OBLIGATIONS. In order to receive and maintain the limitation authorized by Section 2.4, Applicant shall:

A. provide payments to District sufficient to protect the future District revenues through payment of revenue offsets and other mechanisms as more fully described in Article IV;

B. provide payments to the District that protect District from the payment of extraordinary education related expenses related to the project, as more fully specified in Article V;

C. provide such supplemental payments as more fully specified in Article VI; and

D. create and Maintain Viable Presence on and/or with the qualified property and perform additional obligations as more fully specified in Article VII of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE III OUALIFIED PROPERTY

Section 3.1. LOCATION WITHIN ENTERPRISE OR REINVESTMENT ZONE. At the time of making the Qualified Investment and during the period starting with the Application Approval Date and ending on the Final Termination Date, the Land is and shall be within an area

designated either as an enterprise zone, pursuant to Chapter 2303 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, or a reinvestment zone, pursuant to Chapter 311 or 312 of the TEXAS TAX CODE. The legal description of such zone is attached to this Agreement as **EXHIBIT 1** and is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Section 3.2. LOCATION OF QUALIFIED PROPERTY AND INVESTMENT. The Land on which the Qualified Property shall be located and on which the Qualified Investment shall be made is described on **EXHIBIT 2** which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. The Parties expressly agree that the boundaries of the Land may not be materially changed from its configuration described in **EXHIBIT 2** unless amended pursuant to the provisions of Section 10.2 of this Agreement.

Section 3.3. DESCRIPTION OF QUALIFIED PROPERTY. The Qualified Property that is subject to the Tax Limitation Amount is described in **EXHIBIT 3**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. Property which is not specifically described in **EXHIBIT 3** shall not be considered by the District or the Appraisal District to be part of the Applicant's Qualified Property for purposes of this Agreement, unless by official action the Board of Trustees provides that such other property is a part of the Applicant's Qualified Property for purposes of this Agreement with Section 313.027(e) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, the Comptroller's rules, and Section 10.2 of this Agreement,.

Section 3.4. CURRENT INVENTORY OF QUALIFIED PROPERTY. If at any time after the Application Approval Date there is a material change in the Qualified Property located on the land described in **EXHIBIT 2**; or, upon a reasonable request of District, Comptroller, the Appraisal District, or the State Auditor's Office, Applicant shall provide to District, Comptroller, the Appraisal District or the State Auditor's Office a specific and detailed description of the tangible personal property, buildings, or permanent, nonremovable building components (including any affixed to or incorporated into real property) on the Land to which the value limitation applies including maps or surveys of sufficient detail and description to locate all such described property on the Land.

**Section 3.5. QUALIFYING USE.** Applicant's Qualified Property described above in Section 3.3 qualifies for a tax limitation agreement under Section 313.024(b)(5) of the Texas Tax Code as a renewable energy electric generation facility.

#### ARTICLE IV PROTECTION AGAINST LOSS OF FUTURE DISTRICT REVENUES

Section 4.1. INTENT OF THE PARTIES. Subject to the limitations contained in this Agreement (including Section 7.1), it is the intent of the Parties that the District shall, in accordance with the provisions of Section 313.027(f)(1) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, be compensated by Applicant for any loss that District incurs in its Maintenance and Operations Revenue as a result of, or on account of, entering into this Agreement, after taking into account

any payments to be made under this Agreement. Such payments shall be independent of, and in addition to such other payments as set forth in Articles V and VI in this Agreement. Subject to the limitations contained in this Agreement (including Section 7.1), IT IS THE INTENT OF THE PARTIES THAT THE RISK OF ANY NEGATIVE FINANCIAL CONSEQUENCE TO DISTRICT IN MAKING THE DECISION TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE BORNE SOLELY BY APPLICANT AND NOT BY DISTRICT. Applicant recognizes and acknowledges the calculations relating to the District's loss of Maintenance and Operations Revenue under this Agreement will be affected by changes to the timing of construction of the Project and any change to the Qualified Investment/Qualified Property. As such, Applicant acknowledges that it will bear any and all losses of Maintenance and Operations Revenue Protection Amount suffered by the District as a result of the Agreement, including without limitation any increase in the M&O Amount calculated under Section 4.2 to be paid to the District for losses in Maintenance and Operations Revenue resulting from any change in the timing of construction and/or any change to the Qualified Investment/Qualified Property.

Section 4.2. CALCULATING THE AMOUNT OF LOSS OF REVENUES BY THE DISTRICT. Subject to the provisions of Section 7.1, the amount to be paid by Applicant to compensate District for loss of Maintenance and Operations Revenue resulting from, or on account of, this Agreement for each year starting in the year of the Application Review Start Date and ending on the Final Termination Date (as set out in **EXHIBIT 4**), the "M&O Amount" shall be determined in compliance with the Applicable School Finance Law in effect for such year and according to the following formula:

A. The M&O Amount owed by Applicant to District means the Original M&O Revenue *minus* the New M&O Revenue; based on the following definitions:

- i. "Original M&O Revenue" means the total State and local Maintenance and Operations Revenue that District would have received for the school year under the Applicable School Finance Law had this Agreement not been entered into by the Parties and the Qualified Property had been subject to the full ad valorem maintenance & operations tax without any limitation on value.
- ii. "New M&O Revenue" means the total State and local Maintenance and Operations Revenue that District actually received for such school year.

B. In making the calculations for the M&O Amount required by this Section 4.2 of this Agreement:

- i. The Taxable Value of property for each school year will be determined under the Applicable School Finance Law.
- ii. For purposes of this calculation, the tax collection rate on the Applicant's Qualified Property will be presumed to be one hundred percent (100%).
- iii. If, for any year of this Agreement, the difference between the Original M&O Revenue and the New M&O Revenue as calculated under this Section 4.2 of this Agreement results in a negative number for the M&O Amount, the negative number will be considered to be zero.

- iv. All calculations made for the New M&O Revenue during the Tax Limitation Period under Section 4.2.A.ii of this Agreement will reflect the Tax Limitation Amount for such year.
- v. All calculations for the M&O Amount made under this Section 4.2 of this Agreement shall be made by a methodology which isolates only the revenue impact caused by this Agreement. Applicant shall not be responsible to reimburse District for other revenue losses created by other agreements or any other factors.

C. All calculations made under this Section shall be based on taxes actually owed or that would have actually been owed based on the Taxable Value of Qualified Property present and taxable in the District, and not based upon the estimated Qualified Property values in the Application.

