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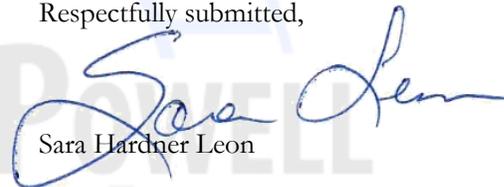
Re: Board Findings and Agreement under Chapter 313 of the Property Tax Code between Crane Independent School District and Crane I Solar Electric, LLC, Application #1234

Dear Local Government Assistance and Economic Analysis Division:

The Crane Independent School District Board of Trustees approved the enclosed Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Enclosed, please find a hardcopy and electronic copy of the fully executed Board Findings and Agreement. A copy is being provided to the Crane County Appraisal District by copy of this correspondence.

Thank you for your attention to the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,



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FINDINGS  
OF THE  
CRANE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
UNDER THE  
TEXAS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACT  
ON THE APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY  
CRANE I SOLAR ELECTRIC, LLC  
TEXAS TAXPAYER ID #32065393657  
APPLICATION #1234

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November 15, 2018



Board Findings of the Crane Independent School District

The Board of Trustees also directed that a specific financial analysis be conducted of the impact of the proposed value limitation on the finances of the Crane Independent School District. A copy of a report prepared by Jigsaw School Finance Solutions, LLC is attached to these findings as **Exhibit B**. The Texas Commissioner of Education has determined that the project will not impact school enrollment.

The Board of Trustees has confirmed that the taxable value of property in the Crane Independent School District for the preceding tax year, as determined under Subchapter M, Chapter 403, Government Code, is as stated in the 2017 ISD Summary Worksheet posted on the Texas Comptroller's website at:

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/data/property-tax/pvs/2017p/0520529011D.php>.

After receipt of the Application, the District submitted a proposed form of Agreement for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, in the form required by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The proposed Agreement and letter approving same are attached to these findings as **Exhibit C**.

After review of the Comptroller's recommendation, and in consideration of its own economic impact study the Board finds:

**Board Finding Number 1.**

**The Applicant qualifies for a limitation on appraised value of Qualified Property under Texas Tax Code § 313.024 in the eligibility category of Renewable Energy Electric Generation.**

**Board Finding Number 2.**

**The Applicant's entire proposed investment in the Crane Independent School District is \$289,400,000—all of which is proposed to be Qualified Investment under Texas Tax Code § 313.021.**

**Board Finding Number 3.**

**The average salary level of qualifying jobs is expected to be at least \$59,500 per year. The review of the Application by the State Comptroller's Office indicates that this amount—based on Texas Workforce Commission data—complies with the requirement that qualifying jobs pay more than the minimum weekly wage required for Qualified Jobs under Texas Tax Code § 313.021.**

**Board Finding Number 4.**

**The level of the Applicant's average investment per qualifying job over the term of the Agreement is estimated to be approximately \$1.4 million on the basis of the 2 new qualifying positions committed to by the Applicant for this project. The project's total investment is \$289,400,000, resulting in a relative level of investment per qualifying job of \$144,700,000.**

**Board Finding Number 5.**

The Applicant has requested a waiver of the job creation requirement under Texas Tax Code § 313.25(f-1), and the Board finds such waiver request should be granted. The Board notes that the number of jobs proposed for this project (2 jobs) is consistent with industry standards in the solar industry.

**Board Finding Number 6.**

Subsequent economic effects on the local and regional tax bases will be significant. In addition, the impact of the added infrastructure will be significant to the region. In support of Finding 6, the economic impact evaluation states:

Table 2 depicts this project’s estimated economic impact to Texas. It depicts the direct, indirect and induced effects to employment and personal income within the state. The Comptroller’s office calculated the economic impact based on 15 years of annual investment and employment levels.

Year	Employment			Personal Income		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total
2018	100	89	189	\$ 4,860,000	\$ 7,102,891	\$ 11,962,891
2019	302	274	576	\$ 14,699,000	\$ 23,997,289	\$ 38,696,289
2020	2	21	23	\$ 119,000	\$ 5,496,234	\$ 5,615,234
2021	2	10	12	\$ 119,000	\$ 3,787,250	\$ 3,906,250
2022	2	(4)	-2	\$ 119,000	\$ 2,200,336	\$ 2,319,336
2023	2	(6)	-4	\$ 119,000	\$ 1,223,773	\$ 1,342,773
2024	2	(8)	-6	\$ 119,000	\$ 613,422	\$ 732,422
2025	2	(2)	0	\$ 119,000	\$ 247,211	\$ 366,211
2026	2	(8)	-6	\$ 119,000	\$ 3,070	\$ 122,070
2027	2	(4)	-2	\$ 119,000	\$ -119,000	\$ 0
2028	2	(4)	-2	\$ 119,000	\$ 125,141	\$ 244,141
2029	2	(6)	-4	\$ 119,000	\$ -119,000	\$ 0
2030	2	(2)	0	\$ 119,000	\$ -363,141	\$ -244,141
2031	2	(4)	-2	\$ 119,000	\$ -363,141	\$ -244,141
2032	2	(4)	-2	\$ 119,000	\$ -363,141	\$ -244,141
2033	2	(4)	-2	\$ 119,000	\$ -363,141	\$ -244,141
2034	2	(8)	-6	\$ 119,000	\$ -363,141	\$ -244,141

Table 4 examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the school district, Crane County, Crane Memorial Hospital District, and Crane County Water District with all property tax incentives sought using estimated market value from the Application. The Project has applied for a value limitation under Chapter 313, Tax Code and tax abatements with the county, hospital district, and water district. The difference noted in the last line is the difference between Table 3 and Table 4:

Board Findings of the Crane Independent School District

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O	CISD I&S Tax Levy	CISD M&O Tax Levy	CISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Crane County Tax Levy	Crane Memorial Hospital District Tax Levy	Crane County Water District Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
			Tax Rate <sup>1</sup>	0.0675	1.0600	0.7800	0.3678	0.3460	
2020	\$ 289,000,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 195,075	\$ 212,000	\$ 407,075	\$ 225,420	\$ 0	\$ 99,994	\$ 632,495
2021	\$ 242,760,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 163,863	\$ 212,000	\$ 375,863	\$ 189,353	\$ 0	\$ 83,995	\$ 565,216
2022	\$ 219,640,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 148,257	\$ 212,000	\$ 360,257	\$ 171,319	\$ 0	\$ 75,995	\$ 531,576
2023	\$ 193,630,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 130,700	\$ 212,000	\$ 342,700	\$ 151,031	\$ 0	\$ 66,996	\$ 493,732
2024	\$ 167,620,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 113,144	\$ 212,000	\$ 325,144	\$ 130,744	\$ 0	\$ 57,997	\$ 455,887
2025	\$ 141,610,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 95,587	\$ 212,000	\$ 307,587	\$ 165,684	\$ 0	\$ 73,496	\$ 473,270
2026	\$ 112,710,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 76,079	\$ 212,000	\$ 288,079	\$ 131,871	\$ 0	\$ 58,496	\$ 419,950
2027	\$ 86,700,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 58,523	\$ 212,000	\$ 270,523	\$ 101,439	\$ 0	\$ 44,997	\$ 371,962
2028	\$ 69,360,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 46,818	\$ 212,000	\$ 258,818	\$ 81,151	\$ 0	\$ 35,998	\$ 339,969
2029	\$ 60,690,000	\$ 20,000,000	\$ 40,966	\$ 212,000	\$ 252,966	\$ 71,007	\$ 0	\$ 31,498	\$ 323,973
2030	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 39,015	\$ 612,680	\$ 651,695	\$ 450,840	\$ 212,565	\$ 199,988	\$ 1,315,100
2031	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 39,015	\$ 612,680	\$ 651,695	\$ 450,840	\$ 212,565	\$ 199,988	\$ 1,315,100
2032	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 39,015	\$ 612,680	\$ 651,695	\$ 450,840	\$ 212,565	\$ 199,988	\$ 1,315,100
2033	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 39,015	\$ 612,680	\$ 651,695	\$ 450,840	\$ 212,565	\$ 199,988	\$ 1,315,100
2034	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 39,015	\$ 612,680	\$ 651,695	\$ 450,840	\$ 212,565	\$ 199,988	\$ 1,315,100
<b>Total</b>			\$ 1,264,086	\$ 5,183,400	\$ 6,447,486	\$ 3,673,219	\$ 1,062,826	\$ 1,629,402	\$ 11,183,531
<b>Diff</b>			\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432	\$ 14,667,432	\$ 10,933,997	\$ 5,824,289	\$ 4,850,209	\$ 31,425,718

<sup>1</sup>Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

Table 3 illustrates the estimated tax impact of the Applicant’s project on the region if all taxes are assessed.

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O	CISD I&S Tax Levy	CISD M&O Tax Levy	GCISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Crane County Tax Levy	Crane Memorial Hospital District Tax Levy	Crane County Water District Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
			Tax Rate <sup>1</sup>	0.0675	1.0600	0.7800	0.3678	0.3460	
2020	\$ 289,000,000	\$ 289,000,000	\$ 195,075	\$ 3,063,400	\$ 3,258,475	\$ 2,254,200	\$ 1,062,826	\$ 999,940	\$ 6,575,501
2021	\$ 242,760,000	\$ 242,760,000	\$ 163,863	\$ 2,573,256	\$ 2,737,119	\$ 1,893,528	\$ 892,774	\$ 839,950	\$ 5,523,421
2022	\$ 219,640,000	\$ 219,640,000	\$ 148,257	\$ 2,328,184	\$ 2,476,441	\$ 1,713,192	\$ 807,748	\$ 759,954	\$ 4,997,381
2023	\$ 193,630,000	\$ 193,630,000	\$ 130,700	\$ 2,052,475	\$ 2,183,178	\$ 1,510,314	\$ 712,094	\$ 669,960	\$ 4,405,586
2024	\$ 167,620,000	\$ 167,620,000	\$ 113,144	\$ 1,776,772	\$ 1,889,916	\$ 1,307,436	\$ 616,439	\$ 579,965	\$ 3,813,791
2025	\$ 141,610,000	\$ 141,610,000	\$ 95,587	\$ 1,501,066	\$ 1,596,653	\$ 1,104,558	\$ 520,785	\$ 489,971	\$ 3,221,996
2026	\$ 112,710,000	\$ 112,710,000	\$ 76,079	\$ 1,194,726	\$ 1,270,805	\$ 879,138	\$ 414,502	\$ 389,977	\$ 2,564,446
2027	\$ 86,700,000	\$ 86,700,000	\$ 58,523	\$ 919,020	\$ 977,543	\$ 676,260	\$ 318,848	\$ 299,982	\$ 1,972,650
2028	\$ 69,360,000	\$ 69,360,000	\$ 46,818	\$ 735,216	\$ 782,034	\$ 541,008	\$ 255,078	\$ 239,986	\$ 1,578,120
2029	\$ 60,690,000	\$ 60,690,000	\$ 40,966	\$ 643,314	\$ 684,280	\$ 473,382	\$ 223,194	\$ 209,987	\$ 1,380,855
2030	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 39,015	\$ 612,680	\$ 651,695	\$ 450,840	\$ 212,565	\$ 199,988	\$ 1,315,100
2031	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 39,015	\$ 612,680	\$ 651,695	\$ 450,840	\$ 212,565	\$ 199,988	\$ 1,315,100
2032	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 39,015	\$ 612,680	\$ 651,695	\$ 450,840	\$ 212,565	\$ 199,988	\$ 1,315,100
2033	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 39,015	\$ 612,680	\$ 651,695	\$ 450,840	\$ 212,565	\$ 199,988	\$ 1,315,100
2034	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 57,800,000	\$ 39,015	\$ 612,680	\$ 651,695	\$ 450,840	\$ 212,565	\$ 199,988	\$ 1,315,100
<b>Total</b>			\$ 1,264,086	\$ 19,850,832	\$ 21,114,918	\$ 14,607,216	\$ 6,887,115	\$ 6,479,611	\$ 42,609,249

<sup>1</sup>Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

**Board Finding Number 7.**

The revenue gains that will be realized by the school district if the Application is approved will be significant in the long-term, with special reference to revenues used for supporting school district debt.

Board Findings of the Crane Independent School District

**Board Finding Number 8.**

The effect of the Applicant’s proposal, if approved, on the number or size of needed school district instructional facilities is not expected to increase the District’s facility needs, with current trends suggesting little underlying enrollment growth based on the impact of the project.

**Board Finding Number 9.**

The Applicant’s project is reasonably likely to generate, before the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period, tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of the Agreement. Attachment B of the economic impact study contains a year-by-year analysis as depicted in the following table:

	Tax Year	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Cumulative)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Cumulative)
Limitation Pre-Years	2017	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	2018	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
	2019	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Limitation Period (10 Years)	2020	\$ 212,000	\$ 212,000	\$ 2,851,400	\$ 2,851,400
	2021	\$ 212,000	\$ 424,000	\$ 2,361,256	\$ 5,212,656
	2022	\$ 212,000	\$ 636,000	\$ 2,116,184	\$ 7,328,840
	2023	\$ 212,000	\$ 848,000	\$ 1,840,478	\$ 9,169,318
	2024	\$ 212,000	\$ 1,060,000	\$ 1,564,772	\$ 10,734,090
	2025	\$ 212,000	\$ 1,272,000	\$ 1,289,066	\$ 12,023,156
	2026	\$ 212,000	\$ 1,484,000	\$ 982,726	\$ 13,005,882
	2027	\$ 212,000	\$ 1,696,000	\$ 707,020	\$ 13,712,902
	2028	\$ 212,000	\$ 1,908,000	\$ 523,216	\$ 14,236,118
	2029	\$ 212,000	\$ 2,120,000	\$ 431,314	\$ 14,667,432
Maintain Viable Presence (5 Years)	2030	\$ 612,680	\$ 2,732,680	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
	2031	\$ 612,680	\$ 3,345,360	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
	2032	\$ 612,680	\$ 3,958,040	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
	2033	\$ 612,680	\$ 4,570,720	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
	2034	\$ 612,680	\$ 5,183,400	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
Additional Years as Required by § 313.026(c)(1) (10 Years)	2035	\$ 612,680	\$ 5,796,080	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
	2036	\$ 612,680	\$ 6,408,760	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
	2037	\$ 612,680	\$ 7,021,440	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
	2038	\$ 612,680	\$ 7,634,120	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
	2039	\$ 612,680	\$ 8,246,800	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
	2040	\$ 612,680	\$ 8,859,480	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
	2041	\$ 612,680	\$ 9,472,160	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
	2042	\$ 612,680	\$ 10,084,840	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
	2043	\$ 612,680	\$ 10,697,520	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432
	2044	\$ 612,680	\$ 11,310,200	\$ 0	\$ 14,667,432

\$ 11,310,200 is less than \$ 14,667,432

<b>Analysis Summary</b> Is the project reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the M&O levy loss as a result of the limitation agreement?	<b>No</b>
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Board Findings of the Crane Independent School District

Tax Revenue Over 25 Years									
Year	Employment			Personal Income			Revenue & Expenditure		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Revenue	Expenditure	Net Tax Effect
2018	100	89	189	\$ 4,860,000	\$ 7,102,891	\$ 11,962,891	\$ 610,351.6	-\$ 343,322.8	\$ 953,674
2019	302	274	576	\$ 14,699,000	\$ 23,997,289	\$ 38,696,289	\$ 1,960,754.4	-\$ 923,156.7	\$ 2,883,911
2020	2	21	23	\$ 119,000	\$ 5,496,234	\$ 5,615,234	\$ 267,028.8	\$ 549,316.4	-\$ 282,288
2021	2	10	12	\$ 119,000	\$ 3,787,250	\$ 3,906,250	\$ 175,476.1	\$ 511,169.4	-\$ 335,693
2022	2	(4)	-2	\$ 119,000	\$ 2,200,336	\$ 2,319,336	\$ 76,293.9	\$ 473,022.5	-\$ 396,729
2023	2	(6)	-4	\$ 119,000	\$ 1,223,773	\$ 1,342,773	\$ 61,035.2	\$ 411,987.3	-\$ 350,952
2024	2	(8)	-6	\$ 119,000	\$ 613,422	\$ 732,422	\$ 38,147.0	\$ 350,952.1	-\$ 312,805
2025	2	(2)	0	\$ 119,000	\$ 247,211	\$ 366,211	\$ 15,258.8	\$ 289,917.0	-\$ 274,658
2026	2	(8)	-6	\$ 119,000	\$ 3,070	\$ 122,070	-\$ 7,629.4	\$ 236,511.2	-\$ 244,141
2027	2	(4)	-2	\$ 119,000	-\$ 119,000	\$ 0	-\$ 22,888.2	\$ 144,958.5	-\$ 167,847
2028	2	(4)	-2	\$ 119,000	\$ 125,141	\$ 244,141	-\$ 15,258.8	\$ 99,182.1	-\$ 114,441
2029	2	(6)	-4	\$ 119,000	-\$ 119,000	\$ 0	-\$ 15,258.8	\$ 76,293.9	-\$ 91,553
2030	2	(2)	0	\$ 119,000	-\$ 363,141	-\$ 244,141	-\$ 22,888.2	\$ 15,258.8	-\$ 38,147
2031	2	(4)	-2	\$ 119,000	-\$ 363,141	-\$ 244,141	-\$ 76,293.9	-\$ 30,517.6	-\$ 45,776
2032	2	(4)	-2	\$ 119,000	-\$ 363,141	-\$ 244,141	-\$ 68,664.6	-\$ 53,405.8	-\$ 15,259
2033	2	(4)	-2	\$ 119,000	-\$ 363,141	-\$ 244,141	-\$ 76,293.9	-\$ 129,699.7	\$ 53,406
2034	2	(8)	-6	\$ 119,000	-\$ 363,141	-\$ 244,141	-\$ 99,182.1	-\$ 152,587.9	\$ 53,406
2035	2	(6)	-4	\$ 119,000	-\$ 363,141	-\$ 244,141	-\$ 152,587.9	-\$ 190,734.9	\$ 38,147
2036	2	(6)	-4	\$ 119,000	-\$ 1,339,703	-\$ 1,220,703	-\$ 198,364.3	-\$ 267,028.8	\$ 68,665
2037	2	(8)	-6	\$ 119,000	-\$ 1,583,844	-\$ 1,464,844	-\$ 221,252.4	-\$ 297,546.4	\$ 76,294
2038	2	(12)	-10	\$ 119,000	-\$ 1,827,984	-\$ 1,708,984	-\$ 244,140.6	-\$ 335,693.4	\$ 91,553
2039	2	(14)	-12	\$ 119,000	-\$ 1,583,844	-\$ 1,464,844	-\$ 228,881.8	-\$ 389,099.1	\$ 160,217
2040	2	(14)	-12	\$ 119,000	-\$ 2,804,547	-\$ 2,685,547	-\$ 289,917.0	-\$ 457,763.7	\$ 167,847
2041	2	(16)	-14	\$ 119,000	-\$ 3,048,688	-\$ 2,929,688	-\$ 274,658.2	-\$ 503,540.0	\$ 228,882
2042	2	(18)	-16	\$ 119,000	-\$ 2,316,266	-\$ 2,197,266	-\$ 259,399.4	-\$ 549,316.4	\$ 289,917
2043	2	(20)	-18	\$ 119,000	-\$ 2,560,406	-\$ 2,441,406	-\$ 198,364.3	-\$ 549,316.4	\$ 350,952
2044	2	(16)	-14	\$ 119,000	-\$ 2,560,406	-\$ 2,441,406	-\$ 213,623.0	-\$ 579,834.0	\$ 366,211
2045	2	(14)	-12	\$ 119,000	-\$ 2,560,406	-\$ 2,441,406	-\$ 213,623.0	-\$ 648,498.5	\$ 434,876
<b>Total</b>							\$ 305,176.0	-\$ 3,242,493.0	\$ 3,547,669
							\$ 14,857,869	is greater than	\$ 14,667,432

<b>Analysis Summary:</b> Is the project reasonable likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the M&O levy loss as a result of the limitation agreement?	<b>Yes</b>
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**Board Finding Number 10.**

**The limitation on appraised value requested by the Applicant is a determining factor in the Applicant’s decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state.**

**Board Finding Number 11.**

**The ability of the Applicant to locate the proposed facility in another state or another region of this state is substantial, as a result of the highly competitive marketplace for economic development.**

In support of Findings 10 and 11, **Attachment C** of the economic impact study states:

The Comptroller has determined that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the Applicant’s decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state. This is based on information available, including information provided by the applicant. Specifically, the comptroller notes the following:

- I. Per Crane I Solar Electric LLC in Tab 5 of their Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value:

## Board Findings of the Crane Independent School District

A. “While the project entity, Crane I Solar Electric LLC, is specific to this location in Texas, the economic return for the project is constantly compared to returns from other locations within and outside of Texas. The economic return is a primary input for this decision, and state and local incentives contribute to that economic return Crane Solar Electric is evaluating for potential other projects in similar stages of development outside of Texas. Many of the potential locations in competing states offer other various tax incentives that require this project to receive a value limitation agreement to be financially competitive and allow it the best possibility of moving forward.”

