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Local Government Assistance & Economic  
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P.O. Box 13528

Austin, Texas 78711-3528

RE: Value Limitation Agreement between Anson Independent School District and Jones City  
Solar, LLC (#1459)

To the Local Government Assistance & Economic Analysis Division:

Enclosed please find a final copy each of the materials submitted to, and approved by, the Anson ISD Board of Trustees on July 13, 2020. The package contains a copy each of the Findings entered by the Board. A fully executed set of originals of these documents will be maintained in the Board's records. Attached to each of the Findings, please find 1) a copy of the Application; 2) a copy of the Comptroller's appraisal of the project; 3) a copy of the economic impact study; 4) a copy of the financial impact study; and, 5) the final participation agreement.

Please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Sincerely,

William Eggleston

Legal Assistant to Kevin O'Hanlon

**FINDINGS OF THE ANSON  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD  
OF TRUSTEES  
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STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF JONES §

On July 13, 2020, a public meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Anson Independent School District (“District”) was held. The meeting was duly posted in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. At the meeting, the Board of Trustees took up and considered the application of Jones City Solar, LLC (“Applicant”) for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. The Board of Trustees solicited input into its deliberations on the Application from interested parties within the District. The Board of Trustees has considered the economic impact analysis and the project certification issued by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. After hearing presentations from the District’s administrative staff, and from consultants retained by the District to advise the Board in this matter, and after considering the relevant documentary evidence, the Board of Trustees makes the following findings with respect to application from Applicant, and the economic impact of that application:

On August 12, 2019, the Superintendent of the District, acting as agent of the Board of Trustees, and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (“Comptroller”) received an Application from Applicant for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code. The Application was determined to be complete as of February 18, 2020. A copy of the Application is attached as **Attachment A**.

The Applicant, (Texas Taxpayer Id. 32069675224), is an entity subject to Chapter 171, Texas Tax Code, and is certified to be an active franchise taxpayer by the Comptroller. See **Attachment B**.

The Board of Trustees acknowledged receipt of the Application, along with the requisite application fee, established pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 313.025(a)(1) and Local District Policy.

The Application was delivered to the Comptroller for review pursuant to Texas Tax Code § 313.025(d). A copy of the Application was delivered to the Jones County Appraisal District for review pursuant to 34 Tex. Admin. Code § 9.1054.

The Application was reviewed by the Comptroller pursuant to Texas Tax Code §313.026, and a Comptroller Certificate was issued on May 1, 2020, in which the Comptroller has determined, inter alia, that: 1) Application is subject to the provisions of Chapter 171, Texas Tax Code; 2) the property meets the requirements of Section 313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised values; 3) the proposed project is reasonably likely to generate 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 before the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period; and, 4) the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state. A copy of the Certificate is attached to the findings as **Attachment C**.

The Board of Trustees has previously directed that a specific financial analysis be conducted concerning the impact of the proposed value limitation on the finances of District. A copy of the report prepared by Moak, Casey & Associates, Inc., is attached to these findings as **Attachment D**.

The Board of Trustees has confirmed that the taxable value of property in the District for the preceding tax year, as determined under Subchapter M, Chapter 403, Government Code, is as stated in **Attachment E**.

The Texas Education Agency has evaluated the impact of the project on the District's facilities. TEA's determination is to be attached to these findings as **Attachment F**.

The Board has adopted the Texas Economic Development Agreement (Form 50-826) as promulgated by the Comptroller's Office. Form 50-826 has been altered only in accordance only the provisions of the template that the Comptroller permitted. The proposed Agreement is attached to these findings as **Attachment G**.

After review of the Comptroller's Certificate and economic analysis, and in consideration of its own studies the Board finds:

**Board Finding Number 1.**

**The Board finds that the property described in the Application meets the requirements of Tex. Tax Code §313.024 for eligibility for a limitation on appraised value.**

In support of Finding 1, the Application indicates that:

Jones City Solar, LLC (Jones City Solar) is requesting an appraised value limitation from Anson Independent School District (ISD) for the Jones City Solar Project (the "Project"), a proposed solar powered electric generating facility in Jones County. The proposed Anson ISD Project (this application) will be constructed within a Reinvestment Zone of approximately 3,805 acres that will be established by Jones County.

The proposed Project is anticipated to have a capacity of approximately 215 MW located in Anson ISD. The exact number and location of panels and inverters will vary depending upon ongoing siting analysis, manufacturer's availability, prices, and the megawatt generating capacity of the Project when completed. Current estimated plans are to install approximately 596,124 PV modules and 74 inverters with all improvements located in Anson ISD.

The Applicant requests a value limitation for all facilities and equipment installed for the Project, including; solar modules/panels, racking and mounting structures, inverters, combiner boxes, meteorological equipment, foundations, roadways, O&M building, paving, fencing, collection system, electrical substations, generation transmission tie line and associated towers, interconnection facilities and all eligible ancillary and necessary equipment.