Section 4.3. STATUTORY CHANGES AFFECTING M&O REVENUE. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, but subject to the limitations contained in Section 7.1 of this Agreement, in the event that, by virtue of statutory changes to the Applicable School Finance Law, administrative interpretations by Comptroller, Commissioner of Education, or the Texas Education Agency, or for any other reason attributable to statutory change, District will receive less Maintenance and Operations Revenue, or, if applicable, will be required to increase its payment of funds to the State or another school district, pursuant to Chapter 41 of the Texas Education Code, because of its participation in this Agreement, Applicant shall make payments to District, up to the Revenue Protection Amount limit set forth in Section 7.1 that are necessary to offset any negative impact on District as a result of its participation in this Agreement. Such calculation shall take into account any adjustments to the amount calculated for the current fiscal year that should be made in order to reflect the actual impact on District.

**Section 4.4. COMPENSATION FOR LOSS OF OTHER REVENUES.** To the extent not included in the amounts calculated pursuant to Section 4.2 above, Applicant shall also pay to the District on an annual basis all non-reimbursed costs arising from entering this Agreement, including but not limited to: (a) any loss incurred by the District resulting from successful judicial challenge to this Agreement; (b) any reasonable attorneys' fees or other costs incurred by the District due to any legal defense, enforcement or interpretation of this Agreement, irrespective of whether or not this Agreement is ultimately determined to be valid; and (c) any non-reimbursed costs incurred by the District caused by increased appraised values arising solely from the Qualified Property that is subject to the limitation provided in Section 2.4 herein.

Section 4.5. THIRD PARTY CALCULATIONS. All calculations made pursuant to this Agreement shall be verified annually by either RM School Finance Consulting or Moak Casey & Associates ("Consultant") one of which will be selected by the District. Any Consultant other than RM School Finance Consulting or Moak Casey & Associates may only be selected by the District, with Applicant's consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed, or

conditioned. Applicant will be solely responsible for the payment of Consultant's fees up to Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars, (\$6,500.00) for the first year of this Agreement. This amount may be increased each year of this Agreement by not more than five percent (5%) from the prior year. All calculations shall initially be based upon good-faith estimates using all available information and shall be adjusted to reflect "near final" or "actual" data for the applicable year as the data becomes available.

Section 4.6. DATA FOR CALCULATIONS. The initial calculations for any payments owing under this Agreement shall be based upon the valuations placed upon the Qualified Property by the Appraisal District in its annual certified tax roll submitted to the District pursuant to § 26.01 of the Texas Tax Code in or about July of each year of this Agreement. The certified tax roll data shall form the basis from which any and all amounts due under this Agreement are calculated, and the data utilized by the Consultant will be adjusted as necessary to reflect any subsequent adjustments by the Appraisal District to the District's tax roll. Any estimates used by the Consultant to make calculations as required by this Agreement shall be based on the best and most current information available and shall reflect only Qualified Property present and taxable in the District for each Tax Year. The Consultant shall from time-to-time adjust the data utilized to reflect actual amounts, subsequent adjustments by the Appraisal District to the District's to material items such as student counts or tax collections.

#### Section 4.7. DELIVERY OF CALCULATIONS.

A. All calculations required under Articles IV, V, or VI shall be made by the Consultant on or before December 1 of each year for which this Agreement is effective. The Consultant shall forward such calculations to the Parties in sufficient detail to allow the Parties to understand the manner in which the calculations were made. The Consultant shall maintain supporting data consistent with generally accepted accounting practices. The Consultant shall preserve all documents and data related to all calculations required under this Agreement for a period of three (3) years. Employees and agents of the Parties shall have reasonable access to the Consultant's offices, personnel, books, and records pertaining to all calculations and fees.

B. In the event the District receives the Consultant's invoice for services rendered, the District shall forward to Applicant such invoice, which Applicant shall pay (subject to the limitation in Section 4.5) within thirty (30) days of receipt.

**Section 4.8. PAYMENT BY APPLICANT.** On or before the January 31 next following the tax levy for each year for which this Agreement is effective, and subject to the limitations contained in Section 7.1, the Applicant shall pay all amounts determined to be due and owing to the District, all amounts billed by the Consultant pursuant to Section 4.5, and any reasonable and necessary expenses (subject to documentation) paid by the District to its attorneys, auditors, or financial consultants for work resulting from the District's participation in this Agreement. Provided that the District, upon request of Applicant, provides supporting documentation to

substantiate such reasonable and necessary expenses to the extent such supporting documentation is not excepted from disclosure as attorney-client privilege or otherwise excepted from disclosure under the Texas Public Information Act (Texas Government Code § 552.001, *et seq*).

**Section 4.9.** CHALLENGING CALCULATION RESULTS. The Applicant may appeal the Consultant's results, in writing, within fifteen (15) days of receipt of such results. The Consultant will issue a final determination of the calculations within 15 days of receiving Applicant's appeal. The Applicant may appeal the final determination of the Consultant to the District within 15 days of its receipt, pursuant to District Policy GK (LOCAL).

Section 4.10. EFFECT OF PROPERTY VALUE APPEAL OR ADJUSTMENT. In the event that the Taxable Value of the Qualified Property is changed after an appeal of its valuation, or the Taxable Value is otherwise altered for any reason, the calculations required under Article IV of this Agreement shall be recalculated by the Consultant at Applicant's sole expense using the revised property values. The Consultant shall transmit the revised calculations to the Parties and any Party owing funds to the other Party shall pay such funds within thirty (30) days after receipt of the new calculations.

Section 4.11. EFFECT STATUTORY OR OTHER LEGAL CHANGES. If the District will receive less M&O Revenue, or, if applicable, will be required to increase its payment of funds to the State or another school district due to the District's participation in this Agreement because of changes to applicable School Finance Law or administrative or legal interpretations by the office of the Comptroller, the Commissioner of Education, the Texas Education Agency, the Courts of the State of Texas, or any other authority having proper jurisdiction over the District or Texas school finance, then the Applicant shall make payments to the District within thirty (30) days of receipt of written notice, up to the limitation set forth in Section 7.1 below. The Parties understand and agree that the foregoing payments to the District are necessary to (a) offset any negative impact on the District as a result of its participation in this Agreement; and (b) secure for the District an amount of M&O Revenue not less than that which the District would have received had the District not entered into this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE V PAYMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATION RELATED EXPENSES

Section 5.1. EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES. In addition to the amounts determined pursuant to Article IV or Article VI of this Agreement above, Applicant on an annual basis shall also indemnify and reimburse District for the following:

A. all non-reimbursed costs, certified by District's external auditor to have been incurred by District for extraordinary education-related expenses related to the project that are not directly funded in state aid formulas, including expenses for the purchase of portable classrooms and the hiring of additional personnel to accommodate a temporary increase in student enrollment attributable to the project; and

B. any other loss of District revenues or funds which are, or may be attributable to the payment by Applicant to or on behalf any other third party beneficiary.