B. “Without the available tax incentives, the economics of the project become far less attractive and the likelihood of completing the project and selling the electricity at competitive prices becomes unlikely. If Crane I Solar Electric LLC was not able to obtain a value limitation agreement, the project would most likely be terminated and resources would be allocated to projects with more favorable economics.”

II. Per Crane I Solar Electric LLC in Tab 3 of their Application, the main reporting entity listed in the latest combined group franchise tax filing is David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. Per Tab 4 of their Application, the project “...will be an approximately 200 MW AC photovoltaic solar power generation facility.”

III. A March 2018 *Generator Interconnection Status Report* issued by ERCOT reported those projects, in the Full Interconnect Study (FIS) phase, without a Signed Interconnection Agreement as of March 31, 2018.

A. Soda Lake Solar 1 and 2 (Project Name); Arrington Solar (Interconnecting Entity); Tap 138kV 6601 Rio Pecos-60014 Spudder (Point of Interconnection); Solar (Fuel) 400 MW (Capacity to Grid); 6/2019 (Projected Commercial Operations Date); Complete (Full Interconnect Study Status)

IV. Supplemental information provided by the Applicant indicated the following:

A. “Crane I and Crane II [Crane II Solar Electric LLC] were formerly known as Soda Lake A and Soda Lake B respectively.”

B. “In response to question #2, the ERCOT Generation Interconnection Request# for both projects is 18INR0040.”

### Supporting Information

- a) Section 8 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value
- b) Attachments provided in Tab 5 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value
- c) Additional information provided by the Applicant or located by the Comptroller

### Board Finding Number 12.

**The Board of Trustees of the Crane Independent School District hired consultants to review and verify the information in Application #1234. Based upon the consultants’ review, the Board has determined that the information provided by the Applicant appears to be true and correct.**

**Board Finding Number 13.**

The Board of Trustees has determined that the Tax Limitation Amount requested by the Applicant is currently \$20 Million Dollars (\$20,000,000), which is consistent with the minimum values currently set out by Texas Tax Code § 313.054(a).

**Board Finding Number 14.**

The Applicant (Taxpayer ID 32065393657) is eligible for the limitation on appraised value of Qualified Property as specified in the Agreement based on its "good standing" certification as a franchise-tax paying entity.

**Board Finding Number 15.**

The Agreement for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, attached hereto as Exhibit C, includes adequate and appropriate revenue protection provisions for the District.

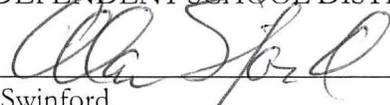
**Board Finding Number 16.**

Considering the purpose and effect of the law and the terms of the Agreement, it is in the best interest of the District and the State to enter into the attached Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes.

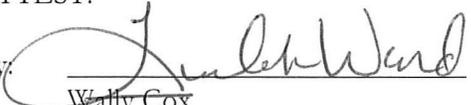
It is therefore ORDERED that the Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is approved and hereby authorized to be executed and delivered by and on behalf of the Crane Independent School District. It is further ORDERED that these Findings and the Attachments referred to herein be attached to the official minutes of this meeting, and maintained in the permanent records of the Board of Trustees of the Crane Independent School District.

Dated the 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

CRANE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By:   
Alan Swinford  
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:

By:   
Wally Cox  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Vice President

Findings and Order of the Crane Independent School District  
Board of Trustees under the Texas Economic Development Act on the Application Submitted by  
Crane I Solar Electric, LLC (Tax ID 32065393657) (Application #1234)

**EXHIBIT A**

**Comptroller's Economic Impact Analysis**



**GLENN HEGAR** TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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P.O.Box 13528 • Austin, TX 78711-3528

May 29, 2018

Janet Hunt  
Superintendent  
Crane Independent School District  
511 W. 8th Street  
Crane, Texas 79731

Re: Certificate for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations taxes by and between Crane Independent School District and Crane I Solar Electric LLC, Application 1234

Dear Superintendent Hunt:

On March 19, 2018, the Comptroller issued written notice that Crane I Solar Electric LLC (applicant) submitted a completed application (Application 1234) for a limitation on appraised value under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313.<sup>1</sup> This application was originally submitted on October 12, 2017, to the Crane Independent School District (school district) by the applicant.

This presents the results of the Comptroller's review of the application and determinations required:

- 1) under Section 313.025(h) to determine if the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C; and
- 2) under Section 313.025(d), to issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value of the property and provide the certificate to the governing body of the school district or provide the governing body a written explanation of the Comptroller's decision not to issue a certificate, using the criteria set out in Section 313.026.

**Determination required by 313.025(h)**

Sec. 313.024(a) Applicant is subject to tax imposed by Chapter 171.  
Sec. 313.024(b) Applicant is proposing to use the property for an eligible project.

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<sup>1</sup> All Statutory references are to the Texas Tax Code, unless otherwise noted.

Sec. 313.024(d) Applicant has requested a waiver to create the required number of new qualifying jobs and pay all jobs created that are not qualifying jobs a wage that exceeds the county average weekly wage for all jobs in the county where the jobs are located.

Sec. 313.024(d-2) Not applicable to Application 1234.

Based on the information provided by the applicant, the Comptroller has determined that the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value under Chapter 313, Subchapter C.

### **Certificate decision required by 313.025(d)**

Determination required by 313.026(c)(1)

The Comptroller has determined that the project proposed by the applicant is reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the school 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, see Attachment B.

Determination required by 313.026(c)(2)

The Comptroller has determined that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state, see Attachment C.

Based on these determinations, the Comptroller issues a certificate for a limitation on appraised value. This certificate is contingent on the school district's receipt and acceptance of the Texas Education Agency's determination per 313.025(b-1).

The Comptroller's review of the application assumes the accuracy and completeness of the statements in the application. If the application is approved by the school district, the applicant shall perform according to the provisions of the Texas Economic Development Act Agreement (Form 50-826) executed with the school district. The school district shall comply with and enforce the stipulations, provisions, terms, and conditions of the agreement, applicable Texas Administrative Code and Chapter 313, per TAC 9.1054(i)(3).

This certificate is no longer valid if the application is modified, the information presented in the application changes, or the limitation agreement does not conform to the application. Additionally, this certificate is contingent on the school district approving and executing the agreement by December 31, 2018.

Note that any building or improvement existing as of the application review start date of March 19, 2018, or any tangible personal property placed in service prior to that date may not become "Qualified Property" as defined by 313.021(2) and the Texas Administrative Code.

Should you have any questions, please contact Will Counihan, Director, Data Analysis & Transparency, by email at [will.counihan@cpa.texas.gov](mailto:will.counihan@cpa.texas.gov) or by phone toll-free at 1-800-531-5441, ext. 6-0758, or at 512-936-0758.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Rejssig". The signature is stylized and written over the printed name and title.

Mike Rejssig  
Deputy Comptroller

Enclosure

cc: Will Counihan

## Amended Attachment A – Economic Impact Analysis

The following tables summarize the Comptroller’s economic impact analysis of Crane I Solar Electric LLC (project) applying to Crane Independent School District (district), as required by Tax Code, 313.026 and Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d)(2).

**Table 1** is a summary of investment, employment and tax impact of Crane I Solar Electric LLC.

Applicant	Crane I Solar Electric LLC
Tax Code, 313.024 Eligibility Category	Renewable Energy Electric Generation
School District	Crane ISD
Estimated 2016-2017 Average Daily Attendance	1,004
County	Crane County
Proposed Total Investment in District	\$289,400,000
Proposed Qualified Investment	\$289,400,000
Limitation Amount	\$20,000,000
Qualifying Time Period (Full Years)	2019-2020
Number of new qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	*2
Number of new non-qualifying jobs estimated by applicant	0
Average weekly wage of qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	\$1,144
Minimum weekly wage required for each qualifying job by Tax Code, 313.021(5)(B)	\$1,144
Minimum annual wage committed to by applicant for qualified jobs	\$59,500
Minimum weekly wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$1,049
Minimum annual wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$54,536
Investment per Qualifying Job	\$144,700,000
Estimated M&O levy without any limit (15 years)	\$19,850,832
Estimated M&O levy with Limitation (15 years)	\$5,183,400
Estimated gross M&O tax benefit (15 years)	\$14,667,432

\* Applicant is requesting district to waive requirement to create minimum number of qualifying jobs pursuant to Tax Code, 313.025 (f-1).

**Table 2** is the estimated statewide economic impact of Crane I Solar Electric LLC (modeled).

Year	Employment			Personal Income		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total
2018	100	89	189	\$4,860,000	\$7,102,891	\$11,962,891
2019	302	274	576.172	\$14,699,000	\$23,997,289	\$38,696,289
2020	2	21	23	\$119,000	\$5,496,234	\$5,615,234
2021	2	10	12	\$119,000	\$3,787,250	\$3,906,250
2022	2	(4)	-2	\$119,000	\$2,200,336	\$2,319,336
2023	2	(6)	-4	\$119,000	\$1,223,773	\$1,342,773
2024	2	(8)	-6	\$119,000	\$613,422	\$732,422
2025	2	(2)	0	\$119,000	\$247,211	\$366,211
2026	2	(8)	-6	\$119,000	\$3,070	\$122,070
2027	2	(4)	-2	\$119,000	-\$119,000	\$0
2028	2	(4)	-2	\$119,000	\$125,141	\$244,141
2029	2	(6)	-4	\$119,000	-\$119,000	\$0
2030	2	(2)	0	\$119,000	-\$363,141	-\$244,141
2031	2	(4)	-2	\$119,000	-\$363,141	-\$244,141
2032	2	(4)	-2	\$119,000	-\$363,141	-\$244,141
2033	2	(4)	-2	\$119,000	-\$363,141	-\$244,141
2034	2	(8)	-6	\$119,000	-\$363,141	-\$244,141

Source: CPA REMI, Crane I Solar Electric LLC

**Table 3** examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the region if all taxes are assessed.

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O	Tax Rate*	Crane ISD I&S Tax Levy	Crane ISD M&O Tax Levy	Crane ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Crane County Tax Levy	Crane Memorial Hospital District Tax Levy	Crane County Water District Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
2020	\$289,000,000	\$289,000,000		\$195,075	\$3,063,400	\$3,258,475	\$2,254,200	\$1,062,826	\$999,940	\$6,575,501
2021	\$242,760,000	\$242,760,000		\$163,863	\$2,573,256	\$2,737,119	\$1,893,528	\$892,774	\$839,950	\$5,523,421
2022	\$219,640,000	\$219,640,000		\$148,257	\$2,328,184	\$2,476,441	\$1,713,192	\$807,748	\$759,954	\$4,997,381
2023	\$193,630,000	\$193,630,000		\$130,700	\$2,052,478	\$2,183,178	\$1,510,314	\$712,094	\$669,960	\$4,405,586
2024	\$167,620,000	\$167,620,000		\$113,144	\$1,776,772	\$1,889,916	\$1,307,436	\$616,439	\$579,965	\$3,813,791
2025	\$141,610,000	\$141,610,000		\$95,587	\$1,501,066	\$1,596,653	\$1,104,558	\$520,785	\$489,971	\$3,221,996
2026	\$112,710,000	\$112,710,000		\$76,079	\$1,194,726	\$1,270,805	\$879,138	\$414,502	\$389,977	\$2,564,446
2027	\$86,700,000	\$86,700,000		\$58,523	\$919,020	\$977,543	\$676,260	\$318,848	\$299,982	\$1,972,650
2028	\$69,360,000	\$69,360,000		\$46,818	\$735,216	\$782,034	\$541,008	\$255,078	\$239,986	\$1,578,120
2029	\$60,690,000	\$60,690,000		\$40,966	\$643,314	\$684,280	\$473,382	\$223,194	\$209,987	\$1,380,855
2030	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000		\$39,015	\$612,680	\$651,695	\$450,840	\$212,565	\$199,988	\$1,315,100
2031	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000		\$39,015	\$612,680	\$651,695	\$450,840	\$212,565	\$199,988	\$1,315,100
2032	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000		\$39,015	\$612,680	\$651,695	\$450,840	\$212,565	\$199,988	\$1,315,100
2033	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000		\$39,015	\$612,680	\$651,695	\$450,840	\$212,565	\$199,988	\$1,315,100
2034	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000		\$39,015	\$612,680	\$651,695	\$450,840	\$212,565	\$199,988	\$1,315,100
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,264,086</b>	<b>\$19,850,832</b>	<b>\$21,114,918</b>	<b>\$14,607,216</b>	<b>\$6,887,115</b>	<b>\$6,479,611</b>	<b>\$42,609,249</b>

Source: CPA, Crane I Solar Electric LLC

\*Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

**Table 4** examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the school district, Crane County, Crane Memorial Hospital District and, Crane County Water District with all property tax incentives sought using estimated market value from the application. The project has applied for a value limitation under Chapter 313, Tax Code and tax abatements with the county, hospital district and water district.

The difference noted in the last line is the difference between the totals in Table 3 and Table 4.

<b>Table 4 Estimated Direct Ad Valorem Taxes with all property tax incentives sought</b>										
Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O	Tax Rate*	Crane ISD I&S Tax Levy	Crane ISD M&O Tax Levy	Crane ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Crane County Tax Levy	Crane Memorial Hospital District Tax Levy	Crane County Water District Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
			<b>0.0675</b>	<b>1.0600</b>			<b>0.7800</b>	<b>0.3678</b>	<b>0.3460</b>	
2020	\$289,000,000	\$20,000,000		\$195,075	\$212,000	\$407,075	\$225,420	\$0	\$99,994	\$632,495
2021	\$242,760,000	\$20,000,000		\$163,863	\$212,000	\$375,863	\$189,353	\$0	\$83,995	\$565,216
2022	\$219,640,000	\$20,000,000		\$148,257	\$212,000	\$360,257	\$171,319	\$0	\$75,995	\$531,576
2023	\$193,630,000	\$20,000,000		\$130,700	\$212,000	\$342,700	\$151,031	\$0	\$66,996	\$493,732
2024	\$167,620,000	\$20,000,000		\$113,144	\$212,000	\$325,144	\$130,744	\$0	\$57,997	\$455,887
2025	\$141,610,000	\$20,000,000		\$95,587	\$212,000	\$307,587	\$165,684	\$0	\$73,496	\$473,270
2026	\$112,710,000	\$20,000,000		\$76,079	\$212,000	\$288,079	\$131,871	\$0	\$58,496	\$419,950
2027	\$86,700,000	\$20,000,000		\$58,523	\$212,000	\$270,523	\$101,439	\$0	\$44,997	\$371,962
2028	\$69,360,000	\$20,000,000		\$46,818	\$212,000	\$258,818	\$81,151	\$0	\$35,998	\$339,969
2029	\$60,690,000	\$20,000,000		\$40,966	\$212,000	\$252,966	\$71,007	\$0	\$31,498	\$323,973
2030	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000		\$39,015	\$612,680	\$651,695	\$450,840	\$212,565	\$199,988	\$1,315,100
2031	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000		\$39,015	\$612,680	\$651,695	\$450,840	\$212,565	\$199,988	\$1,315,100
2032	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000		\$39,015	\$612,680	\$651,695	\$450,840	\$212,565	\$199,988	\$1,315,100
2033	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000		\$39,015	\$612,680	\$651,695	\$450,840	\$212,565	\$199,988	\$1,315,100
2034	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000		\$39,015	\$612,680	\$651,695	\$450,840	\$212,565	\$199,988	\$1,315,100
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,264,086</b>	<b>\$5,183,400</b>	<b>\$6,447,486</b>	<b>\$3,673,219</b>	<b>\$1,062,826</b>	<b>\$1,629,402</b>	<b>\$11,183,531</b>
			<b>Diff</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$14,667,432</b>	<b>\$14,667,432</b>	<b>\$10,933,997</b>	<b>\$5,824,289</b>	<b>\$4,850,209</b>	<b>\$31,425,718</b>

Assumes School Value Limitation and Tax Abatements with the County, Hospital District and Water District.

Source: CPA, Crane I Solar Electric LLC

\*Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

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## Attachment B – Tax Revenue before 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Limitation Start

This represents the Comptroller’s determination that Crane I Solar Electric LLC (project) is reasonably likely to generate, before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period, tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of the agreement. This evaluation is based on an analysis of the estimated M&O portion of the school district property tax levy and direct, indirect and induced tax effects from project employment directly related to this project, using estimated taxable values provided in the application.

	Tax Year	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Generated (Cumulative)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Annual)	Estimated ISD M&O Tax Levy Loss as Result of Agreement (Cumulative)
<b>Limitation Pre-Years</b>	2017	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2018	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Limitation Period (10 Years)</b>	2020	\$212,000	\$212,000	\$2,851,400	\$2,851,400
	2021	\$212,000	\$424,000	\$2,361,256	\$5,212,656
	2022	\$212,000	\$636,000	\$2,116,184	\$7,328,840
	2023	\$212,000	\$848,000	\$1,840,478	\$9,169,318
	2024	\$212,000	\$1,060,000	\$1,564,772	\$10,734,090
	2025	\$212,000	\$1,272,000	\$1,289,066	\$12,023,156
	2026	\$212,000	\$1,484,000	\$982,726	\$13,005,882
	2027	\$212,000	\$1,696,000	\$707,020	\$13,712,902
	2028	\$212,000	\$1,908,000	\$523,216	\$14,236,118
	2029	\$212,000	\$2,120,000	\$431,314	\$14,667,432
<b>Maintain Viable Presence (5 Years)</b>	2030	\$612,680	\$2,732,680	\$0	\$14,667,432
	2031	\$612,680	\$3,345,360	\$0	\$14,667,432
	2032	\$612,680	\$3,958,040	\$0	\$14,667,432
	2033	\$612,680	\$4,570,720	\$0	\$14,667,432
	2034	\$612,680	\$5,183,400	\$0	\$14,667,432
<b>Additional Years as Required by 313.026(c)(1) (10 Years)</b>	2035	\$612,680	\$5,796,080	\$0	\$14,667,432
	2036	\$612,680	\$6,408,760	\$0	\$14,667,432
	2037	\$612,680	\$7,021,440	\$0	\$14,667,432
	2038	\$612,680	\$7,634,120	\$0	\$14,667,432
	2039	\$612,680	\$8,246,800	\$0	\$14,667,432
	2040	\$612,680	\$8,859,480	\$0	\$14,667,432
	2041	\$612,680	\$9,472,160	\$0	\$14,667,432
	2042	\$612,680	\$10,084,840	\$0	\$14,667,432
	2043	\$612,680	\$10,697,520	\$0	\$14,667,432
	2044	\$612,680	\$11,310,200	\$0	\$14,667,432

**\$11,310,200**
   is less than  **\$14,667,432**

<b>Analysis Summary</b>	
Is the project reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the M&O levy loss as a result of the limitation agreement?	<b>No</b>

NOTE: The analysis above only takes into account this project's estimated impact on the M&O portion of the school district property tax levy directly related to this project.

Source: CPA, Crane I Solar Electric LLC

Year	Employment			Personal Income			Revenue & Expenditure		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Revenue	Expenditure	Net Tax Effect
2018	100	89	189	\$4,860,000	\$7,102,891	\$11,962,891	610351.6	-343322.8	\$953,674
2019	302	274	576.172	\$14,699,000	\$23,997,289	\$38,696,289	1960754.4	-923156.7	\$2,883,911
2020	2	21	23	\$119,000	\$5,496,234	\$5,615,234	267028.8	549316.4	-\$282,288
2021	2	10	12	\$119,000	\$3,787,250	\$3,906,250	175476.1	511169.4	-\$335,693
2022	2	(4)	-2	\$119,000	\$2,200,336	\$2,319,336	76293.9	473022.5	-\$396,729
2023	2	(6)	-4	\$119,000	\$1,223,773	\$1,342,773	61035.2	411987.3	-\$350,952
2024	2	(8)	-6	\$119,000	\$613,422	\$732,422	38147	350952.1	-\$312,805
2025	2	(2)	0	\$119,000	\$247,211	\$366,211	15258.8	289917	-\$274,658
2026	2	(8)	-6	\$119,000	\$3,070	\$122,070	-7629.4	236511.2	-\$244,141
2027	2	(4)	-2	\$119,000	-\$119,000	\$0	-22888.2	144958.5	-\$167,847
2028	2	(4)	-2	\$119,000	\$125,141	\$244,141	-15258.8	99182.1	-\$114,441
2029	2	(6)	-4	\$119,000	-\$119,000	\$0	-15258.8	76293.9	-\$91,553
2030	2	(2)	0	\$119,000	-\$363,141	-\$244,141	-22888.2	15258.8	-\$38,147
2031	2	(4)	-2	\$119,000	-\$363,141	-\$244,141	-76293.9	-30517.6	-\$45,776
2032	2	(4)	-2	\$119,000	-\$363,141	-\$244,141	-68664.6	-53405.8	-\$15,259
2033	2	(4)	-2	\$119,000	-\$363,141	-\$244,141	-76293.9	-129699.7	\$53,406
2034	2	(8)	-6	\$119,000	-\$363,141	-\$244,141	-99182.1	-152587.9	\$53,406
2035	2	(6)	-4	\$119,000	-\$363,141	-\$244,141	-152587.9	-190734.9	\$38,147
2036	2	(6)	-4	\$119,000	-\$1,339,703	-\$1,220,703	-198364.3	-267028.8	\$68,665
2037	2	(8)	-6	\$119,000	-\$1,583,844	-\$1,464,844	-221252.4	-297546.4	\$76,294
2038	2	(12)	-10	\$119,000	-\$1,827,984	-\$1,708,984	-244140.6	-335693.4	\$91,553
2039	2	(14)	-12	\$119,000	-\$1,583,844	-\$1,464,844	-228881.8	-389099.1	\$160,217
2040	2	(14)	-12	\$119,000	-\$2,804,547	-\$2,685,547	-289917	-457763.7	\$167,847
2041	2	(16)	-14	\$119,000	-\$3,048,688	-\$2,929,688	-274658.2	-503540	\$228,882
2042	2	(18)	-16	\$119,000	-\$2,316,266	-\$2,197,266	-259399.4	-549316.4	\$289,917
2043	2	(20)	-18	\$119,000	-\$2,560,406	-\$2,441,406	-198364.3	-549316.4	\$350,952
2044	2	(16)	-14	\$119,000	-\$2,560,406	-\$2,441,406	-213623	-579834	\$366,211
2045	2	(14)	-12	\$119,000	-\$2,560,406	-\$2,441,406	-213623	-648498.5	\$434,876
<b>Total</b>							\$305,176	-\$3,242,493	\$3,547,669
							\$14,857,869	is greater than	\$14,667,432
<b>Analysis Summary</b>									
Is the project reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the M&O levy loss as a result of the limitation agreement?									
<b>Yes</b>									

Disclaimer: This examination is based on information from the application submitted to the school district and forwarded to the comptroller. It is intended to meet the statutory requirement of Chapter 313 of the Tax Code and is not intended for any other purpose.

## Attachment C – Limitation as a Determining Factor

Tax Code 313.026 states that the Comptroller may not issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value under this chapter for property described in an application unless the comptroller determines that “the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant’s decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state.” This represents the basis for the Comptroller’s determination.

### Methodology

Texas Administrative Code 9.1055(d) states the Comptroller shall review any information available to the Comptroller including:

- the application, including the responses to the questions in Section 8 (Limitation as a Determining Factor);
- public documents or statements by the applicant concerning business operations or site location issues or in which the applicant is a subject;
- statements by officials of the applicant, public documents or statements by governmental or industry officials concerning business operations or site location issues;
- existing investment and operations at or near the site or in the state that may impact the proposed project;
- announced real estate transactions, utility records, permit requests, industry publications or other sources that may provide information helpful in making the determination; and
- market information, raw materials or other production inputs, availability, existing facility locations, committed incentives, infrastructure issues, utility issues, location of buyers, nature of market, supply chains, other known sites under consideration.

### Determination

The Comptroller **has determined** that the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the Crane I Solar Electric LLC’s decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state. This is based on information available, including information provided by the applicant. Specifically, the comptroller notes the following:

- Per Crane I Solar Electric LLC in Tab 5 of their Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value:
  - A. “While the project entity, Crane I Solar Electric LLC, is specific to this location in Texas, the economic return for the project is constantly compared to returns from other locations within and outside of Texas. The economic return is a primary input for this decision, and state and local incentives contribute to that economic return Crane Solar Electric is evaluating for potential other projects in similar stages of development outside of Texas. Many of the potential locations in competing states offer other various tax incentives that require this project to receive a value limitation agreement to be financially competitive and allow it the best possibility of moving forward.”
  - B. “Without the available tax incentives, the economics of the project become far less attractive and the likelihood of completing the project and selling the electricity at competitive prices becomes unlikely. If Crane I Solar Electric LLC was not able to obtain a value limitation agreement, the project would most likely be terminated and resources would be allocated to projects with more favorable economics.”
- Per Crane I Solar Electric LLC in Tab 3 of their Application, the main reporting entity listed in the latest combined group franchise tax filing is David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc. Per Tab 4 of their Application, the project “...will be an approximately 200 MW AC photovoltaic solar power generation facility.”
- A March 2018 *Generator Interconnection Status Report* issued by ERCOT reported those projects, in the Full Interconnect Study (FIS) phase, without a Signed Interconnection Agreement as of March 31, 2018.
  - A. Soda Lake Solar 1 and 2 (Project Name); Arrington Solar (Interconnecting Entity); Tap 138kV 6601 Rio Pecos - 60014 Spudder (Point of Interconnection); Solar (Fuel) 400 MW (Capacity to

Grid); 6/2019 (Projected Commercial Operations Date); Complete (Full Interconnect Study Status)

- Supplemental information provided by the applicant indicated the following:
  - A. "Crane I and Crane II [Crane II Solar Electric LLC] were formerly known as Soda Lake A and Soda Lake B respectively."
  - B. "In response to question #2, the ERCOT Generation Interconnection Request # for both projects is 18INR0040."

**Supporting Information**

- a) Section 8 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value
- b) Attachments provided in Tab 5 of the Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value
- c) Additional information provided by the Applicant or located by the Comptroller

**Disclaimer:** This examination is based on information from the application submitted to the school district and forwarded to the comptroller. It is intended to meet the statutory requirement of Chapter 313 of the Tax Code and is not intended for any other purpose.

# **Supporting Information**

**Section 8 of the Application for  
a Limitation on Appraised Value**

**SECTION 6: Eligibility Under Tax Code Chapter 313.024**

1. Are you an entity subject to the tax under Tax Code, Chapter 171?  Yes  No
2. The property will be used for one of the following activities:
  - (1) manufacturing  Yes  No
  - (2) research and development  Yes  No
  - (3) a clean coal project, as defined by Section 5.001, Water Code  Yes  No
  - (4) an advanced clean energy project, as defined by Section 382.003, Health and Safety Code  Yes  No
  - (5) renewable energy electric generation  Yes  No
  - (6) electric power generation using integrated gasification combined cycle technology  Yes  No
  - (7) nuclear electric power generation  Yes  No
  - (8) a computer center that is used as an integral part or as a necessary auxiliary part for the activity conducted by applicant in one or more activities described by Subdivisions (1) through (7)  Yes  No
  - (9) a Texas Priority Project, as defined by 313.024(e)(7) and TAC 9.1051  Yes  No
3. Are you requesting that any of the land be classified as qualified investment?  Yes  No
4. Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under a capitalized lease?  Yes  No
5. Will any of the proposed qualified investment be leased under an operating lease?  Yes  No
6. Are you including property that is owned by a person other than the applicant?  Yes  No
7. Will any property be pooled or proposed to be pooled with property owned by the applicant in determining the amount of your qualified investment?  Yes  No

**SECTION 7: Project Description**

1. In **Tab 4**, attach a detailed description of the scope of the proposed project, including, at a minimum, the type and planned use of real and tangible personal property, the nature of the business, a timeline for property construction or installation, and any other relevant information.
2. Check the project characteristics that apply to the proposed project:
 

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land has no existing improvements	<input type="checkbox"/> Land has existing improvements ( <i>complete Section 13</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of existing operation on the land ( <i>complete Section 13</i> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Relocation within Texas

**SECTION 8: Limitation as Determining Factor**

1. Does the applicant currently own the land on which the proposed project will occur?  Yes  No
2. Has the applicant entered into any agreements, contracts or letters of intent related to the proposed project?  Yes  No
3. Does the applicant have current business activities at the location where the proposed project will occur?  Yes  No
4. Has the applicant made public statements in SEC filings or other documents regarding its intentions regarding the proposed project location?  Yes  No
5. Has the applicant received any local or state permits for activities on the proposed project site?  Yes  No
6. Has the applicant received commitments for state or local incentives for activities at the proposed project site?  Yes  No
7. Is the applicant evaluating other locations not in Texas for the proposed project?  Yes  No
8. Has the applicant provided capital investment or return on investment information for the proposed project in comparison with other alternative investment opportunities?  Yes  No
9. Has the applicant provided information related to the applicant's inputs, transportation and markets for the proposed project?  Yes  No
10. Are you submitting information to assist in the determination as to whether the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in Texas?  Yes  No

**Chapter 313.026(e) states "the applicant may submit information to the Comptroller that would provide a basis for an affirmative determination under Subsection (c)(2)." If you answered "yes" to any of the questions in Section 8, attach supporting information in Tab 5.**

# **Supporting Information**

Attachments provided in Tab 5  
of the Application for a  
Limitation on Appraised Value

**Crane I Solar Electric LLC**  
Chapter 313 Application to Crane ISD

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**TAB #5**

Documentation to assist in determining if limitation is a determining factor

Section 8, #2: Has the applicant entered into any agreements, contracts or letters of intent related to the proposed project?

Crane I Solar Electric LLC has begun typical due course, early stage due diligence to explore feasibility of constructing a solar facility at this site. As such, certain contracts have been executed, including agreements to site and install meteorological monitoring equipment, lease and easement agreements with landowners, contracts with environmental contractors to explore environmental impacts of the proposed project, and an Interconnection Agreement with the transmission provider. None of these contracts obligate Crane I Solar Electric LLC to construct the project.

Section 8, #7 & #10: Is the applicant evaluating other locations not in Texas for the proposed project?

Crane Solar Electric's development team is made of professionals with significant experience in the renewable energy sector across the country. While the project entity, Crane I Solar Electric LLC, is specific to this location in Texas, the economic return for the project is constantly compared to returns from other locations within and outside of Texas. The economic return is a primary input for this decision, and state and local incentives contribute to that economic return Crane Solar Electric is evaluating for potential other projects in similar stages of development outside of Texas. Many of the potential locations in competing states offer other various tax incentives that require this project to receive a value limitation agreement to be financially competitive and allow it the best possibility of moving forward.

Without the available tax incentives, the economics of the project become far less attractive and the likelihood of completing the project and selling the electricity at competitive prices becomes unlikely. If Crane I Solar Electric LLC was not able to obtain a value limitation agreement, the project would most likely be terminated and resources would be allocated to projects with more favorable economics.

# **Supporting Information**

Additional information  
provided by the Applicant or  
located by the Comptroller

Texas Franchise Tax Affiliate Schedule

Tcode 13253 Annual

Reporting entity taxpayer number	Report year	Reporting entity taxpayer name
17520602230	2017	David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc.

Reporting entity must be included on Affiliate Schedule. Affiliate reporting period dates must be within combined group's accounting period dates.

1. Legal name of affiliate		2. Affiliate taxpayer number (if none, use FEI number)		3. Affiliate NAICS code	
David H. Arrington Oil & Gas, Inc.		17520602230		211111	
4. Check box if entity is disregarded for franchise tax	5. Check box if this affiliate does NOT have NEXUS in Texas	6. Affiliate reporting begin date		7. Affiliate reporting end date	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	m m d d y y 010116		m m d d y y 123116	
8. Gross receipts subject to throwback in other states (before eliminations)		9. Gross receipts everywhere (before eliminations)			
0.00		5414.00			
10. Gross receipts in Texas (before eliminations)		11. Cost of goods sold or compensation (before eliminations)			
5414.00		0.00			

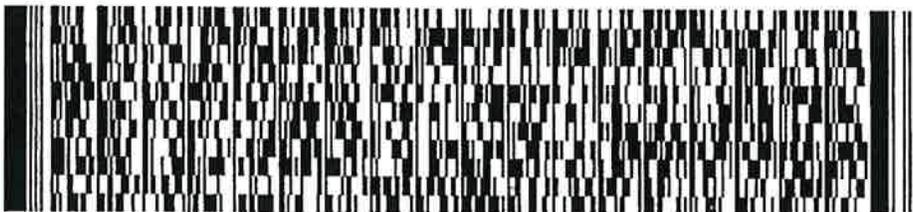
1. Legal name of affiliate		2. Affiliate taxpayer number (if none, use FEI number)		3. Affiliate NAICS code	
DHA, LLC		32006984838		211111	
4. Check box if entity is disregarded for franchise tax	5. Check box if this affiliate does NOT have NEXUS in Texas	6. Affiliate reporting begin date		7. Affiliate reporting end date	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	m m d d y y 010116		m m d d y y 123116	
8. Gross receipts subject to throwback in other states (before eliminations)		9. Gross receipts everywhere (before eliminations)			
0.00		516493.00			
10. Gross receipts in Texas (before eliminations)		11. Cost of goods sold or compensation (before eliminations)			
0.00		0.00			

1. Legal name of affiliate		2. Affiliate taxpayer number (if none, use FEI number)		3. Affiliate NAICS code	
Petro-Raider, LLC		32042764905		211111	
4. Check box if entity is disregarded for franchise tax	5. Check box if this affiliate does NOT have NEXUS in Texas	6. Affiliate reporting begin date		7. Affiliate reporting end date	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	m m d d y y 010116		m m d d y y 123116	
8. Gross receipts subject to throwback in other states (before eliminations)		9. Gross receipts everywhere (before eliminations)			
0.00		506763.00			
10. Gross receipts in Texas (before eliminations)		11. Cost of goods sold or compensation (before eliminations)			
506763.00		0.00			

The reporting entity of a combined group with a temporary credit for business loss carryforwards preserved for itself and/or affiliates must submit common owner information. This information must be provided to satisfy franchise tax reporting requirements. Learn more at [www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/franchise/](http://www.comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/franchise/). An information report (Form 05-102 or Form 05-167) must be filed for each affiliate that is organized in Texas or that has a physical presence in Texas.

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VE/DE	<input type="checkbox"/>	FM	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**TAB #4**

Detailed Description of Project

The Crane I Solar Electric "Project" will be an approximately 200 MW AC photovoltaic solar power generation facility, known as Crane I, on approximately 2,200 acres privately owned in Southeast Crane County, Texas along Soda Lake. Crane I Solar Electric will consist of 56 solar photovoltaic modules, a single axis tracking system, driven-pile foundations, DC wiring, DC/AC inverters, medium voltage step-up transformers, AC cabling and a central substation with a high voltage step-up transformer. There will also be a new substation located on LCRA's 138kv Rio-Pecos-Spudders Flats line as well as an operations & maintenance building on site. The expected life of these assets would be 25 years.