**Section 5.2. PAYMENTS**. Payments of amounts due under this Article shall be made as set forth in Section 4.8 above.

#### ARTICLE VI SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS

**SECTION 6.1. SEPARATE AND INDEPENDENT AMOUNTS.** In addition to payment of the amounts set forth under Articles IV and V of this Agreement, and as consideration for the execution of this Agreement by the District, Applicant shall be responsible to the District for supplemental payments, as set forth in this Article VI. Any and all obligations for any supplemental payments shall be separate and independent of Applicant's obligations under Articles IV and V of this Agreement.

#### Section 6.2. SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT LIMITATION.

A. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the total annual supplement payment made pursuant to this article shall:

- i. not exceed in any calendar year of this Agreement an amount equal to the greater of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) per student per year in average daily attendance, as defined by Section 42.005 of the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, or Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per year; and
- ii. only be made during the period starting the first year of the Qualifying Time Period and ending December 31 of the third year following the end of the Tax Limitation Period.

B. This limitation does not apply to amounts described by Section 313.027(f)(1)-(2) of the TEXAS TAX CODE as implemented in Articles Iv and V of this Agreement.

C. For purposes of this Agreement, the amount of the Annual Limit shall be Three Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Twenty Three Dollars (\$386,000.00) based upon the District's 2014-15 Average Daily Attendance of 3,860, rounded to the whole number.

Section 6.3. ALTERNATE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT LIMITATION. Notwithstanding anything in this Article VI, if during any year of the Tax Limitation Period (as set forth on **EXHIBIT 4**), the amount of the supplemental payments owed by Applicant as calculated in Section 6.2.A.i above exceeds forty percent (40%) of Applicant's Net Tax Savings for the same year, then: (i) the payment owed by Applicant under this Article VI shall be equal to forty percent (40%) of Applicant's Net Tax Savings for such year, and (ii) the portion of the payment

calculated under Section 6.2.A.i above that exceeds forty percent (40%) of Applicant's Net Tax Savings for such year shall not be owed by Applicant under this Agreement.

Section 6.4. SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT CHANGES. In the event Chapter 313 is modified or amended to allow the District to receive supplemental payments in excess of the limitation in Section 6.2.C, Applicant agrees to cooperate with the District to amend this Agreement to allow District to receive the maximum amount of supplemental payments as allowed by law; provided however, the total supplemental payments for any given year of this Agreement shall not exceed the greater of forty percent (40%) of Applicant's Net Tax Savings under this Agreement in such year or the amount calculated as set out in Section 6.2.A.i above, as determined for that school year. "Net Tax Savings" means an amount equal to (but not less than zero): (i) the sum of the amount of maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes which the Applicant would have paid to the District for all years during the term of this Agreement if this Agreement had not been entered into by the Parties; minus (ii) an amount equal to the sum of (A) all maintenance and operations ad valorem school taxes actually due to the District or any other governmental entity, including the State of Texas for all years during the term of this Agreement, plus (B) any and all payments due to the District under Article IV of this Agreement. For clarification, Net Tax Savings in respect of a particular year pursuant to Section 6.2 shall mean an amount equal to (but not less than zero): (i) the sum of the amount of maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes which the Applicant would have paid to the District for such year if this Agreement had not been entered into by the Parties; minus, (ii) an amount equal to the sum of (A) all maintenance and operations ad valorem school taxes actually due to the District or any other governmental entity. including the State of Texas for such year, plus (B) any and all payments due to the District under Article IV of this Agreement for such year. This Section 6.2.C shall only apply if Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code is amended so that the District is permitted to receive payments in lieu of taxation greater than as described in Section 6.2.A.i. above; otherwise, Section 6.2.A.i shall apply.

**Section 6.5. PAYMENT BY APPLICANT.** Payment of amounts due under this Article shall be made as set forth in Section 4.8 of this Agreement and is subject to the limitations contained in Section 7.1.

#### ARTICLE VII ANNUAL LIMITATION OF PAYMENTS BY APPLICANT

**Section 7.1. ANNUAL LIMITATION.** Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, and with respect to each Tax Year of the Tax Limitation Period, in no event shall (i) the sum of the maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes paid by Applicant to District for such Tax Year, plus the sum of all payments otherwise due from Applicant to District under Articles IV, V, and VI of this Agreement with respect to such Tax Year, exceed (ii) the amount of the maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes that Applicant would have paid to District for such Tax Year (determined by using District's actual maintenance and operations tax rate for such Tax Year) if the Parties had not entered into this Agreement. The

calculation and comparison of the amounts described in clauses (i) and (ii) of the preceding sentence shall be included in all calculations made pursuant to Section 4.2 of this Agreement, and in the event the sum of the amounts described in said clause (i) exceeds the amount described in said clause (ii), then the payments otherwise due from Applicant to District under Articles IV, V, and VI shall be reduced until such excess is eliminated.

**Section 7.2. OPTION TO TERMINATE AGREEMENT.** In the event that any payment otherwise due from Applicant to District under Article IV, Article V, and/or Article VI of this Agreement with respect to a Tax Year is subject to reduction in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.1 above, then the Applicant shall have the option to terminate this Agreement. Applicant may exercise such option to terminate this Agreement by notifying District of its election in writing not later than the July 31 of the year next following the Tax Year with respect to which a reduction under Section 7.1 is applicable. Any termination of this Agreement under the foregoing provisions of this Section 7.2 shall be effective immediately prior to the second Tax Year next following the Tax Year in which the reduction giving rise to the option occurred.

Section 7.3. EFFECT OF OPTIONAL TERMINATION. Upon the exercise of the option to terminate pursuant to Section 7.2, this Agreement shall terminate and be of no further force or effect; provided, however, that:

A. the Parties respective rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Tax Year or Tax Years (as the case may be) through and including the Tax Year during which such notification is delivered to District, shall not be impaired or modified as a result of such termination and shall survive such termination unless and until satisfied and discharged; and

B. the provisions of this Agreement regarding payments, records and dispute resolution shall survive the termination or expiration dates of this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE VIII ADDITIONAL OBLIGATIONS OF APPLICANT

**Section 8.1. APPLICANT'S OBLIGATION TO MAINTAIN VIABLE PRESENCE.** In order to receive and maintain the limitation authorized by Section 2.4 in addition to the other obligations required by this Agreement, Applicant shall Maintain Viable Presence in District commencing at the start of the Tax Limitation Period through the Final Termination Date of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, Applicant shall not be in breach of, and shall not be subject to any liability for failure to Maintain Viable Presence to the extent such failure is caused by Force Majeure, provided Applicant makes commercially reasonable efforts to remedy the cause of such Force Majeure. The Final Termination Date will only be extended for the mutually agreed length of the Force Majeure.

Section 8.2. REPORTS . In order to receive and maintain the limitation authorized by 2.4 in addition to the other obligations required by this Agreement, Applicant shall submit the

following reports completed by Applicant to the satisfaction of Comptroller on the dates indicated on the form and starting on the first such due date after the Application Approval Date:

A. The Annual Eligibility Report, Form 50-772 located at Comptroller website http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-772.pdf;

B. The Biennial Progress Report, Form 50-773, located at Comptroller website http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/taxforms/50-773.pdf; and

C. The Job Creation Compliance Report, Form 50-825, located at the Comptroller website http://www.texasahead.org/tax\_programs/chapter313/forms.php.

Section 8.3. COMPTROLLER'S ANNUAL REPORT ON CHAPTER 313 AGREEMENTS. During the term of this Agreement, both Parties shall provide Comptroller with all information reasonably necessary for Comptroller to assess performance under this Agreement for the purpose of issuing Comptroller's report, as required by Section 313.032 of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

Section 8.4. DATA REQUESTS. During the term of this Agreement, and upon the written request of District, the State Auditor's Office, or Comptroller, the Applicant shall provide the requesting party with all information reasonably necessary for the requesting party to determine whether the Applicant is in compliance with its obligations, including, but not limited to, any employment obligations which may arise under this Agreement.

**Section 8.5. SITE VISITS AND RECORD REVIEW.** Applicant shall allow authorized employees of District, the Comptroller, the Appraisal District, and/or the State Auditor's Office to have access to Applicant's Qualified Property and/or business records, in accordance with Section 22.07 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, from the Application Review Start Date through the Final Termination Date, in order to inspect the project to determine compliance with the terms hereof or as necessary to properly appraise the Taxable Value of Applicant's Qualified Property.

A. All inspections will be made at a mutually agreeable time after the giving of not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior written notice, and will be conducted in such a manner so as not to unreasonably interfere with either the construction or operation of Applicant's Qualified Property.

B. All inspections may be accompanied by one or more representatives of Applicant, and shall be conducted in accordance with Applicant's safety, security, and operational standards. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained in this Agreement shall require the Applicant to provide District, Comptroller, or the Appraisal District with any technical or business information that is proprietary, a trade secret or is subject to a confidentiality agreement with any third party.

Section 8.6. RIGHT TO AUDIT; SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS; INDEPENDENT AUDITS.

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This Agreement is subject to review and audit by the State Auditor pursuant to Section 2262.003 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE and Section 331.010(a) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, and the following requirements:

A. District and Applicant shall maintain and retain supporting documents adequate to ensure that claims for the Tax Limitation Amount are in accordance with applicable Comptroller and State of Texas requirements. Applicant and District shall maintain all such documents and other records relating to this Agreement and the State's property for a period of four (4) years after the later of:

- i. date of submission of the final payment;
- ii. Final Termination Date; or
- iii. date of resolution of all disputes or payment.

B. District and Applicant shall make available at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, and for reasonable periods, all information related to the Applicant's Qualified Property, Qualified Investment, Qualifying Jobs, and wages paid for Non-Qualifying Jobs such as work papers, reports, books, data, files, software, records, calculations, spreadsheets and other supporting documents pertaining to this Agreement, for purposes of inspecting, monitoring, auditing, or evaluating by Comptroller, State Auditor's Office, State of Texas or their authorized representatives. Applicant and District shall cooperate with auditors and other authorized Comptroller and State of Texas representatives and shall provide them with prompt access to all of such property as requested by Comptroller or the State of Texas. By example and not as an exclusion to other breaches or failures, Applicant's failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

C. Comptroller may require, at Applicant's or District's sole cost and expense, as applicable, independent audits by a qualified certified public accounting firm of Applicant's, District's or the Comptroller's books, records, or property. The independent auditor shall provide Comptroller with a copy of such audit at the same time it is provided to Applicant and/or District.

D. In addition to and without limitation on the other audit provisions of this Agreement, pursuant to Section 2262.003 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, the state auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of Applicant or District or any other entity or person receiving funds from the state directly under this Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under this Agreement. The acceptance of funds by Applicant or District or any other entity or person directly under this Agreement or indirectly through a subcontract under this Agreement acts as acceptance of the authority of the state auditor, under the direction of the legislative audit committee, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. Under the direction of the legislative audit committee, Applicant or District or other entity that is the subject of an audit or investigation by the state auditor must provide the state auditor with access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. This Agreement may be amended unilaterally by Comptroller to comply with any rules and

procedures of the state auditor in the implementation and enforcement of Section 2262.003 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE.

Section 8.7. FALSE STATEMENTS; BREACH OF REPRESENTATIONS. The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement has been negotiated, and is being executed, in reliance upon the information contained in the Application, and any supplements or amendments thereto, without which Comptroller would not have approved this Agreement and District would not executed this Agreement. By signature to this Agreement, Applicant:

A. represents and warrants that all information, facts, and representations contained in the Application are true and correct; and

B. acknowledges that if Applicant submitted its Application with a false statement, signs this Agreement with a false statement, or submits a report with a false statement, or it is subsequently determined that Applicant has violated any of the representations, warranties, guarantees, certifications or affirmations included in the Application or this Agreement, Applicant shall have materially breached this Agreement and the Agreement shall be invalid and void except for the enforcement of the provisions required by 34 Tex. Admin. Code 9.1053(f)(2)(L).

#### ARTICLE IX MATERIAL BREACH OR EARLY TERMINATION

Section 9.1. EVENTS CONSTITUTING MATERIAL BREACH OF AGREEMENT. Applicant shall be in Material Breach of this Agreement if it commits one or more of the following acts or omissions:

A. The Application, any Application Supplement, or any Application Amendment on which this Agreement is approved is determined to be inaccurate as to an material representation, information, or fact or is not complete as to any material fact or representation or such application;

B. Applicant failed to have complete Qualified Investment as required by Section 2.5 of this Agreement;

C. Applicant failed to create the number of Qualifying Jobs specified in Schedule C of the Application;

D. Applicant failed to pay the average weekly wage of all jobs in the county in which District's administrative office is located for all Non-Qualifying Jobs created by Applicant;

E. Applicant failed to provide payments to District sufficient to protect the future District revenues through payment of revenue offsets and other mechanisms as more fully

described in Article IV of this Agreement;

F. Applicant failed to provide payments to the District that protect District from the payment of extraordinary education related expenses related to the project, as more fully specified in Article V of this Agreement;

G. Applicant failed to provide such supplemental payments as more fully specified in Article VI of this Agreement;

H. Applicant failed to create and Maintain Viable Presence on and/or with the qualified property as more fully specified in Article VIII of this Agreement;