All Projects, in the Full Interconnect Study (FIS) phase, without a Signed Interconnection Agreement as of March 31, 2018

GINR Reference Number	Project Name*	Interconnecting Entity	Point of Interconnection (POI)	County	Fuel	Capacity to Grid (MW)	Projected COD Month/Year (as specified by the resource developer)	FIS Report Status
17INR0065	Capricorn III repower	Nextera		Sterling	WIND	0	4/2018	Complete
17INR0064	Capricorn II repower	Nextera		Sterling	WIND	0	4/2018	Complete
17INR0057	Red Canyon repower	Nextera		Borden	WIND	0	4/2018	Complete
17INR0070	Desert Sky repower	Invenery		Pecos	WIND	7	6/2018	Complete
17INR0069	Trent repower	Invenery		Nolan	WIND	6	6/2018	Complete
17INR0067	Sweetwater 1 repower	Leeward Energy	180151 Sweetwater1 34.5KV	Nolan	WIND	0	6/2018	Complete
17INR0060	Horse Hollow IV repower	Nextera		Taylor	WIND	0	6/2018	Complete
17INR0058	Horse Hollow II repower	Nextera		Taylor	WIND	0	6/2018	Complete
17INR0052	HH1 (HHGT increase)	Nextera	6216 Bluff Creek 138KV	Taylor	WIND	44	7/2018	Incomplete
17INR0104	Capricorn 4 repower	Nextera		Coke	WIND	0	7/2018	Complete
17INR0103	Horse 3 repower	Nextera		Taylor	WIND	0	7/2018	Complete
17INR0101	Horse 1 repower	Nextera		Taylor	WIND	0	7/2018	Complete
17INR0063	Capricorn I repower	Nextera		Sterling	WIND	0	7/2018	Complete
17INR0061	Capricorn IV repower	Nextera		Sterling	WIND	9	7/2018	Complete
17INR0056	Callahan repower	Nextera		Taylor	WIND	0	7/2018	Complete
17INR0054	Capricorn I & III repower	Nextera	180757 Capricorn Ridge 3 138KV	Sterling	WIND	32	7/2018	Complete
17INR0053	HH3 (HHGT increase)	Nextera	7046 Kendal 345KV	Taylor	WIND	44	7/2018	Complete
18INR0075	Gulf Wind 1 Repower	Pattern Energy		Kenedy	WIND	0	8/2018	Incomplete
18INR0072	Blue Summit Repower	Nextera	140382 Blue Summit 1.6 34.5KV	Wilbarger	WIND	10	12/2018	Incomplete
18INR0070	Blue Summit II	Nextera	61001 Jim Trece 345KV	Wilbarger	WIND	102	12/2018	Incomplete
18INR0068	Loraine Windpark Phase III	Third Planet Wind Power		Mitchell	WIND	100	12/2018	Incomplete
12INR0060	Infinity Live Oak Wind	Infinity Renewables	76003 Big Hill 345KV	Schleicher	WIND	200	12/2018	Incomplete
19INR0031	Bestia Solar	Longroad Energy	tap 138KV 1147 Cheyenne - 131853 Noitrees	Winkler	SOLAR	150	1/2019	Incomplete
18INR0061	Shakes Solar	Cypress Creek Renewables	tap 138KV 8283 Asherton - 8236 W. Batesvl	Zavala	SOLAR	42	3/2019	Incomplete
18INR0060	Brightside Solar	Cypress Creek Renewables	tap 69KV 8198 Beeville - 8400 Three River	Bee	SOLAR	50	3/2019	Incomplete
18INR0055	Long Draw Solar	BNB Renewables	59900 Long Draw 345KV	Borden	SOLAR	225	3/2019	Incomplete
18INR0023	Lost Mines Wind	RES Americas	60708 Orsted 345KV - Big Hill	Schleicher	WIND	201	3/2019	Incomplete
19INR0124	Solemio Springs	Alpin Sun	tap 138KV 1698 Sulphur Springs Switch - 1814 Sulphur Springs	Hopkins	SOLAR	50	4/2019	Incomplete
19INR0119	Patriot Wind II	Nrg	85000 Nelson Sharpe 345KV	Nueces	WIND	58	4/2019	Incomplete
19INR0094	GSE Three Solar	Alpin Sun	6044 Turkey 69KV	Hall	SOLAR	50	4/2019	Incomplete
19INR0093	Sole Mio	Alpin Sun	tap 138KV 1698 Sulphur Springs - 1814 Sulspg	Hopkins	SOLAR	45	4/2019	Incomplete
19INR0091	GSE ONE Solar	Alpin Sun	1808 Bonham 138KV	Fannin	SOLAR	82	4/2019	Incomplete
19INR0057	Old Bloomington Road	Castleman Power	8143 Dupont 138KV	Victoria	GAS	100	4/2019	Incomplete
19INR0056	Chamon Phase 2	Castleman Power	40260 Chamon 138KV	Harris	GAS	100	4/2019	Incomplete
18INR0045	Misae Solar	Childress Solar LLC	60501 Tesla 345KV	Childress	SOLAR	241	4/2019	Incomplete
16INR0036	Pecan Creek 1 Gas	NTE Energy	tap 345KV 11420 Sweetwater - 11406 Central Bluff	Nolan	GAS	280	4/2019	Incomplete
19INR0092	Prospero Solar	Longroad Energy	79650 Clear Fork 345KV (or 1156 Andrews Co 345KV)	Andrews	SOLAR	300	5/2019	Incomplete
18INR0053	Fort Bend Solar	Lendlease Energy	tap 138KV 44541 Orchard - 44190 E Bernard	Fort Bend	SOLAR	240	5/2019	Incomplete
16INR0111	Las Lomas Wind	Enervise	8957 Lopeno 138KV	Starr	WIND	200	5/2019	Incomplete
20INR0011	Ranchero Wind	Scout Clean Energy	tap 345KV 76002 Bakersfield - 76005 Schneeman	Crockett	WIND	250	6/2019	Incomplete
19INR0036	Oxbow Solar	BNB Renewables	59905 Faraday 345KV	Borden	SOLAR	250	6/2019	Incomplete
19INR0028	Normande Solar Farm	8rminutenergy	59900 Long Draw 345KV	Borden	SOLAR	300	6/2019	Incomplete
19INR0017	Tri-County Solar	First Solar	tap 138KV 1027 Odessa - 1107 Monahans2T	Crane	SOLAR	207	6/2019	Incomplete
19INR0001	Texas Solar Nova	SunPower	tap 345KV 11305 Dermott - 59904 Cottonwood	Kent	SOLAR	750	6/2019	Incomplete
18INR0033	Iton County Wind	Invenery	76005 Schneeman Draw 345KV	Iron	WIND	300	6/2019	Incomplete
18INR0040	Soda Lake Solar 1 and 2	Arrington Solar	Tap 138KV 6601 Rio Pecos - 60014 Spudder	Crane	SOLAR	400	6/2019	Complete
18INR0039	Fowler Ranch	Solar Prime	tap 138KV 60014 Spudder - 76615 Crane	Crane	SOLAR	150	6/2019	Complete

COMPTROLLER QUERY RELATED TO TAX CODE CHAPTER 313.026(c)(2)  
– Crane ISD – Crane I Solar Electric LLC App. #1234 –

Comptroller Questions (via email on March 23, 2018):

- 1) *Is the Crane I Solar Electric LLC, project currently known by any other project names?*
- 2) *Has this project applied to ERCOT at this time? If so, please provide the project's GINR number.*

Applicant Response (via email on April 2, 2018):

- 1) *Crane I and Crane II [Crane II Solar Electric LLC] were formerly known as Soda Lake A and Soda Lake B respectively.*
- 2) *In response to question #2, the ERCOT Generation Interconnection Request # for both projects is 18INR0040.*

Findings and Order of the Crane Independent School District  
Board of Trustees under the Texas Economic Development Act on the Application Submitted by  
Crane I Solar Electric, LLC (Tax ID 32065393657) (Application #1234)

**EXHIBIT B**

**Summary of Financial Impact on  
Crane Prepared by  
Jigsaw School Finance Solutions, LLC**

SUMMARY OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED  
CRANE I SOLAR ELECTRIC LLC (APP # 1234)  
ON THE FINANCES OF CRANE ISD UNDER A REQUESTED  
CHAPTER 313 APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION

PREPARED BY  
JIGSAW SCHOOL FINANCE SOLUTIONS, LLC  
NOVEMBER 4, 2018

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## Introduction

Crane I Solar Electric LLC has submitted an application to the Crane ISD Board of Trustees for a property value limitation on a proposed project under Chapter 313 of the Tax Code. The application was reviewed and signed by authorized representatives from the school district and the business in January of 2018. The application is for a renewable energy electric project as authorized by Sec. 313.024 (b) of the Tax Code with a proposed \$289 million qualifying investment. This project is consistent with the state's goal for economic development, the expanded intent of House Bill 1200 as originally passed by the Texas Legislature in 2001 and amended thereafter with Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.

Crane I Solar Electric LLC is proposing an investment in Crane ISD to develop an approximately 200 MW AC photovoltaic solar power facility. Under the provisions of Chapter 313, Crane ISD may offer a minimum value limitation of \$20 million. Under Sec. 313.027, the application must provide that the limitation under Subsection (1) applies for a period of 10 years; and (2) specify the beginning date of the limitation, which must be January 1 of the first tax year that begins after: (A) the application date; (B) the qualifying time period; or (C) the date commercial operations begin at the site of the project. Crane I Solar Electric LLC proposed the fourth quarter of 2018 as the commencement of construction and the commencement of commercial operations in the fourth quarter of 2019. The qualifying time period would begin January 1, 2019 with value limitation starting in tax year 2020 and extend through tax year 2029. Beginning in the tax year 2020, the project would go on the local tax roll at \$20 million and remain at that level of taxable value for ten years for maintenance and operations (M&O) taxes.

Revenue Protection Payments to Crane ISD -	\$	5,258,790
Supplemental Payments to Crane ISD -	\$	<u>1,144,000</u>
Total Non-Tax Payments to Crane ISD -	\$	6,402,790
Total Tax Savings to Company after all Payments -	\$	<u>8,264,642</u>

## School Finance Mechanics

The Texas system of public school funding is based on the ad valorem property tax. Schools levy a tax rate for maintenance and operation (M&O) and interest and sinking (I&S) against a current year tax roll. State funding is calculated using a prior year value certified by the Comptroller's Property Tax Division (CPTD). Texas school districts are funded by a combination of local ad valorem property taxes and state aid. Most of the money that a school district generates through the funding formulas is generated in Tier 1. The Tier 1 formulas start with a Basic Allotment per student of \$5,140. Calculations that use the number of students in average daily attendance, the number of students who participate in special programs, and adjustments for size, sparsity and location determine a Total Cost of Tier 1. A local fund assignment is determined by multiplying the district's compressed tax rate by the previous year (CPTD) property value. This formula determines the local ad valorem property taxes the district must collect in order to satisfy the district's share of the Tier 1 cost. School districts that are relatively property wealthy per student fund most of the Total Cost of Tier 1 with local property taxes while school districts that are relatively property poor per student receive most of the Total Cost of Tier 1 from state aid. Pennies that districts levy over and above the compressed tax rate and up to \$1.17 generate additional state and local funding in Tier 2 Level 1 and Tier 2 Level 2. Current funding formulas provide for a Guaranteed Yield per penny per WADA of \$99.41 for Tier 2 Level 1 and a Guaranteed Yield per penny per WADA of \$319,500 in Tier 2 Level 2. Crane ISD is a property rich per student district thus generating most of Maintenance and Operation revenue from local ad valorem property taxes. In an attempt to provide some degree of funding equity among school districts, the formulas provide two equalized wealth levels. A district that exceeds the first equalized wealth level of \$514,000 per weighted ADA is subject to recapture on taxes collected at the compressed rate. A district that exceeds the second equalized wealth level of \$319,500 per weighted ADA is subject to recapture on

revenues collected on pennies that exceed six pennies over the compressed rate. Crane I Solar Electric LLC is requesting that the value of the renewable energy project be limited to \$20,000,000 in years one through ten of the agreement. The full value of the project would be subject to interest and sinking taxes (I&S) levied by Crane ISD in all years of the agreement.

## Underlying Assumptions

A forecast of the financial impact that the proposed value limitation will have on Crane ISD's future revenue streams will be very useful to the district concerning the decision to grant the limitation and for the district's long range financial planning process. Currently 15 years of data and analysis are required during the Chapter 313 application process.

The approach used in this report was to predict 15 years of base data including average daily attendance, M&O and I&S tax rates, maintenance and operation (M&O) tax collections and current year (CAD) values and prior year (CPTD) values for each year of the agreement. Current year (CAD) values and prior year (CPTD) values were forecast both with the full project value and with the limited value of the project. The estimated project values of previously approved Chapter 313 agreements, (1182, 1183, 1188), are included in the forecast. The enrollment and property value assumptions are summarized in **Table 1**.

To isolate the impact of the value limitation on the district's finances over this 15 year agreement, average daily attendance and maintenance and operation tax rates were held constant at levels that existed in the 2017-18 school year. In April 2018 the Upton County Appraisal District certified estimate of the district's 2018 current year (CAD) net taxable values at \$849,000,000. These values were used as the basis for subsequent current year (CAD) values in this report. The 2017 Comptroller Property Tax Division (CPTD) values also certified to school districts were used as a basis for predicting prior year (CPTD) values for each of the agreement years.

As mentioned above, in order to provide calculations extended 15 years into the future and to isolate the impact of the proposed project by Crane I Solar Electric LLC, certain constants and assumptions are used.

1. The estimates presented at the end of the report are based upon the school funding system and formulas as defined by the 85th Texas Legislature in 2017. This school funding system and formulas were used for the duration of the project; although, no guarantee exists that this system or these formulas will remain in effect after the 2017-18 school year.
2. The 2017-18 ADA of 1,040 has been used as the basis of these calculations and was held constant for the duration of the agreement. Crane I Solar Electric LLC commits to qualifying new jobs but student enrollment growth is not expected to be impacted by this project.
3. The general approach used is to maintain relatively static base property values. The certified estimate CAD taxable value, as furnished by Upton County Appraisal District for school year 2018-19, was used as the base value to which the estimated project values for each year as set forth in schedule B of the application were added. These projected CAD values were then used for the CPTD values in each of the following years based on the lag between these two values.
4. Although the impact of the approval of this agreement could result in lower M&O tax rates in future years, an evaluation of the M&O tax rate is not included in the scope of this analysis. The calculated tax collections each year are based on the district's 2017-18 approved M&O rate of \$1.06 and was used for the duration of the review with an assumed collection rate of 100 percent each year with no projected delinquent taxes.

The proposed agreement calls for Crane ISD to be held harmless against total state and local revenue losses that might occur as a result of the value limitation being in effect for any given year of the agreement. In order to predict when and if these revenue losses may occur, two models were developed. One model illustrated in **Table 2** incorporates the full value of the Crane I Solar Electric LLC project into the state and local funding calculations. The other model shown in **Table 3** assumes that only the limited value of the Crane I Solar Electric LLC project is available for M&O taxation purposes. In any year of the limitation period where total state and local funding with the full project value exceeds the total state and local funding produced when the limited value is used, a Revenue Protection Payment is indicated for that year. The

results of these calculations are illustrated in **Table 4**. Although these assumptions were used to develop a baseline scenario for comparison purposes, many of these factors will not remain constant for the fifteen years of this proposed agreement. If the full value of the project increases significantly during the value limitation period, the school district revenue losses may be larger than these estimates.

### **Financial Impact on the District**

The Revenue Protection Clause of the proposed agreement calls for the school district to be held harmless against total state and local maintenance and operation revenue losses as a result of the value limitation agreement. Revenue Protection calculations are to be made using whatever property tax laws and school funding formulas are in place at that time. During the first year when the value of the property is limited, the school district will likely see a significant loss in total revenue. As per the language in the contract, the company will be required to make Revenue Protection Payments to the district in an amount equal to the loss of state and local revenue as a result of the limitation in the first seven years of the agreement.

Utilizing the assumptions and methodology described above, total maintenance and operation revenue was calculated for each year of the agreement. A summary of the differences in **Table 2** and **Table 3** are summarized in **Table 4**. A loss in total state and local M&O revenue to the district is noted in year one (2020- 2021) resulting from the agreement due to the inverted value lag between the CPTD and CAD values during the first year of the value limitation. The estimated total revenue loss is \$2,813,662 as noted in **Table 4** for year 2020-21. As result of the size of the project and changes in values of other district 313 agreements the district is projected to have a loss of state and local M&O revenue in all nine of the remaining limit years. The calculations that include the limited project amounts did not show any year where the district had revenue gains over the results of the calculations that include the full project value. Typically, you will see a revenue gain by the district in the first year after the limitation period due primarily to another value lag between the CPTD and CAD values.

The Supplemental Payment Clause of the proposed agreement calls for the school district to annually receive the greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the district's average daily attendance. Since 1040 was used for the average daily attendance in the calculations, \$104,000 will be the required supplemental payment clause.

### **M&O Impact on Taxpayer (Crane I Solar Electric LLC)**

The terms of the proposed agreement call for the maintenance and operation (M&O) value of the Crane I Solar Electric LLC project to be limited to \$20 million starting in tax year 2020 and remaining limited through tax year 2029 . The potential gross and net tax savings to Crane I Solar Electric LLC are shown in **Table 5**. The focus of this table is on the M&O tax rate only. As stated earlier, an M&O tax rate of \$1.06 and a collection rate of 100% are used throughout the calculations in this report. **Table 5** shows gross tax savings due to the limitation of \$14.667 million over the length of the contract. The estimated net benefit to Crane I Solar Electric LLC after the payment of the revenue protection payment and the supplemental payments is \$8.161 million. This analysis is based on timelines and value estimates provided by Crane I Solar Electric LLC's application and uses current school funding formulas adopted in the 85th Texas Legislative session.

**It is important to note that future legislative action on school funding and changes in local property values base could potentially affect the impact of the value limitation on the school district's finances and result in revenue-loss estimates that differ from the estimates presented in this report.**

The Crane I Solar Electric LLC is not eligible for a tax credit(s) on taxes paid on value in excess of the value limitation in the years prior to the value limitation becoming effective. House Bill (HB) 3390 as passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature repealed the provision for tax credits. Correspondingly the provision for the school district to make such payments to Crane I Solar Electric LLC and the reimbursement by the state for such tax credit payments has been eliminated.

## **Facilities (I&S) Funding Impact on School District**

The value of the Crane I Solar Electric LLC project is expected to depreciate over the life of the agreement and beyond, but full access to the additional value is expected to increase the district's projected taxable I&S property tax base. The full value of the project will be available to the district and will enhance the district's ability to service current and future debt obligations. Texas funding laws provide assistance to school districts for debt service purposes in the form of the Instructional Facilities Allotment and the Existing Debt Allotment. The formulas provide a guarantee of \$35 per ADA per penny of tax effort. Crane ISD has property wealth per ADA that exceeds this amount and is thus not eligible for this state assistance.

### **Conclusion**

While some uncertainty exists concerning school finance legislation over the future of this project, the following points appear to currently apply to the Crane I Solar Electric LLC project and to the Crane ISD. The proposed project enhances the tax base of Crane ISD, reflects continued capital investment and job creation by Crane I Solar Electric LLC in keeping with the goals of Chapter 313 of the Tax Code. Under the assumptions outlined above, the potential benefit for Crane I Solar Electric LLC under a Chapter 313 agreement could reach an estimated \$6.821 million. This amount is the net after the anticipated revenue loss payment and any supplemental payments are made to Crane ISD as permitted by law and the agreement. The project brings large scale capital investment to the area and Crane ISD will benefit from a growing tax base that can be leveraged to meet possible future debt service obligations and provide first class facilities for the district's students and faculty. The contractually agreement with Crane I Solar Electric LLC will enhance the tax base of Crane ISD without creating an overall financial loss to M&O earnings for the district over the term of the project per the contractually agreement to offset the loss that is indicated in the Table 5 and to the payment of annual supplemental payments.

**Table 1. Base District Information**

Year of Agreement	School Year	ADA	WADA	M&O Tax Rate	I&S Tax Rate	CAD Value No Limit	CAD Value with Limit	CPTD No Limit	CPTD with Limit	CPTD Value with Project per WADA	CPTD Value with Limit per WADA
0	2018-19	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$849,000,000	\$849,000,000	\$845,479,578	\$845,479,578	\$518,063	\$518,063
QTP1	2019-20	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,049,506,000	\$1,049,506,000	\$849,000,000	\$849,000,000	\$520,221	\$520,221
QTP2/L1	2020-21	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,204,026,000	\$935,026,000	\$1,049,506,000	\$1,049,506,000	\$643,080	\$643,080
L2	2021-22	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,157,786,000	\$935,026,000	\$1,204,026,000	\$935,026,000	\$737,761	\$572,933
L3	2022-23	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,134,666,000	\$935,026,000	\$1,157,786,000	\$935,026,000	\$709,428	\$572,933
L4	2023-24	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,108,656,000	\$935,026,000	\$1,134,666,000	\$935,026,000	\$695,261	\$572,933
L5	2024-25	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,082,646,000	\$935,026,000	\$1,108,656,000	\$935,026,000	\$679,324	\$572,933
L6	2025-26	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,056,636,000	\$935,026,000	\$1,082,646,000	\$935,026,000	\$663,386	\$572,933
L7	2026-27	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,027,736,000	\$935,026,000	\$1,056,636,000	\$935,026,000	\$647,449	\$572,933
L8	2027-28	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,001,726,000	\$935,026,000	\$1,027,736,000	\$935,026,000	\$629,740	\$572,933
L9	2028-29	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$984,386,000	\$935,026,000	\$1,001,726,000	\$935,026,000	\$613,803	\$572,933
L10	2029-30	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$974,741,000	\$934,051,000	\$984,386,000	\$935,026,000	\$603,178	\$572,933
MVP1	2030-31	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,030,133,800	\$1,030,133,800	\$974,741,000	\$934,051,000	\$597,268	\$572,335
MVP2	2031-32	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,026,377,300	\$1,026,377,300	\$1,030,133,800	\$1,030,133,800	\$631,209	\$631,209
MVP3	2032-33	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,025,253,300	\$1,025,253,300	\$1,026,377,300	\$1,026,377,300	\$628,908	\$628,908
MVP4	2033-34	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,024,040,800	\$1,024,040,800	\$1,025,253,300	\$1,025,253,300	\$628,219	\$628,219
MVP5	2034-35	1,040	1,632	\$1.0600	\$0.0675	\$1,019,840,800	\$1,019,840,800	\$1,024,040,800	\$1,024,040,800	\$627,476	\$627,476

**Table 2. "Baseline Revenue Model" – Project Value Added with No Value Limitation**

Year of Agreement	School Year	Foundation School Fund	Available School Fund	M&O Rev From Local Taxes (net of recapture and up to compressed rate)	M&O Rev From Local Taxes (up to \$.06 above compressed rate; no recapture)	M&O Rev From Local Taxes (net of any recapture)	Recapture at the \$514,00 Level	Recapture at the \$319,500 Level	Other State Aid	Total General Fund
0	2018-19	\$654,428	\$465,272	\$8,490,000	\$509,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,119,101
QTP1	2019-20	\$776,452	\$208,092	\$10,495,060	\$629,704	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,109,307
QTP2/L1	2020-21	\$590,578	\$390,172	\$11,409,052	\$722,416	\$0	\$631,208	\$0	\$0	\$13,112,218
L2	2021-22	\$425,302	\$208,092	\$9,786,201	\$694,672	\$0	\$1,791,659	\$0	\$0	\$11,114,267
L3	2022-23	\$458,335	\$390,172	\$9,761,566	\$680,800	\$0	\$1,585,094	\$0	\$0	\$11,290,873
L4	2023-24	\$470,728	\$465,272	\$9,644,544	\$665,194	\$0	\$1,442,016	\$0	\$0	\$11,245,738
L5	2024-25	\$485,970	\$208,092	\$9,925,635	\$649,588	\$0	\$900,825	\$0	\$0	\$11,269,285
L6	2025-26	\$501,212	\$390,172	\$9,711,386	\$633,982	\$0	\$854,974	\$0	\$0	\$11,236,752
L7	2026-27	\$515,096	\$208,092	\$9,879,450	\$616,642	\$0	\$397,910	\$0	\$0	\$11,219,280
L8	2027-28	\$532,682	\$390,172	\$9,691,413	\$601,036	\$0	\$325,847	\$0	\$0	\$11,215,303
L9	2028-29	\$551,565	\$465,272	\$9,682,206	\$590,632	\$0	\$161,654	\$0	\$0	\$11,289,675
L10	2029-30	\$564,799	\$208,092	\$9,747,410	\$584,845	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,105,146
MVP1	2030-31	\$600,949	\$390,172	\$10,301,338	\$618,080	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,910,540
MVP2	2031-32	\$540,445	\$208,092	\$10,116,682	\$615,826	\$0	\$147,091	\$0	\$0	\$11,481,045
MVP3	2032-33	\$543,401	\$390,172	\$9,931,874	\$615,152	\$0	\$320,659	\$0	\$0	\$11,480,600
MVP4	2033-34	\$544,074	\$465,272	\$9,844,190	\$614,424	\$0	\$396,218	\$0	\$0	\$11,467,961
MVP5	2034-35	\$544,089	\$208,092	\$10,111,281	\$611,904	\$0	\$87,127	\$0	\$0	\$11,475,366

**Table 3. “Value Limitation Revenue Model” – Project Value Added with Value Limitation**

Year of Agreement	School Year	Foundation School Fund	Available School Fund	M&O Rev From Local Taxes (net of recapture and up to compressed rate)	M&O Rev From Local Taxes (up to \$.06 above compressed rate; no recapture)	M&O Rev From Local Taxes (net of any recapture)	Recapture at the \$514,00 Level	Recapture at the \$319,500 Level	Other State Aid	Total General Fund
0	2018-19	\$654,428	\$465,272	\$8,490,000	\$509,400	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,119,101
QTP1	2019-20	\$776,452	\$208,092	\$10,495,060	\$629,704	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$12,109,307
QTP2/L1	2020-21	\$485,659	\$390,172	\$8,861,709	\$561,016	\$0	\$488,551	\$0	\$0	\$10,298,556
L2	2021-22	\$598,920	\$208,092	\$9,350,260	\$561,016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,718,288
L3	2022-23	\$598,920	\$390,172	\$9,350,260	\$561,016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,900,368
L4	2023-24	\$598,920	\$465,272	\$9,350,260	\$561,016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,975,468
L5	2024-25	\$598,920	\$208,092	\$9,350,260	\$561,016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,718,288
L6	2025-26	\$598,920	\$390,172	\$9,350,260	\$561,016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,900,368
L7	2026-27	\$598,920	\$208,092	\$9,350,260	\$561,016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,718,288
L8	2027-28	\$598,920	\$390,172	\$9,350,260	\$561,016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,900,368
L9	2028-29	\$598,920	\$465,272	\$9,350,260	\$561,016	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,975,468
L10	2029-30	\$598,120	\$208,092	\$9,340,510	\$560,431	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,707,153
MVP1	2030-31	\$649,180	\$390,172	\$10,301,338	\$618,080	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,958,771
MVP2	2031-32	\$540,445	\$208,092	\$10,116,682	\$615,826	\$0	\$147,091	\$0	\$0	\$11,481,045
MVP3	2032-33	\$543,401	\$390,172	\$9,931,874	\$615,152	\$0	\$320,659	\$0	\$0	\$11,480,600

**Table 4. “Baseline Revenue Model” less “Value Limitation Model”**

Year of Agreement	School Year	Foundation School Fund	Available School Fund	M&O Rev From Local Taxes (net of recapture and up to compressed rate)	M&O Rev From Local Taxes (up to \$.06 above compressed rate; no recapture)	M&O Rev From Local Taxes (net of any recapture)	Recapture at the \$514,000 Level	Recapture at the \$319,500 Level	Other State Aid	Total General Fund	School District Revenue Losses
0	2018-19	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
QTP1	2019-20	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
QTP2/L1	2020-21	-\$104,919	\$0	-\$2,547,343	-\$161,400	\$0	-\$142,657	\$0	\$0	-\$2,813,662	-\$2,813,662
L2	2021-22	\$173,618	\$0	-\$435,941	-\$133,656	\$0	-\$1,791,659	\$0	\$0	-\$395,979	-\$395,979
L3	2022-23	\$140,585	\$0	-\$411,306	-\$119,784	\$0	-\$1,585,094	\$0	\$0	-\$390,505	-\$390,505
L4	2023-24	\$128,192	\$0	-\$294,284	-\$104,178	\$0	-\$1,442,016	\$0	\$0	-\$270,270	-\$270,270
L5	2024-25	\$112,950	\$0	-\$575,375	-\$88,572	\$0	-\$900,825	\$0	\$0	-\$550,997	-\$550,997
L6	2025-26	\$97,708	\$0	-\$361,126	-\$72,966	\$0	-\$854,974	\$0	\$0	-\$336,384	-\$336,384
L7	2026-27	\$83,824	\$0	-\$529,190	-\$55,626	\$0	-\$397,910	\$0	\$0	-\$500,992	-\$500,992
L8	2027-28	\$66,238	\$0	-\$341,153	-\$40,020	\$0	-\$325,847	\$0	\$0	-\$314,935	-\$314,935
L9	2028-29	\$47,355	\$0	-\$331,946	-\$29,616	\$0	-\$161,654	\$0	\$0	-\$314,207	-\$314,207
L10	2029-30	\$33,321	\$0	-\$406,900	-\$24,414	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	-\$397,993	-\$397,993
MVP1	2030-31	\$48,231	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$48,231	\$0
MVP2	2031-32	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MVP3	2032-33	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Table 5. Estimated Financial Impact**

Year of Agreement	School Year	Project Value	Estimated Taxable Value	Value Savings	Assumed M&O Tax Rate	Taxes Before Value Limit	Taxes After Value Limit	Tax Savings @ Projected M&O Rate	Tax Benefit to Company Before Revenue Protection	School District Revenue Losses	Estimated Net Tax Benefits	School District Benefit \$100 / ADA	Company Tax Benefit
0	2018-19	\$0	\$0	\$0	1.0600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
QTP1	2019-20	\$0	\$0	\$0	1.0600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$104,000	-\$104,000
QTP2/L1	2020-21	\$289,000,000	\$20,000,000	\$269,000,000	1.0600	\$3,063,400	\$212,000	\$2,851,400	\$2,851,400	-\$2,813,662	\$37,738	\$104,000	-\$66,262
L2	2021-22	\$242,760,000	\$20,000,000	\$222,760,000	1.0600	\$2,573,256	\$212,000	\$2,361,256	\$2,361,256	-\$395,979	\$1,965,277	\$104,000	\$1,861,277
L3	2022-23	\$219,640,000	\$20,000,000	\$199,640,000	1.0600	\$2,328,184	\$212,000	\$2,116,184	\$2,116,184	-\$390,505	\$1,725,679	\$104,000	\$1,621,679
L4	2023-24	\$193,630,000	\$20,000,000	\$173,630,000	1.0600	\$2,052,478	\$212,000	\$1,840,478	\$1,840,478	-\$270,270	\$1,570,208	\$104,000	\$1,466,208
L5	2024-25	\$167,620,000	\$20,000,000	\$147,620,000	1.0600	\$1,776,772	\$212,000	\$1,564,772	\$1,564,772	-\$550,997	\$1,013,775	\$104,000	\$909,775
L6	2025-26	\$141,610,000	\$20,000,000	\$121,610,000	1.0600	\$1,501,066	\$212,000	\$1,289,066	\$1,289,066	-\$336,384	\$952,682	\$104,000	\$848,682
L7	2026-27	\$112,710,000	\$20,000,000	\$92,710,000	1.0600	\$1,194,726	\$212,000	\$982,726	\$982,726	-\$500,992	\$481,734	\$104,000	\$377,734
L8	2027-28	\$86,700,000	\$20,000,000	\$66,700,000	1.0600	\$919,020	\$212,000	\$707,020	\$707,020	\$0	\$707,020	\$104,000	\$603,020
L9	2028-29	\$69,360,000	\$20,000,000	\$49,360,000	1.0600	\$735,216	\$212,000	\$523,216	\$523,216	\$0	\$523,216	\$104,000	\$419,216
L10	2029-30	\$60,690,000	\$20,000,000	\$40,690,000	1.0600	\$643,314	\$212,000	\$431,314	\$431,314	\$0	\$431,314	\$0	\$327,314
MVP1	2030-31	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000	\$0	1.0600	\$612,680	\$612,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MVP2	2031-32	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000	\$0	1.0600	\$612,680	\$612,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MVP3	2032-33	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000	\$0	1.0600	\$612,680	\$612,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MVP4	2033-34	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000	\$0	1.0600	\$612,680	\$612,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
MVP5	2034-35	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000	\$0	1.0600	\$612,680	\$612,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
0	2035-36	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000	\$0	1.0600	\$612,680	\$612,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
0	2036-37	\$57,800,000	\$57,800,000	\$0	1.0600	\$612,680	\$612,680	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTALS</b>						\$21,076,192	\$6,408,760	\$14,667,432	\$14,667,432	-\$5,258,790	\$9,408,642	\$1,144,000	\$8,264,642

\*Note: School District Revenue-Loss estimates are subject to change based on various factors, including legislative and Texas Education Agency administrative changes to school finance formulas, year-to-year project appraisal values, and changes in school district tax rates. Additional information on the assumptions used in preparing these estimates is provided in the narrative of this Report.

Findings and Order of the Crane Independent School District  
Board of Trustees under the Texas Economic Development Act on the Application Submitted by  
Crane I Solar Electric, LLC (Tax ID 32065393657) (Application #1234)

**EXHIBIT C**

**Proposed Agreement between  
Crane Independent School District  
and Crane I Solar Electric, LLC**



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P.O.Box 13528 • Austin, TX 78711-3528

November 14, 2018

Janet Hunt  
Superintendent  
Crane Independent School District  
511 W. 8th Street  
Crane, Texas 79731

Re: Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations taxes by and between Crane Independent School District and Crane I Solar Electric LLC, Application 1234

Dear Superintendent Hunt:

This office has been provided with the Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations taxes by and between Crane Independent School District and Crane I Solar Electric LLC (Agreement). As requested, the Agreement has been reviewed pursuant to 34 TAC 9.1055(e)(1).

Based on our review, this office concludes that the agreement complies with the provisions of Tax Code, Chapter 313 and 34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F.

Should you have any questions, please contact Michelle Luera with our office. She can be reached by email at [michelle.luera@cpa.texas.gov](mailto:michelle.luera@cpa.texas.gov) or by phone at 1-800-531-5441, ext. 3-6053, or at 512-463-6053.

Sincerely,

Will Counihan  
Director  
Data Analysis & Transparency Division

cc: Sara Leon, Powell & Leon, LLP  
Christopher Hall, Crane I Solar Electric LLC  
Brandon Budde, Ryan, LLC

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

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by and between

**CRANE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

and

**CRANE I SOLAR ELECTRIC, LLC**

*Texas Taxpayer ID # 32065393657*

Comptroller Application #1234

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Dated

November 15, 2018



313.026 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, and on May 29, 2018, issued a certificate for limitation on appraised value of the property described in the Application and provided the certificate to the District;

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent of Schools, acting as the Board's designee, extended the statutory deadline by which the District must consider the Application until December 31, 2018, and the Comptroller was provided notice of such extension as set out under 34 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE Section 9.1054(d);

**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 313.025 of the TEXAS TAX CODE;

**WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2018, 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 November 15, 2018, 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) the Applicant is eligible for the limitation on appraised value of the Applicant's Qualified Property; (iii) the project proposed by the Applicant is reasonably likely to generate tax revenue in an amount sufficient to offset the 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 the Applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this State; and (v) this Agreement is in the best interest of the District and the State of Texas;

**WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2018, pursuant to the provisions of 313.025(f-1) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, the Board of Trustees waived the job creation requirement set forth in Section 313.051(b) of the TEXAS TAX CODE;

**WHEREAS**, on November 14, 2018, 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;

**WHEREAS**, on November 15, 2018, 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 in this Agreement, 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 Section 9.1051 and not defined in this Agreement shall have the meanings provided by 34 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE Section 9.1051.

“Act” means the Texas Economic Development Act set forth in Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, as amended.

“Agreement” means this Agreement, as the same may be modified, amended, restated, amended and restated, or supplemented as approved pursuant to Sections 10.2 and 10.3.

“Applicant” means Crane I Solar Electric, LLC (Texas Taxpayer ID #32065393657), the entity listed in the Preamble of this Agreement and that is listed as the Applicant on the Application as of the Application Approval Date. The term “Applicant” shall also include the Applicant’s assigns and successors-in-interest as approved according to Sections 10.2 and 10.3 of this Agreement.

“Applicant’s Qualified Investment” means the Qualified Investment of the Applicant during the Qualifying Time Period and as more fully described in **EXHIBIT 3** of this Agreement.

“Applicant’s Qualified Property” means the Qualified Property of the Applicant to which the value limitation identified in the Agreement will apply and as more fully described in **EXHIBIT 4** of this Agreement.

“Application” means the Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property (Chapter 313, Subchapter B or C of the TEXAS TAX CODE) filed with the District by the Applicant on October 12, 2017. The term includes all forms required by the Comptroller, the schedules attached thereto, and all other documentation submitted by the Applicant for the purpose of obtaining an Agreement with the District. The term also includes all amendments and supplements thereto submitted by the Applicant.

“Application Approval Date” means the date that the Application is approved by the Board of Trustees of the District and as further identified in Section 2.3.B of this Agreement.

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

“Appraised Value” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.04(8) of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

“Appraisal District” means the Crane County Appraisal District.

“Board of Trustees” means the Board of Trustees of the Crane Independent School District.

“Commercial Operations” shall mean the date on which the Project described in the Application for Value Limitation Agreement becomes commercially operational and capable of being placed into service, such that it has been constructed and is capable of producing electricity and achieving a Qualifying Investment of no less than \$10 million dollars.

“Comptroller” means the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, or the designated representative of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts acting on behalf of the Comptroller.