I. Applicant failed to submit the reports required to be submitted by Section 8.2 to the satisfaction of Comptroller on the dates indicated on the form;

J. Applicant failed to provide the District or Comptroller with all information reasonably necessary for District or Comptroller determine whether Applicant is in compliance with its obligations, including, but not limited to, any employment obligations which may arise under this Agreement;

K. Applicant failed to allow authorized employees of District, Comptroller, the Appraisal District, and/or the State Auditor's Office to have access to Applicant's Qualified Property and/or business records in order to inspect the project to determine compliance with the terms hereof or as necessary to properly appraise the Taxable Value of Applicant's Qualified Property;

L. Applicant failed to comply with a request by the State Auditor's office to review and audit the Applicant's compliance with the Agreement;

M. Applicant has made any payments to the District or to any other person or persons in any form for the payment or transfer of money or any other thing of value in recognition of, anticipation of, or consideration for this Agreement for limitation on appraised value made pursuant to Chapter 313of the TEXAS TAX CODE, in excess of the amounts set forth in Articles IV, V and VI, of this Agreement; or

N. Applicant fails either to:

- i. Implement a plan to remedy non-compliance as required by Comptroller pursuant to 34 TAC Section 9.1059; or
- ii. Pay a penalty assessed by Comptroller pursuant to 34 TAC Section 9.1059.

# Section 9.2. CONSEQUENCES OF EARLY TERMINATION OR OTHER BREACH BY APPLICANT.

A. In the event that Applicant terminates this Agreement without the consent of District, except as provided in Section 7.2 of this Agreement, or in the event that Applicant fails to comply in any material respect with the terms of this Agreement or to meet any material obligation under this Agreement, after the notice and cure period provided by Section 9.3, then District shall be entitled to the recapture of all ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of this Agreement together with the payment of penalty and interest, as calculated in accordance with Section 9.2.C on that recaptured ad valorem tax revenue. For purposes of this recapture calculation, Applicant shall be entitled to a credit for all payments made to District pursuant to Article IV, V, and VI of this Agreement.

B. Notwithstanding Section 9.2.A, in the event that District determines that Applicant has failed to Maintain Viable Presence and provides written notice of termination of the Agreement, then Applicant shall pay to District liquidated damages for such failure within thirty (30) days after receipt of such termination notice. The sum of liquidated damages due and payable shall be the sum total of District ad valorem taxes for all of the Tax Years for which a Tax Limitation was granted pursuant to this Agreement prior to the year in which the default occurs that otherwise would have been due and payable by Applicant to District without the benefit of this Agreement, including penalty and interest, as calculated in accordance with Section 9.2.C. For purposes of this liquidated damages calculation, Applicant shall be entitled to a credit for all payments made to District pursuant to Article IV, V, and VI. Upon payment of such liquidated damages, Applicant's obligations under this Agreement shall be deemed fully satisfied, and such payment shall constitute the District's sole remedy.

C. In determining the amount of penalty or interest, or both, due in the event of a breach of this Agreement, District shall first determine the base amount of recaptured taxes less all credits under Section 9.2.A owed for each Tax Year during the Tax Limitation Period. District shall calculate penalty or interest for each Tax Year during the Tax Limitation Period in accordance with the methodology set forth in Chapter 33 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, as if the base amount calculated for such Tax Year less all credits under Section 9.2.A had become due and payable on February 1 of the calendar year following such Tax Year. Penalties on said amounts shall be calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in Section 33.01(a) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, or its successor statute. Interest on said amounts shall be calculated in accordance with the methodology set forth in Section 33.01(c) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, or its successor statute.

Section 9.3. LIMITED STATUTORY CURE OF MATERIAL BREACH. In accordance with the provisions of Section 313.0275 of the Texas Tax Code, for any full tax year which commences after the project has become operational, Applicant may cure the Material Breaches of this Agreement, defined in Sections 9.1.C. or 9.1.D, above, without the termination of the remaining term of this Agreement. In order to cure its non-compliance with Sections 9.1.C. or 9.1.D for the

particular Tax Year of non-compliance only, Applicant may make the liquidated damages payment required by Section 313.0275(b) of the Texas Tax Code, in accordance with the provisions of Section 313.0275(c) of the Texas Tax Code.

# Section 9.3. DETERMINATION OF MATERIAL BREACH AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT.

A. Prior to making a determination that the Applicant has committed a material breach of this Agreement, such as making a misrepresentation in the Application, failing to Maintain Viable Presence in District as required by Section 8.1 of this Agreement, failing to make any payment required under this Agreement when due, or has otherwise committed a material breach of this Agreement, District shall provide Applicant with a written notice of the facts which it believes have caused the material breach of this Agreement, and if cure is possible, the cure proposed by District. After receipt of the notice, Applicant shall be given ninety (90) days to present any facts or arguments to the Board of Trustees showing that it is not in material breach of its obligations under the Agreement, or that it has cured or undertaken to cure any such material breach.

B. If the Board of Trustees is not satisfied with such response and/or that such breach has been cured, then the Board of Trustees shall, after reasonable notice to Applicant, conduct a hearing called and held for the purpose of determining whether such breach has occurred and, if so, whether such breach has been cured. At any such hearing, Applicant shall have the opportunity, together with their counsel, to be heard before the Board of Trustees. At the hearing, the Board of Trustees shall make findings as to whether or not a material breach of this Agreement has occurred, the date such breach occurred, if any, and whether or not any such breach has been cured. In the event that the Board of Trustees determines that such a breach has occurred and has not been cured, it shall also terminate the Agreement and determine the amount of recaptured taxes under Section 9.2.A and B (net of all credits under Section 9.2.A and B), and the amount of any penalty and/or interest under Section 9.2.C that are owed to District.

C. After making its determination regarding any alleged breach, the Board of Trustees shall cause Applicant to be notified in writing of its determination (a "Determination of Breach and Notice of Contract Termination.").

#### Section 9.4. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.

A. After receipt of notice of the Board of Trustee's Determination of Breach and Notice of Contract Termination under the second Section 9.3, Applicant shall have ninety (90) days in which either to tender payment or evidence of its efforts to cure, or to initiate mediation of the dispute by written notice to District, in which case the District and the Applicant shall be required to make a good faith effort to resolve, without resort to litigation and within ninety (90) days after the Applicant's receipt of notice of the Board of Trustee's determination of breach under the second Section 9.3, such dispute through mediation with a mutually agreeable

mediator and at a mutually convenient time and place for the mediation. If the Parties are unable to agree on a mediator, a mediator shall be selected by the senior state district court judge then residing in Howard County, Texas. The Parties agree to sign a document that provides the mediator and the mediation will be governed by the provisions of Chapter 154 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code and such other rules as the mediator shall prescribe. With respect to such mediation, (i) District shall bear one-half of such mediator's fees and expenses and Applicant shall bear one-half of such mediator's fees and expenses, and (ii) otherwise each Party shall bear all of its costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with such mediation.