“Comptroller’s Rules” means the applicable rules and regulations of the Comptroller set forth in Chapter 34 TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE Chapter 9, Subchapter F, together with any court or administrative decisions interpreting same.

“County” means Crane County, Texas.

“District” or “School District” means the Crane 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 the Applicant’s Qualified Property or the Applicant’s Qualified Investment.

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

“Force Majeure” 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 60 (sixty) 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.

“Maintain Viable Presence” means (i) the operation during the term of this Agreement of the facility or facilities for which the tax limitation is granted; and (ii) the Applicant’s maintenance of jobs and wages as required by the Act and as set forth in its Application.

“Market Value” shall have the meaning assigned to such term in Section 1.04(7) of the TEXAS

TAX CODE.

“New Qualifying Jobs” means the total number of jobs to be created by the Applicant after the Application Approval Date in connection with the project that is the subject of its Application that meet the criteria of Qualifying Job as defined in Section 313.021(3) of the TEXAS TAX CODE and the Comptroller’s Rules.

“New Non-Qualifying Jobs” means the number of Non-Qualifying Jobs, as defined in 34 TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE Section 9.1051(14), to be created by the Applicant after the Application Approval Date in connection with the project which is the subject of its Application.

“Qualified Investment” has the meaning set forth in Section 313.021(1) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, as interpreted by the Comptroller’s Rules.

“Qualified Property” has the meaning set forth in Section 313.021(2) of the TEXAS TAX CODE and as interpreted by the Comptroller’s Rules and the Texas Attorney General, as these provisions existed on the Application Review Start Date.

“Qualifying Time Period” means the period defined in Section 2.3.C, during which the Applicant shall make investment on the Land where the Qualified Property is located in the amount required by the Act, the Comptroller’s Rules, and this Agreement.

“State” means the State of Texas.

“Supplemental Payment” means any payments or transfers of things of value made to the District or to any person or persons in any form if such payment or transfer of thing of value being provided is in recognition of, anticipation of, or consideration for the Agreement and that is not authorized pursuant to Sections 313.027(f)(1) or (2) of the TEXAS TAX CODE, and specifically includes any payments required pursuant to Article VI of this Agreement.

“Tax Limitation Amount” means the maximum amount which may be placed as the Appraised Value on the Applicant’s Qualified Property for maintenance and operations tax assessment in each Tax Year of the Tax Limitation Period of this Agreement pursuant to Section 313.054 of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

“Tax Limitation Period” 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.

## Section 1.2. NEGOTIATED DEFINITIONS.

Wherever used in Articles IV, V, and VI, the following terms shall have the following meanings, unless the context in which used clearly indicates another meaning or otherwise; provided however, if there is a conflict between a term defined in this section and a term defined in the Act, the Comptroller's Rules, or Section 1.1 of Agreement, the conflict shall be resolved by reference to Section 10.9.C:

*“Applicable School Finance Law”* means the State constitution and laws, agency regulations and/or judicial rulings then controlling the public school finance system for Texas public schools and school districts generally and the District specifically, in accordance with all provisions thereof applicable to any terms of this Agreement at the time any computation, calculation or obligation of either Party under this Agreement is required to be performed or for the period to which such computation, calculation or obligation relates, as applicable. The term includes any amendments or successor statutes that may be adopted in the future which affect the calculation of the District's Maintenance and Operations Revenue or the Applicant's ad valorem tax obligation to the District, in each case, either with or without the limitation on appraised value of property pursuant to this Agreement.

*“Cumulative Payment”* means for any Tax Year during the term of this Agreement, the total of all payments, calculated under Articles IV, V and VI of this Agreement, for such Tax Year which are paid by or owed by the Applicant to the District, plus all payments, calculated under Article IV, V and VI of this Agreement, paid by or owed by the Applicant for all previous Tax Years during the term of this Agreement.

*“Lost Me&O Revenue”* shall have the meaning set forth in Section 4.2.

*“Maintenance and Operations Revenue”* means (i) those revenues which the 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 the District's Maintenance and Operations Revenue lost as a result of such similar agreements, minus (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, in each case, as any of the items in clauses (i), (ii), and (iv) above may be amended by Applicable School Finance Law from time to time, and plus or minus, as applicable, any other revenues, payments or amounts received or required to be reimbursed by the District from State and local funding for maintenance and operations purposes under Applicable School Finance Law, such that Maintenance and Operations Revenue shall be the net amount of all such revenues, payments or other amounts which the District is entitled to receive and retain from State and local funding for maintenance and operations purposes under Applicable School Finance Law.

“*New M&O Revenue*” means, with respect to any school year, the total State and local Maintenance and Operations Revenue that the District received, after all adjustments have been made to such Maintenance and Operations Revenue in accordance with the provisions of the Applicable School Finance Law for such school year.

“*Net Tax Benefit*” means, for any Tax Year during the term of this Agreement, an amount equal to (but not less than zero): (i) the amount of maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes which the Applicant would have paid to the District for such Tax Year and all previous Tax 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 for such Tax Year and all previous Tax Years during the term of this Agreement, including (B) any and all payments due to the District under Articles IV, V, and VI of this Agreement.

“*Original M&O Revenue*” means, with respect to any school year, the total State and local Maintenance and Operations Revenue that the 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 Applicant’s Qualified Property been subject to the ad valorem maintenance and operations tax at the tax rate actually adopted by the District for the applicable Tax Year. For purposes of this calculation, the Third Party will base its calculations upon actual local Taxable Values for each applicable Tax Year as certified by the Appraisal District for all taxable accounts in the District, except that with respect to the Applicant’s Qualified Property during the Tax Limitation Period, such calculations shall use the Taxable Value for each applicable Tax Year of the Applicant’s Qualified Property which is used for the calculation of the District’s tax levy for debt service (interest and sinking fund) ad valorem tax purposes. For the calculation of Original M&O Revenue, the Taxable Value for Applicant’s Qualified Property for maintenance and operations ad valorem tax purposes will not be used during the Tax Limitation Period.

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

**Section 2.1. AUTHORITY.**

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

**Section 2.2. PURPOSE.**

In consideration of the execution and subsequent performance of the terms and obligations by the Applicant pursuant to this Agreement, identified in Sections 2.5 and 2.6 and as more fully specified in this Agreement, the value of the Applicant’s Qualified Property listed and assessed by the County Appraiser for the District’s maintenance and operation 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 March 19, 2018, which will be used to determine the eligibility of the Applicant's Qualified Property and all applicable wage standards.
- B. The Application Approval Date for this Agreement is November 15, 2018.
- C. The Qualifying Time Period for this Agreement:
  - i. Starts on January 1, 2019, a date not later than January 1 of the fourth Tax Year following the Application Approval Date for deferrals, as authorized by §313.027(h) of the TEXAS TAX CODE; and
  - ii. Ends on December 31, 2020, the last day of the second complete Tax Year following the Qualifying Time Period start date.
- D. The Tax Limitation Period for this Agreement:
  - i. Starts on January 1, 2020, the first complete Tax Year that begins after the date of commencement of Commercial Operation; and
  - ii. Ends on December 31, 2029, which is the year the Tax Limitation Period starts as identified in Section 2.3.D.i plus 9 years.
- E. The Final Termination Date for this Agreement is December 31, 2034.
- F. This Agreement, and the obligations and responsibilities created by this Agreement, shall be and become effective on the Application Approval Date identified in Section 2.3.B. This Agreement, and the obligations and responsibilities created by this Agreement, terminate on the Final Termination Date identified in Section 2.3.E, unless extended by the express terms of this Agreement.

**Section 2.4. TAX LIMITATION.**

So long as the Applicant makes the Qualified Investment as required by Section 2.5, 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. Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000.00).

This Tax Limitation Amount is based on the limitation amount for the category that applies to the District on the Application Approval Date, as set out by Section 313.052 of the TEXAS TAX

CODE.

**Section 2.5. TAX LIMITATION ELIGIBILITY.**

In order to be eligible and entitled to receive the value limitation identified in Section 4.2 for the Qualified Property identified in Article III, the Applicant shall:

- A. Have completed the Applicant's Qualified Investment in the amount of Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) during the Qualifying Time Period;
- B. Have created and maintained, subject to the provisions of Section 313.0276 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, New Qualifying Jobs as required by the Act; and
- C. Pay an average weekly wage of at least \$1,049.00 for all New Non-Qualifying Jobs created by the 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 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 the 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;
- D. Create and Maintain Viable Presence on or with the Qualified Property and perform additional obligations as more fully specified in Article VIII of this Agreement; and
- E. No additional conditions are identified in the certificate for a limitation on appraised value by the Comptroller for this project.

**ARTICLE III**  
**QUALIFIED PROPERTY**

**Section 3.1. LOCATION WITHIN ENTERPRISE OR REINVESTMENT ZONE.**

At the time of the Application Approval Date, the Land is 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, and information concerning the designation, 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 in **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 4**, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. Property which is not specifically described in **EXHIBIT 4** 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 in compliance 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.**

In addition to the requirements of Section 10.2 of this Agreement, if there is a material change in the Qualified Property described in **EXHIBIT 3**, then within 60 days from the date commercial operation begins, the Applicant shall provide to the District, the Comptroller, the Appraisal District or the State Auditor's Office a specific and detailed description of the tangible personal property, buildings, and/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.**

The Applicant's Qualified Property described 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 only to the limitations contained in Section 7.1 of this Agreement, 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 the Applicant for any Lost M&O Revenue in each year of this Agreement for which this Agreement was the producing cause, 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 Article V and Article VI in this Agreement. Subject only to the limitations contained in this Agreement, including Section 7.1, **it is the intent of the Parties that the risk of any and all Lost M&O Revenue, for which this Agreement was the producing cause, will be borne solely by Applicant and not by the District up to and including the 2027 Tax Year.** Any Lost M&O Revenue beginning with the 2028 Tax Year shall be borne by the District.

The calculation of any Lost M&O Revenue required to be paid by the Applicant under this Article IV shall be made for the first time for the first complete Tax Year following the start of Commercial Operations, and every year thereafter during the term of this Agreement through the 2027 Tax Year.

Within 60 days from the date Commercial Operations begin, the Applicant shall provide to the District, the Comptroller, and the Appraisal District a verified written report, giving a specific and detailed description of the land, tangible personal property, buildings, or permanent, nonremovable building components (including any affixed to or incorporated into real property) to which the value limitation applies including maps or surveys of sufficient detail and description to locate all such Qualified Property within the boundaries of the land which is subject to the Agreement, if such final description is different than the description provided in the Application or any supplemental application information, or if no substantial changes have been made, a verification of the fact that no substantial changes have been made.

The Parties further agree that the school finance report and projected revenue protection payment amounts produced during the negotiations and approval of this Agreement are:

- i. For illustrative purposes only, are not intended to be relied upon, and have not been relied upon by the Parties as a prediction of future consequences to either Party;
- ii. Are based upon current Applicable School Finance Law, which is subject to change by statute, by administrative regulation, or by judicial decision at any time; and,
- iii. May change in future years to reflect changes in the Applicable School Finance Law.

**Section 4.2. CALCULATING THE LOST M&O REVENUE BY THE DISTRICT.** Subject only to the provisions of Section 7.1 of this Agreement, the amount to be paid by the Applicant to compensate the District for Lost M&O Revenue for each year starting in the year of the Application Review Start Date and ending on December 31, 2027 shall be determined in compliance with the Applicable School Finance Law in effect for such year and according to the following formula: The Lost M&O Revenue owed by the Applicant to the District means the Original M&O Revenue *minus* the New M&O Revenue. In making the calculations required by this Section 4.2:

- i. The Taxable Value of property for each school year will be determined under the Applicable School Finance Law as that law exists for each year for which the calculation is made.
- 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, the negative number will be considered to be zero.
- iv. For all calculations made for years during the Tax Limitation Period under Section 4.2 of this Agreement, Subsection *ii* of this subsection will reflect the Tax Limitation Amount for such year.
- v. All calculations under this Section 4.2 shall be made by a methodology which isolates the full M&O Revenue impact caused by this Agreement. The Applicant shall not be responsible to reimburse the District for other revenue losses created by other agreements, or on account of or otherwise arising out of any other factors not contained in this Agreement.

**Section 4.3. CALCULATIONS TO BE MADE BY THIRD PARTY.** All calculations under this Agreement shall be made annually by an independent third party (the "Third Party") selected each year by the District, with the consent of the Applicant. In the event the Applicant and the District cannot agree upon a Third Party, the Parties will participate in mediation as provided in Section 9.3 of this Agreement. In addition to the amounts determined pursuant to Section 4.2 above, the Applicant, on an annual basis, shall also indemnify and reimburse the District for any reasonable and necessary costs to the District, including costs under Subsection 8.6(C), below, which are or may be attributable to compliance with State-imposed costs of compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

In the event that the calculations made under this Agreement by the Third Party should become the subject of litigation, the Parties stipulate that the Third Party's participation in any such dispute shall be limited to providing the court or administrative body with jurisdiction over such dispute with an explanation of the methodology used in reaching the Third Party's calculation so as to assist the court or administrative body.

**Section 4.4. DATA USED FOR CALCULATIONS.** The calculations for payments under this Agreement shall be initially based upon the valuations placed upon the Applicant's Qualified Investment and/or the Applicant's Qualified Property by the Appraisal District in its annual certified appraisal roll submitted to the District for each Tax Year pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 26.01 on or about July 25 of each year of this Agreement. Immediately upon receipt of the valuation information by the District, the District shall

submit the valuation information to the Third Party selected under Section 4.3. The certified appraisal roll data shall form the basis of the calculation of any and all amounts due under this Agreement. All other data utilized by the Third Party to make the calculations contemplated by this Agreement shall be based upon the best available current estimates. The data utilized by the Third Party shall be adjusted from time to time by the Third Party to reflect actual amounts, subsequent adjustments by the Appraisal District to the District's certified appraisal roll or any other changes in student counts, tax collections, or other data.

**Section 4.5. DELIVERY OF CALCULATIONS.** On or before November 1 of each year for which this Agreement is effective, the Third Party shall forward to the Parties a certification containing the calculations required under Articles IV, V, VI, and/or Section 7.1 of this Agreement in sufficient detail to allow the Parties to understand the manner in which the calculations were made. The Third Party shall simultaneously submit an invoice for fees for services rendered to the Parties, if any fees are being claimed, which fee shall be the sole responsibility of the District, but subject to the provisions of Section 4.6, below. Upon reasonable prior notice, the employees and agents of the Applicant shall have access, at all reasonable times, to the Third Party's calculations, records, and correspondence pertaining to the calculation and fee for the purpose of verification. The Third Party shall maintain supporting data consistent with generally accepted accounting practices, and the employees and agents of the Applicant shall have the right to reproduce and retain for purpose of audit, any of these documents. The Third Party shall preserve all documents pertaining to the calculation until the Final Termination Date of this Agreement. The Applicant shall not be liable for any of the Third Party's costs resulting from an audit of the Third Party's books, records, correspondence, or work papers pertaining to the calculations contemplated by this Agreement.

**Section 4.6. PAYMENT BY APPLICANT.** The Applicant shall pay any amount determined by the Third Party to be due and owing to the District under this Agreement on or before January 31 of the year next following the tax levy for each year for which this Agreement is effective. By such date, the Applicant shall also pay any amount billed by the Third Party, plus any reasonable and necessary legal expenses paid by the District to its attorneys, auditors, or financial consultants for the preparation and filing of any financial reports, disclosures, or other reimbursement applications filed with or sent to the State of Texas, for any audits conducted by the State Auditor's Office, which are, or may be required under the terms or because of the execution of this Agreement.

For no Tax Year during the term of this Agreement shall the Applicant be responsible for the payment of fees and expenses under this Section 4.6 that exceeds the necessary and reasonable costs incurred by the District for compliance with this Agreement. In any year in which such compliance is anticipated to exceed an aggregate amount of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) per year, the District shall provide the Applicant with prior written notice given by July 31 of the anticipated annual aggregate amount the District anticipates it will incur, and if the Applicant disagrees that such fees are necessary and reasonable, the Parties may resolve such dispute as provided in Section 4.7.

**Section 4.7. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES.** Pursuant to Sections 4.3, 4.4 and 4.5 of this Agreement, should the Applicant disagree with the Third Party's certification containing the calculations (the

“Certified Calculations”), the Applicant may appeal the findings, in writing, to the Third Party within thirty (30) days following the later of (i) receipt of the Certified Calculations, or (ii) the date the Applicant is granted access to the books, records, and other information in accordance with Section 4.5 for purposes of auditing or reviewing the information in connection with the Certified Calculations. Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Applicant’s appeal, the Third Party will issue, in writing, a final determination of the Certified Calculations (the “Final Certification of Calculations”). Thereafter, the Applicant may appeal the Final Certification of Calculations to the District’s Board of Trustees. Any such appeal by the Applicant of the Final Certification of Calculations may be made, in writing, to the District’s Board of Trustees within thirty (30) days of the Applicant’s receipt of the Final Certification of Calculations and shall be without limitation of the Applicant’s other rights and remedies available hereunder, at law or in equity.

**Section 4.8. EFFECT OF PROPERTY VALUE APPEAL OR OTHER ADJUSTMENT.** If at the time the Third Party selected under Section 4.3 makes its calculations under this Agreement, the Applicant has appealed any matter relating to the valuations placed by the Appraisal District on the Applicant’s Qualified Property, and/or the Applicant’s Qualified Property and such appeal remains unresolved, the Third Party shall base its calculations upon the values placed upon the Applicant’s Qualified Property and/or the Applicant’s Qualified Property by the Appraisal District.

If as a result of an appeal or for any other reason, the Taxable Value of the Applicant’s Qualified Investment and/or the Applicant’s Qualified Property is changed, once the determination of the new Taxable Value becomes final, the Parties shall immediately notify the Third Party who shall immediately issue new calculations for the applicable year or years using the new Taxable Value. In the event the new calculations result in a change in any amount paid or payable by the Applicant under this Agreement, the Party from whom the adjustment is payable shall remit such amounts to the other Party within thirty (30) days of the receipt of the new calculations from the Third Party.

**Section 4.9. 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, the District will receive less Maintenance and Operations Revenue, or, if applicable, will be required to increase its payment of funds to the State, because of its participation in this Agreement, Applicant shall make payments to the District, up to the Annual Limitation amount set forth in Section 7.1, that are necessary to offset any negative impact on the District’s Maintenance and Operations Revenue, 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 the District.