B. In the event that any mediation is not successful in resolving the dispute or that payment is not received before the expiration of such ninety (90) days, District shall have the remedies for the collection of the amounts determined under Section 9.2 and as are set forth in Chapter 33, Subchapters B and C, of the Texas Tax Code for the collection of delinquent taxes. In the event that District successfully prosecutes legal proceedings under this section, the Applicant shall also be responsible for the payment of attorney's fees and a tax lien on Applicant's Qualified Property and Applicant's Qualified Investment pursuant to Section 33.07 of the Texas Tax Code to the attorneys representing District pursuant to Section 6.30 of the Texas Tax Code.

C. In any event where a dispute between District and Applicant under this Agreement cannot be resolved by the Parties, after completing the procedures required above in this Section, either District or Applicant may seek a judicial declaration of their respective rights and duties under this Agreement or otherwise, in any judicial proceeding in Howard County, Texas, assert any rights or defenses, or seek any remedy in law or in equity, against the other Party with respect to any claim relating to any breach, default, or nonperformance of any covenant, agreement or undertaking made by a Party pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 9.5. LIMITATION OF OTHER DAMAGES. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, in the event of default or breach of this Agreement by the Applicant, District's damages for such a default shall under no circumstances exceed the greater of either any amounts calculated under Sections 9.2 above, or the monetary sum of the difference between the payments and credits due and owing to Applicant at the time of such default and District taxes that would have been lawfully payable to District had this Agreement not been executed. In addition, District's sole right of equitable relief under this Agreement shall be its right to terminate this Agreement. The Parties further agree that the limitation of damages and remedies set forth in this Section 9.5 shall be the sole and exclusive remedies available to the District, whether at law or under principles of equity.

Section 9.6. BINDING ON SUCCESSORS. In the event of a merger or consolidation of District with another school district or other governmental authority, this Agreement shall be binding on the successor school district or other governmental authority.

#### ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### Section 10.1. INFORMATION AND NOTICES.

A. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all notices required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and deemed sufficiently given for all purposes hereof if (i) delivered in person, by courier (e.g., by Federal Express) or by registered or certified United States Mail to the Party to be notified, with receipt obtained, or (ii) sent by facsimile transmission, with "answer back" or other "advice of receipt" obtained, in each case to the appropriate address or number as set forth below. Each notice shall be deemed effective on receipt by the addressee as aforesaid; provided that, notice received by facsimile transmission after 5:00 p.m. at the location of the addressee of such notice shall be deemed received on the first business day following the date of such electronic receipt.

B. Notices to District shall be addressed to District's Authorized Representative as follows:

#### To the District:

Big Spring Independent School District Attn: Chris Wigington, Superintendent (or the successor Superintendent) 708 E. 11<sup>th</sup> Pl. Big Spring, TX 79720 Phone #: (432) 264-3600 Fax #: (432) 264-3646 Email: cwigington@bsisd.esc18.net

#### With a copy to:

Underwood Law Firm, P.C. Attn: Fred Stormer P.O. Box 9158 Amarillo, TX 79105-9158 Phone #: (806) 379-1306 Fax #: (806) 379-0316 Email: fred.stormer@uwlaw.com

C. Notices to Applicant shall be addressed to its Authorized Representative as follows:

#### **To Applicant:**

Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy, LLC c/o Joe Condo, General Counsel Invenergy, LLC One South Wacker, Suite 1900 Chicago, IL 70707 Phone #: (312) 582-1465 Email: jcondo@invenergyllc.com

or at such other address or to such other facsimile transmission number and to the attention of such other person as Applicant may designate by written notice to District.

#### Section 10.2. AMENDMENTS TO AGREEMENT; WAIVERS.

A. This Agreement may not be modified or amended except by an instrument or instruments in writing signed by all of the Parties and after completing the requirements of subsection B hereof. Waiver of any term, condition or provision of this Agreement by any Party shall only be effective if in writing and shall not be construed as a waiver of any subsequent breach of, or failure to comply with, the same term, condition or provision, or a waiver of any other term, condition or provision of this Agreement.

B. By official action of the District's Board of Trustees, this Agreement may only be amended according to the following:

- i. Applicant shall submit to District and Comptroller:
  - a. a written request to amend the Application and this Agreement which shall specify the changes Applicant requests;
  - b. any changes to the information that was provided in the Application that was approved by District and considered by Comptroller;
  - c. and any additional information requested by District or Comptroller necessary to evaluate the amendment or modification; and
- ii. Comptroller shall review the request and any additional information and provide a revised Comptroller certificate for a limitation within 90 days of receiving the revised Application and, if the request to amend the Application has not been approved by Comptroller by the end of the 90 day period, the request is denied;
- iii. If Comptroller has not denied the request, District's Board of Trustees shall approve or disapprove the request before the expiration of 150 days after the request is filed.

C. Any amendment of the Agreement adding additional or replacement Qualified Property pursuant to this Section 10.2 of this Agreement shall:

- i. require that all property added by amendment be eligible property as defined by Section 313.024 of the Texas Tax Code;
- ii. clearly identify the property, investment, and employment information added by amendment from the property, investment, and employment information in the original Agreement; and
- iii. define minimum eligibility requirements for the recipient of limited value.

D. This Agreement may not be amended to extend the value limitation time period beyond its ten year statutory term.

**Section 10.4. ASSIGNMENT.** Any assignment of the interests of Applicant in this Agreement is considered an amendment to the Agreement and Applicant may only assign this Agreement, or a portion of this Agreement, after complying with the provisions of Section 10.2 regarding amendments to the Agreement.

Section 10.5. MERGER. This Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions of the understanding of the Parties relating to the subject matter hereof. All prior negotiations, discussions, correspondence, and preliminary understandings between the Parties and others relating hereto are superseded by this Agreement.

Section 10.6. MAINTENANCE OF COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT RECORDS. When appraising the Applicant's Qualified Property and the Applicant's Qualified Investment subject to a limitation on Appraised Value under this Agreement, the Chief Appraiser of the Appraisal District shall determine the Market Value thereof and include both such Market Value and the appropriate value thereof under this Agreement in its appraisal records.

Section 10.7. GOVERNING LAW. This Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without giving effect to principles thereof relating to conflicts of law or rules that would direct the application of the laws of another jurisdiction. Venue in any legal proceeding shall be in the County.

Section 10.8. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT. Each of the Parties represents and warrants that its undersigned representative has been expressly authorized to execute this Agreement for and on behalf of such Party.

Section 10.9. SEVERABILITY. If any term, provision or condition of this Agreement, or any application thereof, is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under any Law (as hereinafter defined), this Agreement shall be reformed to the extent necessary to conform, in each case consistent with the intention of the Parties, to such Law, and to the extent such term, provision or condition cannot be so reformed, then such term, provision or condition (or such invalid, illegal or unenforceable application thereof) shall be deemed deleted from (or prohibited under) this Agreement, as the case may be, and the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining terms, provisions and conditions contained herein (and any other application such term, provision or condition) shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the Parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement in an acceptable manner so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible to the end that the transactions contemplated hereby are fulfilled to the extent possible. As used in this Section 10.9, the term "Law" shall mean any applicable statute, law (including common law), ordinance, regulation, rule, ruling, order, writ, injunction, decree or other official act of or by any federal, state or local government, governmental department, commission, board, bureau, agency, regulatory authority, instrumentality, or judicial or administrative body having jurisdiction over the matter or matters in question.

Section 10.10. PAYMENT OF EXPENSES. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, or as covered by the application fee, each of the Parties shall pay its own costs and expenses relating to this Agreement, including, but not limited to, its costs and expenses of the

negotiations leading up to this Agreement, and of its performance and compliance with this Agreement.

Section 10.11. INTERPRETATION. When a reference is made in this Agreement to a Section, Article or Exhibit, such reference shall be to a Section or Article of, or Exhibit to, this Agreement unless otherwise indicated. The headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. The words "include," "includes" and "including" when used in this Agreement shall be deemed in such case to be followed by the phrase ", but not limited to,". Words used in this Agreement, regardless of the number or gender specifically used, shall be deemed and construed to include any other number, singular or plural, and any other gender, masculine, feminine or neuter, as the context shall require. This Agreement is the joint product of the Parties and each provision of this Agreement has been subject to the mutual consultation, negotiation and agreement of each Party and shall not be construed for or against any Party.

Section 10.12. EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, taken together, shall constitute but one and the same instrument, which may be sufficiently evidenced by one counterpart.

**Section 10.13. PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENTS.** The Parties acknowledge that District is required to publish Application and its required schedules, or any amendment thereto; all economic analyses of the proposed project submitted to District; and the approved and executed copy of this Agreement or any amendment thereto, as follows:

A. Within seven (7) days of such document, the school district shall submit a copy to Comptroller for Publication on Comptroller's Internet website;

B. District shall provide on its website a link to the location of those documents posted on Comptroller's website;

C. This Section does not require the publication of information that is confidential under Section 313.028 of the Texas Tax Code.

Section 10.14. CONTROL; OWNERSHIP; LEGAL PROCEEDINGS. Applicant shall immediately notify District in writing of any actual or anticipated change in the control or ownership of Applicant and of any legal or administrative investigations or proceedings initiated against Applicant regardless of the jurisdiction from which such proceedings originate.

Section 10.15. DUTY TO DISCLOSE. If circumstances change or additional information is obtained regarding any of the representations and warranties made by Applicant in the Application or this Agreement, or any other disclosure requirements, subsequent to the date of this Agreement, Applicant's duty to disclose continues throughout the term of this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the Parties in multiple originals on this  $11^{th}$  day of December, 2014.

GUNSIGHT MOUNTAIN WIND ENERGY, LLC BY Bryan Schueler NAME Vice President TITLE:

BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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ATTEST:

BY: NAME: TITLE:

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#### **Ехнівіт** 1

#### **DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF ENTERPRISE OR REINVESTMENT ZONE**

The Howard County Commissioners Court passed a Resolution and Order Designating the Gun Sight Mtn Reinvestment Zone on July 14, 2014, which is more particularly described below.

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297	T&P RR CO	32 T3N	45		
1007	T&P RR CO	33 T3N	38	PARR, C W	
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1708	T&P RR CO	32 T3N	44	SELLERS, F	
1223	T&P RR CO	32 T3N	44	AKIN, E T	
1250	T&P RR CO	33 T3N	40	BOYDSTON, J N	
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1224	T&P RR CO	33 T3N	34	AKIN, E T	
318	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	1		
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271	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	17		
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322	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	9		
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324	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	13		

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1106	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	14	ADAMS, D W	
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1026	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	16	COFFEE, J L	
272	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	19		
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329	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	23		
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1295	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	22	MAULDIN, J T	
328	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	21		
1126	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	30	GROVES, A	
1564	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	30	SOASH, W P	
1099	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	26	STEPHENS, G H	
330	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	25		
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1671	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	28	BURKS, C A	
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335	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	35		
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1441	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	34	MC GEE, J F	
1127	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	36	GROVES, A	
1241	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	32	BEAL, H S	
334	T&P RR CO	33 T2N	33		
277	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	29		
294	T&P RR CO	32 T3N	39		
1413	T&P RR CO	32 T3N	38	MC WHORTER, S	
293	T&P RR CO	32 T3N	37		
1741	T&P RR CO	32 T3N	48	SIMPSON, W M	
1730	T&P RR CO			SIMPSON, W M	
1424	T&P RR CO	32 T3N	48	SMITH, MRS G B	
1740	T&P RR CO	32 T3N	48	LOCKHART, S L	
200	T&P RR CO	31 T3N	43		
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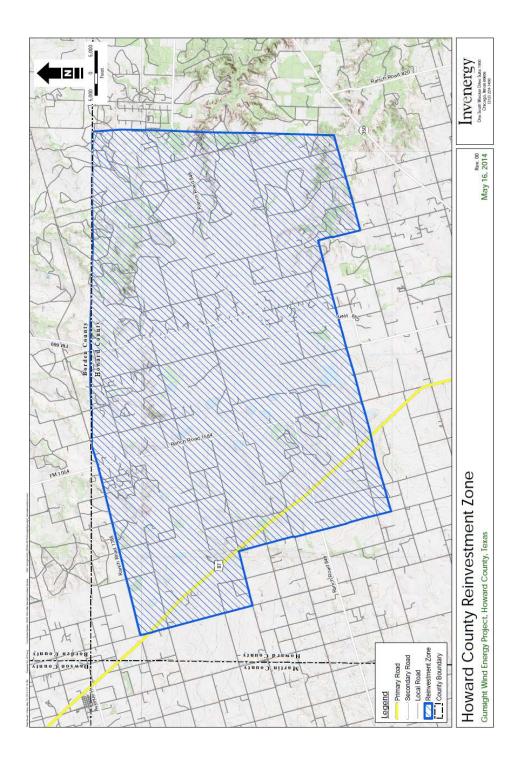
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182	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	11	
263	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	1	
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181	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	9	
1734	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	2	SIMPSON, W M
1093	T&P RR COO	32 T2N	2	SIMPSON, W M
1050	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	8	GROVES, J N
180	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	7	
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1160	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	12	MC CARTY, J E
1721	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	4	MC WHORTER, T M
1064	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	4	MCWHORTER, T M
183	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	13	
1687	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	12	POOLE, MRS F S
1154	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	14	MC CARTY, J E
268	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	11	
1698	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	12	BURKETT, S T
184	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	15	
1725	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	10	MC WHORTER, S
1066	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	10	MC WHORTER, S
1686	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	12	MOSLEY, C B
1726	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	12	NALL, L F & A
1017	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	12	BOSTLER, U M
1693	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	10	MC WHORTER, S
1722	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	16	REED, W M
177	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	21	
269	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	13	
1159	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	20	MC CARTY, J E
1264	T&P RR CO			CROSSETT, MRS H
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186	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	19	
1301	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	18	MORGAN, P S
978	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	18	COSBY, L P
1562	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	14	PASCHAL, E D
185	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	17	
1571	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	14	HAHN, T L
1186	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	22	RICE, E C