**Section 4.10. CUMULATIVE PAYMENT LIMITATION.** Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, in no event shall the Cumulative Payments calculated for a Tax Year of this Agreement during the period from the Tax Year that includes the date on which the Qualifying Time Period commences under this Agreement as provided in Section 2.3.C.i, and ending with the first Tax Year

following the end of the Tax Limitation Period, exceed an amount equal to One Hundred Percent (100%) of the amount of maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes that the Applicant would have paid to the District for such Tax Year (determined by using the District's actual maintenance and operations tax rate for such Tax Year) if the Parties had not entered into this Agreement. For each Tax Year of this Agreement, amounts otherwise due and owing by the Applicant to the District which, by virtue of the application of the payment limitation set forth in this Section 4.10, are not payable to the District for such Tax Year, shall be carried forward from year-to-year into subsequent Tax Years during the term of this Agreement, but shall be subject, in each subsequent Tax Year, to the limit set forth in this Section 4.10. Any of the Cumulative Payments which cannot be paid to the District prior to the end of the first Tax Year following the end of the Tax Limitation Period because such payment would exceed the Applicant's Cumulative Unadjusted Tax Benefit under this Agreement will be deemed to have been cancelled by operation of law, and the Applicant shall have no further obligation with respect thereto.

**ARTICLE V**  
**PAYMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATION-RELATED EXPENSES**

**Section 5.1. PAYMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATION-RELATED EXPENSES.**

In addition to the amounts determined pursuant to Articles IV and VI of this Agreement, Applicant on an annual basis shall also indemnify and reimburse District for all non-reimbursed costs, certified by the District's external auditor to have been incurred by the District for extraordinary education-related expenses directly and solely related to the project that are not directly funded in state aid formulas, including expenses for the acquisition of portable classrooms and the hiring of additional personnel to accommodate a temporary increase in student enrollment caused directly by such project. Applicant shall have the right to contest the findings of the District's external auditor pursuant to Section 4.9 herein.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS**

**Section 6.1. INTENT OF PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS.**

(a) Amounts Exclusive of Article IV and Article V Payments

In addition to undertaking the responsibility for the payment of all of the amounts set forth under Articles IV and V, and as further consideration for the execution of this Agreement by the District, the Applicant shall also be responsible for the supplemental payments set forth in this Article VI, (the "Supplemental Payments"). The Applicant shall not be responsible 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 313, Texas Tax Code, unless it is explicitly set forth in this Agreement. It is the express intent of the Parties that the Applicant's obligation to make Supplemental Payments under this Article VI is

separate and independent of the obligation of the Applicant to pay the amounts described in Articles IV and V; provided, however, that all payments under Articles IV and V are subject to the limitations contained in Section 7.1, and that all payments under this Article VI are subject to the separate limitations contained in Section 6.2.

(b) Adherence to Statutory Limits on Supplemental Payments

It is the express intent of the Parties that any Supplemental Payments made to or on behalf of the District by the Applicant under this Article VI shall not exceed the limit imposed by the provisions of Texas Tax Code §313.027(i), as such limit is allowed to be increased by the Legislature for any future year of this Agreement.

**Section 6.2. SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT LIMITATION.** Notwithstanding the foregoing:

A. The total of the Supplemental Payments made pursuant to this Article shall not exceed for 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 times the number of years beginning with the first complete or partial year of the Qualifying Time Period identified in Section 2.3.C and ending with the year for which the Supplemental Payment is being calculated minus all Supplemental Payments previously made by the Applicant;

B. Supplemental Payments may 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;

C. The limitation in Section 6.2.A 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;

D. For purposes of this Agreement, the calculation of the limit of the annual Supplemental Payment shall be the greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the District's Average Daily Attendance as calculated pursuant to Section 42.005 of the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, based upon the District's Average Daily Attendance for the previous school year, or any greater amount that may be then permitted by law.

**Section 6.3. CALCULATION OF ANNUAL SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS TO THE DISTRICT AND APPLICATION OF AGGREGATE LIMIT.** For each Tax Year during the term of this Agreement beginning the Commencement Date and continuing thereafter through the third full Tax Year following the end of the Tax Limitation Period defined in Section 2.3(D)(ii) (Tax Year 2033), the District, or its successor beneficiary should one be designated under Section 6.5 below, shall not be entitled to receive Supplemental Payments, computed under Sections 6.2 and 6.3 above, that exceeds the Aggregate Limit.

A. If, for any Tax Year during the term of this Agreement the amount of the Applicant's

Supplemental Payment Amount, calculated under Section 6.2 above for such Tax Year, which, by virtue of the application of the payment limitation set forth in Section 7.1 below, are not payable to the District for such Tax Year, such sums shall be carried forward from year-to-year into subsequent Tax Years during the term of this Agreement, but shall be subject, in each subsequent Tax Year, to the Payment limit set forth in Section 7.1. Any of the Supplemental Payments which are not paid to the District after the third Tax Year following the end of the Tax Limitation Period because such payment would exceed the payment limitation under this Section will be deemed to have been cancelled by operation of law, and the Applicant shall have no further obligation with respect thereto.

- B. Pursuant to Texas Tax Code Section 313.027(i), the parties agree that Supplemental Payments under this Section 6 shall be owed for each year of the period beginning in the first year of the Qualifying Time Period (2019 Tax Year) and ending with the final year of the limitation period (2029 Tax Year); provided, however, that the Applicant may, in its sole discretion, elect to defer payment of the Supplemental Payments that are due and owing during the first year of the Qualifying Time Period. Amounts so deferred shall be carried forward from year-to-year into subsequent Tax Years during the term of this Agreement until paid.

For illustrative purposes, the Supplemental Payment schedule is:

Tax Year	Supplemental Payment Owed
2019	Greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the District's ADA for the previous school year (may be deferred)
2020	Greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the District's ADA for the previous school year
2021	Greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the District's ADA for the previous school year
2022	Greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the District's ADA for the previous school year
2023	Greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the District's ADA for the previous school year
2024	Greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the District's ADA for the previous school year
2025	Greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the District's ADA for the previous school year
2026	Greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the District's ADA for the previous school year
2027	Greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the District's ADA for the previous school year
2028	Greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the District's ADA for the previous school year
2029	Greater of \$50,000 or \$100 multiplied by the District's ADA for the previous school year

**Section 6.4. PROCEDURES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT CALCULATIONS.** All calculations required by this Article VI, including but not limited to: (i) the calculation of the Applicant's Stipulated Supplemental Payment Amount; (ii) the determination of both the Annual Limit and the Aggregate Limit; (iii) the effect, if any, of the Aggregate Limit upon the actual amount of Supplemental Payments eligible to be paid to the District by the Applicant; and (iv) the carry forward and accumulation of any of the Applicant's Stipulated Supplemental Payment Amounts unpaid by the Applicant due to the Aggregate Limit in previous years, shall be calculated by the Third Party selected pursuant to Section 4.3.

- (a) The calculations made by the Third Party shall be made at the same time and on the same schedule as the calculations made pursuant to Section 4.5.

- (b) The payment of all amounts due under this Article VI shall be made at the time set forth in Section 4.6.
- (c) Any appeal by the Applicant of the calculations made by the Third Party under this Article VI shall be done in the same manner as set forth in Section 4.7, above.

**Section 6.5. DISTRICT'S OPTION TO DESIGNATE SUCCESSOR BENEFICIARY.** At any time during this Agreement, the Board of Trustees may, in its sole discretion, direct that all or any portion of the Applicant's payments under this Article VI ("Directed Payments") be made to the District's educational foundation or to a similar entity. Such foundation or entity may only use such funds received under this Article VI to support the educational mission of the District and its students. Any designation of such foundation or entity to receive Directed Payments must be made by recorded vote of the Board of Trustees at a properly posted public meeting of the Board of Trustees. Any such designation will become effective after such public vote and the delivery of notice of said vote to the Applicant in conformance with the provisions of Section 10.1 below. Such designation may be rescinded by the Board of Trustees, by Board action, at any time, and any such rescission will become effective after delivery of notice of such action to the Applicant in conformance with the provisions of Section 10.1.

Any designation of a successor beneficiary under this Section 6.5 shall not alter the limits on Supplemental Payments described in Sections 6.2 and 6.3, above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any payments made by Applicant shall be made in the manner and to the party designated in this Agreement, unless Applicant receives unambiguous written notice from the District that such payments are to be made to a different party.

## **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 beginning after the first Tax Year of the Tax Limitation Period, in no event shall (i) the sum of the maintenance and operations ad valorem taxes paid by the Applicant to the District for such Tax Year, plus the sum of all payments otherwise due from the Applicant to the 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 the Applicant would have paid to the District for such Tax Year (determined by using the 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 Article IV 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 the Applicant to the 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 the Applicant to the District under Article IV, Article V, 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, then the Applicant shall have the option to terminate this Agreement. The Applicant may exercise such option to terminate this Agreement by notifying the District of its election in writing not later than the July 31 of the year 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 the 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 (including liquidated damages and tax payments), records and dispute resolution shall survive the termination or expiration 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, the Applicant shall Maintain Viable Presence in the 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, the 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 the Applicant makes commercially reasonable efforts to remedy the cause of such Force Majeure.

## **Section 8.2. REPORTS.**

In order to receive and maintain the limitation authorized by Section 2.4 in addition to the other obligations required by this Agreement, the Applicant shall submit all reports required from time to time by the Comptroller, listed in 34 TEXAS ADMINISTRATIVE CODE Section 9.1052 and as currently located on the Comptroller's website, including all data elements required by such form to the satisfaction of the Comptroller on the dates indicated on the form or the Comptroller's website and starting on the first such due date after the Application Approval Date.

## **Section 8.3. COMPTROLLER'S REPORT ON CHAPTER 313 AGREEMENTS.**

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

## **Section 8.4. DATA REQUESTS.**

Upon the written request of the District, the State Auditor's Office, the Appraisal District, or the Comptroller during the term of this Agreement, the Applicant, the District or any other entity on behalf of the District shall provide the requesting party with all information reasonably necessary for the requesting party to determine whether the Applicant is in compliance with its rights, obligations or responsibilities, including, but not limited to, any employment obligations which may arise under this Agreement.

## **Section 8.5. SITE VISITS AND RECORD REVIEW.**

The Applicant shall allow authorized employees of the District, the Comptroller, the Appraisal District, and the State Auditor's Office to have reasonable access to the Applicant's Qualified Property and business records 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 the 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 the Applicant's Qualified Property.
- B. All inspections may be accompanied by one or more representatives of the Applicant, and shall be conducted in accordance with the Applicant's safety, security, and operational standards. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing contained in this Agreement shall require the Applicant to provide the District, the 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; AUTHORITY OF STATE AUDITOR.**

By executing this Agreement, implementing the authority of, and accepting the benefits provided by Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, the Parties agree that this Agreement and their performance pursuant to its terms are subject to review and audit by the State Auditor as if they are parties to a State contract and subject to the provisions of Section 2262.154 of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE and Section 313.010(a) of the TEXAS TAX CODE. The Parties further agree to comply with the following requirements:

- A. The District and the 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. The Applicant and the 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 latest occurring date of:
  - i. date of submission of the final payment;
  - ii. Final Termination Date; or
  - iii. date of resolution of all disputes or payment.
  
- B. During the time period defined under Section 8.6.A, the District and the Applicant shall make available at reasonable times and upon reasonable notice, and for reasonable periods, all information related to this Agreement; the Applicant's Application; and the Applicant's Qualified Property, Qualified Investment, New Qualifying Jobs, and wages paid for New 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 the Comptroller, State Auditor's Office, State of Texas or their authorized representatives. The Applicant and the 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 the Comptroller or the State of Texas. By example and not as an exclusion to other breaches or failures, the Applicant's or the District's failure to comply with this Section shall constitute a Material Breach of this Agreement.
  
- C. In addition to and without limitation on the other audit provisions of this Agreement, the acceptance of tax benefits or funds by the Applicant or the District or any other entity or person directly 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, the Applicant or the 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. The Parties agree that this

Agreement shall for its duration be subject to all rules and procedures of the State Auditor acting under the direction of the legislative audit committee.

- D. The Applicant shall include the requirements of this Section 8.6 in its subcontract with any entity whose employees or subcontractors are subject to wage requirements under the Act, the Comptroller's Rules, or this Agreement, or any entity whose employees or subcontractors are included in the Applicant's compliance with job creation or wage standard requirement of the Act, the Comptroller's Rules, or this Agreement.

**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 the Comptroller would not have approved this Agreement and the District would not have executed this Agreement. By signature to this Agreement, the Applicant:

- A. Represents and warrants that all information, facts, and representations contained in the Application are true and correct to the best of its knowledge;
- B. Agrees and acknowledges that the Application and all related attachments and schedules are included by reference in this Agreement as if fully set forth herein; and
- C. Acknowledges that if the 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 the Applicant has violated any of the representations, warranties, guarantees, certifications, or affirmations included in the Application or this Agreement, the Applicant shall have materially breached this Agreement and the Agreement shall be invalid and void except for the enforcement of the provisions required by Section 9.2 of this Agreement.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**MATERIAL BREACH OR EARLY TERMINATION**

**Section 9.1. EVENTS CONSTITUTING MATERIAL BREACH OF AGREEMENT.**

The Applicant shall be in Material Breach of this Agreement if it commits one or more of the following acts or omissions (each a "Material Breach"):

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

- B. The Applicant failed to complete Qualified Investment as required by Section 2.5.A. of this Agreement during the Qualifying Time Period;
- C. The Applicant failed to create and maintain the number of New Qualifying Jobs required by the Act;
- D. The Applicant failed to create and maintain the number of New Qualifying Jobs specified in Schedule C of the Application;
- E. The Applicant failed to pay at least the average weekly wage of all jobs in the county in which the jobs are located for all New Non-Qualifying Jobs created by the Applicant;
- F. The Applicant failed to provide payments to the District sufficient to protect future District revenues through payment of revenue offsets and other mechanisms as more fully described in Article IV of this Agreement;
- G. The Applicant failed to provide the payments to the District that protect the District from the payment of extraordinary education-related expenses related to the project to the extent and in the amounts that the Applicant agreed to provide such payments in Article V of this Agreement;
- H. The Applicant failed to provide the Supplemental Payments to the extent and in the amounts that the Applicant agreed to provide such Supplemental Payments in Article VI of this Agreement;
- I. The Applicant failed to create and Maintain Viable Presence on or with the Qualified Property as more fully specified in Article VIII of this Agreement;
- J. The Applicant failed to submit the reports required to be submitted by Section 8.2 to the satisfaction of the Comptroller;
- K. The Applicant failed to provide the District or the Comptroller with all information reasonably necessary for the District or the Comptroller 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;
- L. The Applicant failed to allow authorized employees of the District, the Comptroller, the Appraisal District, or the State Auditor's Office to have access to the Applicant's Qualified Property 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 the Applicant's Qualified Property under Sections 8.5 and 8.6;
- M. The Applicant failed to comply with a request by the State Auditor's office to review and audit the Applicant's compliance with this Agreement;
- N. The 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 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, in excess of the amounts set forth in Articles IV, V and VI of this Agreement;
- O. The Applicant failed to comply with the conditions included in the certificate for limitation issued by the Comptroller.

## **Section 9.2. DETERMINATION OF BREACH AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT.**

- A. Prior to making a determination that the Applicant has failed to comply in any material respect with the terms of this Agreement or to meet any material obligation under this Agreement, the District shall provide the Applicant with a written notice of the facts which it believes have caused the breach of this Agreement, and if cure is possible, the cure proposed by the District. After receipt of the notice, the Applicant shall be given ninety (90) days to present any facts or arguments to the Board of Trustees showing that it is not in breach of its obligations under this Agreement, or that it has cured or undertaken to cure any such breach.
- B. If the Board of Trustees is not satisfied with such response or that such breach has been cured, then the Board of Trustees shall, after reasonable notice to the 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, the 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:
  - i. Whether or not a breach of this Agreement has occurred;
  - ii. Whether or not such breach is a Material Breach;
  - iii. The date such breach occurred, if any;
  - iv. Whether or not any such breach has been cured; and
- C. In the event that the Board of Trustees determines that such a breach has occurred and has not been cured, it shall at that time determine:
  - i. The amount of recapture taxes under Section 9.4.C (net of all credits under Section 9.4.C);
  - ii. The amount of any penalty or interest under Section 9.4.E that are owed to the District; and
  - iii. In the event of a finding of a Material Breach, whether to terminate this Agreement.
- D. After making its determination regarding any alleged breach, the Board of Trustees shall cause the Applicant to be notified in writing of its determination (a “Determination of Breach and Notice of Contract Termination”) and provide a copy to the Comptroller.

### **Section 9.3. DISPUTE RESOLUTION.**

- A. After receipt of notice of the Board of Trustee’s Determination of Breach and Notice of Contract Termination under Section 9.2, the 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 the 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 initiates mediation, 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 presiding in Crane 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) the District shall bear one-half of such mediator's fees and expenses and the 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 within the time period described for mediation in Section 9.3.A, either the District or the Applicant may seek a judicial declaration of their respective rights and duties under this Agreement or otherwise, in a judicial proceeding in a state district court in Crane 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 contract, agreement or undertaking made by a Party pursuant to this Agreement.
- C. If payments become due under this Agreement and are not received before the expiration of the ninety (90) days provided for such payment in Section 9.3.A, and if the Applicant has not contested such payment calculations under the procedures set forth herein, including judicial proceedings, the District shall have the remedies for the collection of the amounts determined under Section 9.4 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 the District successfully prosecutes legal proceedings under this section, the Applicant shall also be responsible for the payment of attorney's fees to the attorneys representing the District pursuant to Section 6.30 of the TEXAS TAX CODE and a tax lien shall attach to the Applicant's Qualified Property and the Applicant's Qualified Investment pursuant to Section 33.07 of the TEXAS TAX CODE to secure payment of such fees.

**Section 9.4. CONSEQUENCES OF EARLY TERMINATION OR OTHER BREACH BY APPLICANT.**

- A. In the event that the Applicant terminates this Agreement without the consent of the District, except as provided in Section 7.2 of this Agreement, the Applicant shall pay to the District liquidated damages for such failure within thirty (30) days after receipt of the notice of breach.
- B. In the event that the District determines that the Applicant has failed to comply in any material respect with the terms of this Agreement or to meet any material obligation under this Agreement, the Applicant shall pay to the District liquidated damages, as calculated by Section 9.4.C, prior to, and the District may terminate the Agreement effective on the later of: (i) the expiration of the ninety (90) days provided for in Section 9.3.A, and (ii) thirty (30) days after any mediation and judicial proceedings initiated pursuant to Sections 9.3.A and 9.3.B are resolved in favor of the District.
- C. The sum of liquidated damages due and payable shall be the sum total of the 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

the Applicant to the District without the benefit of this Agreement, including penalty and interest, as calculated in accordance with Section 9.4.E. For purposes of this liquidated damages calculation, the Applicant shall be entitled to a credit for all payments made to the District pursuant to Articles IV, V, and VI. Upon payment of such liquidated damages, the Applicant's obligations under this Agreement shall be deemed fully satisfied, and such payment shall constitute the District's sole remedy.