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187	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	23	
1632	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	24	HECKLER, J F
741	T&R RR CO	32 T2N	24	CLINTON, G O
1468	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	18	FAY, J N
274	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	23	
1302	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	24	MORGAN, P S
1702	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	22	MORRIS, W R
188	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	25	
1058	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	22	MANION, R K
1061	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	26	MANION, R K
1542	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	26	KAASE, A
1328	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	30	RICE, E C
275	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	25	
1701	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	22	MORRIS, W R
1060	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	26	MANION, R K
190	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	29	
276	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	27	
1729	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	28	MORGAN, P S
1300	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	28	MORGAN, P S
1737	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	28	LOVLACE, T R
189	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	27	
620	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	36	CLINTON, C A
1754	BUCHANAN, MRS B L			
191	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	31	
280	T&P RR CO	32 T2N		
1197	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	32	STEWART, W M
983	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	32	JOHNSON, R C
612	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	34	BATCHELOR, J E
192	T&P RR CO	31 T2N	33	
279	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	33	
598	T&P RR CO	31 T1N	34	DENMARK, A G
270	T&P RR CO	32 T2N	15	

Map of Howard County Reinvestment Zone



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#### EXHIBIT 2

#### DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF THE APPLICANT'S QUALIFIED INVESTMENT

Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy LLC will lease approximately 37,000 acres of land with local land owners in Howard County, Texas. All Qualified Property owned by the Applicant is located within the boundaries of both the Big Spring Independent School District and the Howard County- Gun Sight Mtn Reinvestment Zone, which is more particularly described in **EXHIBIT 1**.

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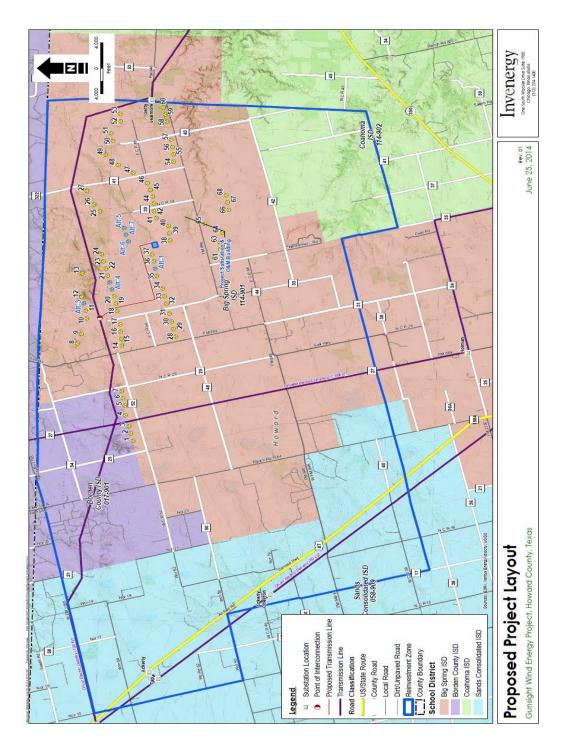
#### EXHIBIT 3

#### **DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF QUALIFIED PROPERTY**

Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy LLC anticipates constructing a wind-powered electric generating facility with an operating capacity of approximately 120 megawatts. The exact number of wind turbines and the size of each turbine will vary depending upon the wind turbines selected and the megawatt generating capacity of the project completed. Presently our plans are to install GE 1.79 megawatt turbines on property within the reinvestment zone in Howard County, Texas. Gunsight Mountain Wind Energy LLC estimates that 67 turbines are planned to be installed in Big Spring ISD.

The additional improvements for the Gunsight Mountain Wind Project will include but are not limited to, wind turbines, towers, foundations, roadways, buildings and offices, anemometer towers, computer equipment, furniture, company vehicles, electrical transmission cables and towers and electrical substations.

#### **PROJECT MAP**



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	Year of <u>Agreement</u>	Date of <u>Appraisal</u>	School <u>Year</u>	Tax <u>Year</u>	Summary <u>Description</u>
Limitation	Stub Year	January 1, 2014	2014-15	2014	Limitation Pre-Year
Pre-Years	1	January 1, 2015	2015-16	2015	Limitation Pre-Year
	2	January 1, 2016	2016-17	2016	Limitation Pre-Year
	3	January 1, 2017	2017-18	2017	\$30 million appraisal limitation
	4	January 1, 2018	2018-19	2018	\$30 million appraisal limitation
	5	January 1, 2019	2019-20	2019	\$30 million appraisal limitation
	6	January 1, 2020	2020-21	2020	\$30 million appraisal limitation
Limitation Period	7	January 1, 2021	2021-22	2021	\$30 million appraisal limitation
(10 Years)	8	January 1, 2022	2022-23	2022	\$30 million appraisal limitation
	9	January 1, 2023	2023-24	2023	\$30 million appraisal limitation
	10	January 1, 2024	2024-25	2024	\$30 million appraisal limitation
	11	January 1, 2025	2025-26	2025	\$30 million appraisal limitation
	12	January 1, 2026	2026-27	2026	\$30 million appraisal limitation
	13	January 1, 2027	2027-28	2027	No appraisal limitation; must maintain a viable presence
Maintain a Viable Presence (5 Years)	14	January 1, 2028	2028-29	2028	No appraisal limitation; must maintain a viable presence
	15	January 1, 2029	2029-30	2029	No appraisal limitation; must maintain a viable presence
	16	January 1, 2030	2030-31	2030	No appraisal limitation; must maintain a viable presence
	17	January 1, 2031	2031-32	2031	No appraisal limitation; must maintain a viable presence

### EXHIBIT 4