- D. In the event that the District determines that the Applicant has committed a Material Breach identified in Section 9.1, after the notice and mediation periods provided by Sections 9.2 and 9.3, then the District may, in addition to the payment of liquidated damages required pursuant to Section 9.4.C, terminate this Agreement.
- E. In determining the amount of penalty or interest, or both, due in the event of a breach of this Agreement, the District shall first determine the base amount of recaptured taxes less all credits under Section 9.4.C owed for each Tax Year during the Tax Limitation Period. The 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 9.4.C 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 9.5. 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, the District's damages for such a default shall under no circumstances exceed the amounts calculated under Section 9.4. In addition, the 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. STATUTORY PENALTY FOR INADEQUATE QUALIFIED INVESTMENT.**

Pursuant to Section 313.0275 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, in the event that the Applicant fails to make Ten Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) of Qualified Investment, in whole or in part, during the Qualifying Time Period, the Applicant is liable to the State for a penalty. The amount of the penalty is the amount determined by: (i) multiplying the maintenance and operations tax rate of the school district for that tax year that the penalty is due by (ii) the amount obtained after subtracting (a) the Tax Limitation Amount identified in Section 2.4.B from (b) the Market Value of the property identified on the Appraisal District's records for the Tax Year the penalty is due. This penalty shall be paid on or before February 1 of the year following the expiration of the Qualifying Time Period and is subject to the delinquent penalty

provisions of Section 33.01 of the TEXAS TAX CODE. The Comptroller may grant a waiver of this penalty in the event of Force Majeure which prevents compliance with this provision.

**Section 9.7. REMEDY FOR FAILURE TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN COMMITTED NEW QUALIFYING JOBS.**

- A. In the event that the Applicant fails to create and maintain the number of New Qualifying Jobs specified in Schedule C of the Application, an event constituting a Material Breach as defined in Section 9.1.D, the Applicant and the District may elect to remedy the Material Breach through a penalty payment.
- B. Following the notice and mediation periods provided by Sections 9.2 and 9.3, the District may request the Applicant to make a payment to the State in an amount equal to: (i) multiplying the maintenance and operations tax rate of the school district for that Tax Year that the Material Breach occurs by (ii) the amount obtained after subtracting (a) the Tax Limitation Amount identified in Section 2.4.B from (b) the market value of the property identified on the Appraisal District's records for each tax year the Material Breach occurs.
- C. In the event that there is no tax limitation in place for the tax year that the Material Breach occurs, the payment to the State shall be in an amount equal to: (i) multiplying the maintenance and operations tax rate of the School District for each tax year that the Material Breach occurs by (ii) the amount obtained after subtracting (a) the tax limitation amount identified in Section 2.4.B from (b) the Market Value of the property identified on the Appraisal District's records for the last Tax Year for which the Applicant received a tax limitation.
- D. The penalty shall be paid no later than 30 days after the notice of breach and is subject to the delinquent penalty provisions of Section 33.01 of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

**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 or email transmission, with notice 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 or email 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 the District shall be addressed to the District's Authorized Representative as follows:

**To the District**

**With Copy to**

Name:	Crane ISD	Powell & Leon. LLP
Attn:	Superintendent Jan Hunt, or her successor	Sara Hardner Leon
Address:	511 W. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street	108 Wild Basin Road #100
City/Zip:	Crane, Texas 79731	West Lake Hills TX 78746
Phone :	(432) 558-1022	Phone : (512) 494-1177
Fax :	(432) 558-1025	Fax : (512) 494-1188
Email:	jhunt@craneisd.com	sleon@powell-leon.com

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

**To the Applicant**

Name: Crane I Solar Electric, LLC  
Attn: Christopher Hall  
  
Address: 500 West Wall St., Suite 300  
City/Zip: Midland, Texas 79701  
Phone : (432) 682.6685  
Fax :  
Email: Chris.hall@arringtonoil.com

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

**Section 10.2. AMENDMENTS TO APPLICATION AND 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 Section 10.2.B. 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, the Application and this Agreement may only be amended according to the following:
- i. The Applicant shall submit to the District and the Comptroller:
    - a. A written request to amend the Application and this Agreement, which shall specify the changes the Applicant requests;
    - b. Any changes to the information that was provided in the Application that was approved by the District and considered by the Comptroller;
    - c. And any additional information requested by the District or the Comptroller necessary to evaluate the amendment or modification;
  - ii. The Comptroller shall review the request and any additional information for compliance with the Act and the Comptroller's Rules 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 the Comptroller by the end of the 90-day period, the request is denied; and,
  - iii. If the Comptroller has not denied the request, the 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 Application and this 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
- D. The Application and this Agreement may not be amended to extend the value limitation time period beyond its ten-year statutory term.
- E. The Comptroller determination made under Section 313.026(c)(2) of the TEXAS TAX CODE in the original certificate for a limitation satisfies the requirement of the Comptroller to make the same determination for any amendment of the Application and this Agreement, provided that the facts upon which the original determination was made have not changed.

### **Section 10.3. ASSIGNMENT.**

- A. Any assignment of any rights, benefits, obligations, or interests of the Parties in this Agreement, other than a collateral assignment purely for the benefit of creditors of the project, is considered an amendment to the Agreement and such Party may only assign such rights, benefits, obligations, or interests of this Agreement after complying with the provisions of Section 10.2 regarding amendments to the Agreement. Other than a collateral assignment to a creditor, this

Agreement may only be assigned to an entity that is eligible to apply for and execute an agreement for limitation on appraised value pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE and the Comptroller's Rules.

- B. In the event of a merger or consolidation of the District with another school district or other governmental authority, this Agreement shall be binding on the successor school district or other governmental authority.
- C. In the event of an assignment to a creditor, the Applicant must notify the District and the Comptroller in writing no later than 30 days after the assignment. This Agreement shall be binding on the assignee.

#### **Section 10.4. 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 10.5. 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 a state district court in Crane County, Texas.

#### **Section 10.6. 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 10.7. 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 so that the transactions contemplated hereby are fulfilled to the extent possible. As used in this Section 10.7, 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 10.8. 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 10.9. INTERPRETATION.**

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. The provisions of the Act and the Comptroller’s Rules are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth in this Agreement. In the event of a conflict, the conflict will be resolved by reference to the following order of precedence:
  - i. The Act;
  - ii. The Comptroller’s Rules as they exist at the time the Agreement is executed, except as allowed in the definition of Qualified Property in Section 1.1; and
  - iii. This Agreement and its Attachments including the Application as incorporated by reference.

#### **Section 10.10. 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 10.11. PUBLICATION OF DOCUMENTS.**

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

- A. Within seven (7) days of receipt of such document, the District shall submit a copy to the Comptroller for publication on the Comptroller's Internet website.
- B. The District shall provide on its website a link to the location of those documents posted on the 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 10.12. CONTROL; OWNERSHIP; LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.**

The Applicant shall immediately notify the District in writing of any actual or anticipated change in the control or ownership of the Applicant and of any legal or administrative investigations or proceedings initiated against the Applicant related to the project regardless of the jurisdiction from which such proceedings originate.

**Section 10.13. DUTY TO DISCLOSE.**

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

**Section 10.14. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.**

- A. The District represents that, after diligent inquiry, each local public official or local government officer, as those terms are defined in Chapters 171 and 176 of the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, has disclosed any conflicts of interest in obtaining or performing this Agreement and related activities, appropriately recused from any decisions relating to this Agreement when a disclosure has been made, and the performance of this Agreement will not create any appearance of impropriety. The District represents that it, the District's local public officials or local government officer, as those terms are defined in Chapters 171 and 176 of the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, have not given, nor intend to give, at any time hereafter, any future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant, employee, or representative of the other Party or the State of Texas in connection with this Agreement.
- B. The Applicant represents that, after diligent inquiry, each of its agents, as defined in Chapter 176 of the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, involved in the representation of the Applicant with the District has complied with the provisions of Chapter 176 of the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE. The Applicant represents that it and its agents, as defined

in Chapter 176 of the TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, have not given, nor intend to give, at any time hereafter, any future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant, employee, or representative of the other Party or the State of Texas in connection with this Agreement.

- C. The District and the Applicant each separately agree to notify the other Party and the Comptroller immediately upon learning of any conflicts of interest.

#### **Section 10.15. PROVISIONS SURVIVING EXPIRATION OR TERMINATION.**

Notwithstanding the expiration or termination (by agreement, breach, or operation of time) of this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement regarding payments (including liquidated damages and tax payments), reports, records, and dispute resolution of the Agreement shall survive the termination or expiration dates of this Agreement until the following occurs:

- A. All payments, including liquidated damage and tax payments, have been made;
- B. All reports have been submitted;
- C. All records have been maintained in accordance with Section 8.6.A; and,
- D. All disputes in controversy have been resolved.

#### **Section 10.16. FACSIMILE OR ELECTRONIC DELIVERY.**

- A. This Agreement may be duly executed and delivered in person, by mail, or by facsimile or other electronic format (including portable document format (pdf) transmitted by e-mail). The executing Party must promptly deliver a complete, executed original or counterpart of this Agreement to the other executing Parties. This Agreement shall be binding on and enforceable against the executing Party whether or not it delivers such original or counterpart.
- B. Delivery is deemed complete as follows:
  - i. When delivered if delivered personally or sent by express courier service;
  - ii. Three (3) business days after the date of mailing if sent by registered or certified U.S. mail, postage prepaid, with return receipt requested;
  - iii. When transmitted if sent by facsimile, provided a confirmation of transmission is produced by the sending machine; or
  - iv. When the recipient, by an e-mail sent to the e-mail address for the executing Parties acknowledges having received that e-mail (an automatic “read receipt” does not constitute acknowledgment of an e-mail for delivery purposes).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the Parties in multiple originals on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

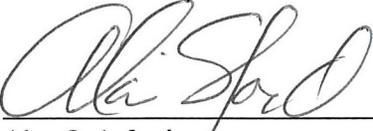
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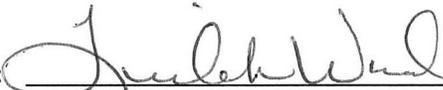
  
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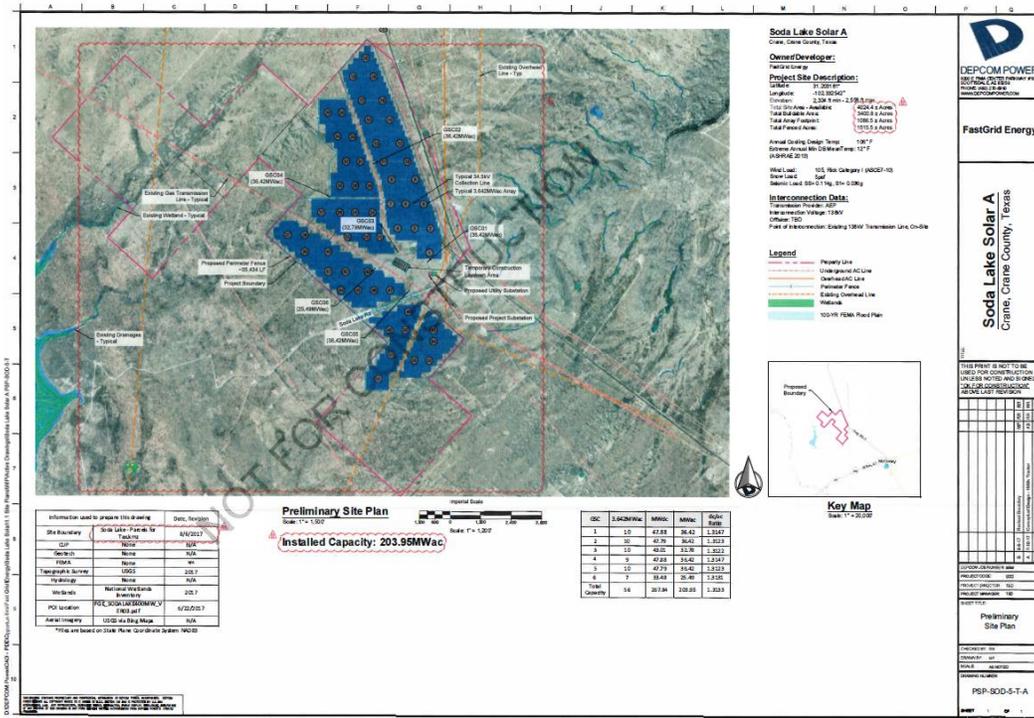
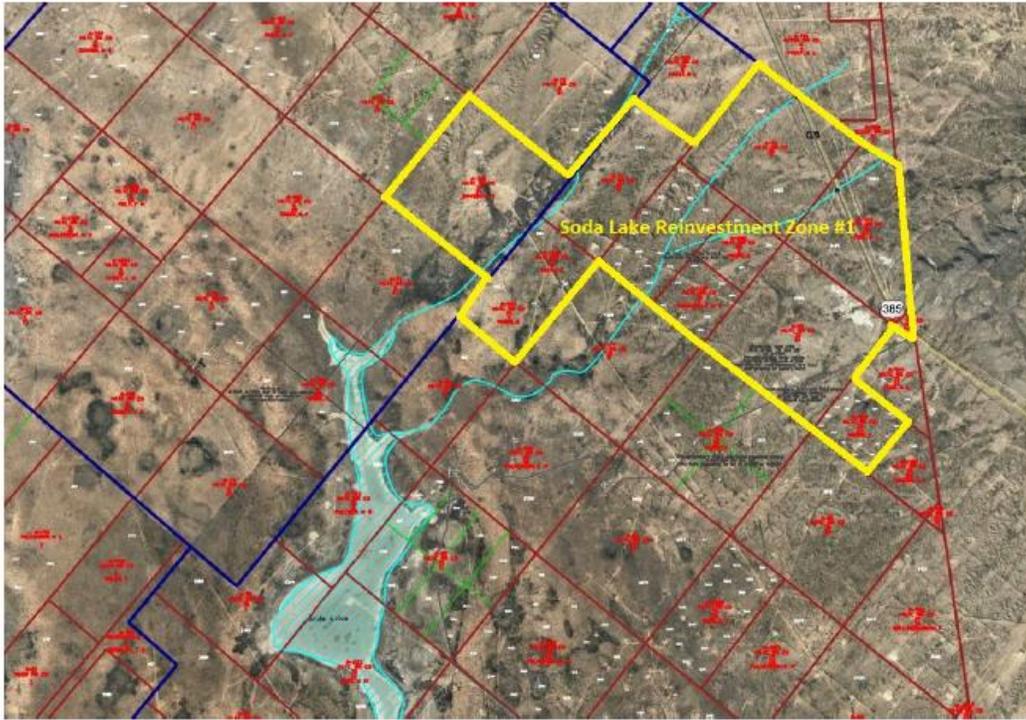
  
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**EXHIBIT 1**

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

**Soda Lake Reinvestment Zone #1**

Survey	Block	Section	Abstract Number
H.& T.C. R.R	6	19	460
H.& T.C. R.R	6	19	71
H.& T.C. R.R	6	20	465
H.& T.C. R.R	6	21	72
H.& T.C. R.R	6	22	509
H.& T.C. R.R	6	23	73
H.& T.C. R.R	6	24	398
H.& T.C. R.R	35	3	76
H.& T.C. R.R	35	4	1310
H.& T.C. R.R	35	5	77
H.& T.C. R.R	35	6	782
H.& T.C. R.R	35	7	78
H.& T.C. R.R	35	8	1318
H.& T.C. R.R	35	8	600
H.& T.C. R.R	35	9	79
H.& T.C. R.R	35	10	401
H.& T.C. R.R	35	20	599
H.& T.C. R.R	35	20	1312
H.& T.C. R.R	35	20	599
G.C.& S.F.	R	3	950
G.C.& S.F.	R	4	781
H.& O.B. R.R		1	62
H.& T.C. R.R	35	22	943
H.& T.C. R.R	35	25	86
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	956
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	944
H.& T.C. R.R	53	23	953
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	1302
H.& T.C. R.R	35	35	259



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**EXHIBIT 1**

**EXHIBIT 2**

**DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF LAND**

Crane I Solar Electric LLC will lease approximately 2,200 acres of land with local land owners in Crane County, Texas.

Survey	Block	Section	Abstract	Parcel	Acreage
H.& T.C. R.R	35	8	1318	6744	5
H.& T.C. R.R	35	8	1318	6745	10
H.& T.C. R.R	35	8	1318	6746	5
H.& T.C. R.R	35	8	1318	6747	5
H.& T.C. R.R	35	8	1318	6764	5
H.& T.C. R.R	35	8	1318	6763	5
H.& T.C. R.R	35	8	1318	6888	5
H.& T.C. R.R	35	8	1318	6859	5
H.& T.C. R.R	35	8	600	3145	80
H.& T.C. R.R	35	8	600	3668	321.5
H.& T.C. R.R	35	8	600	3669	81.5
H.& T.C. R.R	35	7	78	3667	73
H.& T.C. R.R	35	7	78	6262	567
H.& T.C. R.R	35	22	943	3425	201.6
H.& T.C. R.R	35	25	86	3676	653.6
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	478	20
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	1270	5
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	5431	5
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	5432	5
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	5433	5
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	5220	4
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	5230	2
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	5231	2
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	2398	6.67
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	5219	4
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	6811	6.67
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	5218	4
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	6814	6.66
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	956	3137	10
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	5217	4
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	3147	20
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	3143	20
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	959	3139	20
H.& T.C. R.R	35	24	956	7133	10

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### **EXHIBIT 3**

#### **APPLICANT'S QUALIFIED INVESTMENT**

Specifically, all Qualified Investment of the Applicant is located in the sections of land identified in **EXHIBIT 2** and within the boundaries indicated on the map attached as the last page of **EXHIBIT 1**. This Agreement covers Qualified Investment necessary for commercial operations as more fully described in Attachment 7 of the Application, attached hereto as **EXHIBIT 3**.

The Crane I Solar Electric "Project" will be an approximately 200 MW AC photovoltaic solar power generation facility, known as Crane I, on approximately 2,200 acres privately owned in Southeast Crane County, Texas along Soda Lake. Crane I Solar Electric will consist of 56 solar photovoltaic modules, a single axis tracking system, driven-pile foundations, DC wiring, DC/AC inverters, medium voltage step-up transformers, AC cabling and a central substation with a high voltage step-up transformer. There will also be a new substation located on LCRA's 138kv Rio-Pecos-Spudders Flats line as well as an operations & maintenance building on site. The expected life of these assets would be 25 years.

## **EXHIBIT 4**

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

This Agreement covers all qualified property within Crane ISD necessary for the commercial operations, as more fully described in Attachment 8 of the Application, attached hereto as **EXHIBIT 4**. All Qualified Property will be located within the boundaries indicated on the maps attached in **EXHIBIT 1**.

The Crane I Solar Electric "Project" will be an approximately 200 MW AC photovoltaic solar power generation facility, known as Crane I, on approximately 2,200 acres privately owned in Southeast Crane County, Texas along Soda Lake. Crane I Solar Electric will consist of 56 solar photovoltaic modules, a single axis tracking system, driven-pile foundations, DC wiring, DC/AC inverters, medium voltage step-up transformers, AC cabling and a central substation with a high voltage step-up transformer. There will also be a new substation located on LCRA's 138kv Rio-Pecos-Spudders Flats line as well as an operations & maintenance building on site. The expected life of these assets would be 25 years.