Full construction of the Project is anticipated to begin in the June of 2020 with completion by December 31, 2021.

Property used for renewable electric energy generation is eligible for a limitation under §313.024(b) (5).

**Board Finding Number 2.**

**The project proposed by the applicant is reasonably likely to generate, before the 25th anniversary of the beginning of the limitation period, tax revenue, including state tax revenue, school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue attributable to the project, and any other tax revenue attributable to the effect of the project on the**

economy of the state, in an amount sufficient to offset the school district maintenance and operations ad valorem tax revenue lost as a result of the agreement (as detailed in Attachment B of the Comptroller's Certification).

**Board Finding Number 3.**

**Based on the information certified by the Comptroller, the limitation on appraised value is a determining factor in the applicant's decision to invest capital and construct the project in this state (as detailed in Attachment C of the Comptroller's Certification).**

**Board Finding Number 4.**

**The Board finds that the Application Fee received was reasonable and only in such an amount as was necessary to cover the District's costs of processing the Application under consideration.**

In support of Finding 4, the Board reviewed the Application Fee payment included in the Application at Attachment A, the contract with the District's consultants and the internal costs for processing the application, if any.

**Board Finding Number 5.**

**Based upon the Application and in the Comptroller's Economic Impact Evaluation and Certification, Attachment A, the Board finds that the number of jobs to be created and the wages to be paid comply with the requirements of statute; and, the Board further finds that the Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Agreement (Attachment G) contains all required provisions and information related to job creation requirements, to wit: the provisions set forth in Subsections 9.1C&D of such Agreement.**

In its Application, the Applicant has committed to creating one (1) new qualifying job. The average salary level of qualifying jobs must be at least \$41,290 per year. The review of the application by the Comptroller's Office indicated that this amount—based on Texas Workforce Commission data—complies with current Tex. Tax Code §313.021(5)(A) requirement that qualifying jobs must pay 110 percent of the county average manufacturing wage. As defined in Section 313.021 of the Tax Code, "Qualifying Job" means a permanent full-time job that:

- (A) requires at least 1,600 hours of work a year;
- (B) is not transferred from one area in this state to another area in this state;

- (C) is not created to replace a previous employee;
- (D) is covered by a group health benefit plan for which the business offers to pay at least 80 percent of the premiums or other charges assessed for employee-only coverage under the plan, regardless of whether an employee may voluntarily waive the coverage; and
- (E) pays at least 110 percent of the county average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the county where the job is located.

**Board Finding Number 6.**

**Based upon the information provided to the District with regard to the industry standard for staffing ratios of similar projects in the State of Texas, the District has determined that if the job creation requirement set forth in Texas Tax Code § 313.021(2)(A)(iv)(b) was applied, for the size and scope of the project described in the Application, the required number of jobs meets or exceeds the industry standard for the number of employees reasonably necessary for the operation of the facility.**

**Board Finding Number 7.**

**The Applicant does not intend to create any non-qualifying jobs.**

In its Application, Applicant has indicated that it does not intend to create any non-qualifying jobs. For any non-qualifying jobs the Applicant should create, the Applicant will be required to pay at least the county average wage of \$38,624 for all jobs in the county in accordance with the provisions of Tex. Tax Code §313.024(d).

**Board Finding Number 8.**

**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.**

In support of this finding, the analysis prepared by Moak, Casey & Associates projects that the project would initially add \$109.7 million to the tax base that would be available for debt service purposes at the peak investment level for the 2022-23 school year. An

expansion of the I&S tax base creates a potential benefit for the District and its taxpayers in addressing its debt service needs, at least in the early years of the project.

**Board Finding Number 9.**

**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 suggest little underlying enrollment growth based on the impact of the project.**

The summary of financial impact prepared by Moak, Casey & Associates, Inc., indicates that there will be little to no impact on school facilities created by the new project. This finding is confirmed by the TEA evaluation of this project's impact on the number and size of school facilities in the District as stated in **Attachment F**.

**Board Finding Number 10.**

**The Board finds that with the adoption of District Policy CCGB (Local), implemented in conformance with both Comptroller and Texas Education Agency Rules governing Chapter 313 Agreements, it has developed a process to verify, either directly or through its consultants, the accuracy and completeness of information in annual eligibility reports and biennial progress reports regarding (1) the reported number of jobs created and (2) the reported amount invested in the property.**

**Board Finding Number 11.**

**The Board of Trustees hired consultants to review and verify the information in the Application. Based upon the consultants' review, the Board has determined that the information provided by the Applicant is true and correct.**

The Board has developed a written policy CCGB (Local) which requires, upon the filing of an Application under Tax Code Chapter 313, the retention of consultants in order to verify: (1) that Applicant's information contained in the Application as to existing facts is true and correct; (2) that Applicant's information contained in the Application with respect to projections of future events are commercially reasonable and within the ability of Applicant to execute; (3) that information related to job creation is commercially

reasonable and within the ability of Applicant to execute; (4) that Applicant's representations concerning and economic incentives being offered, if any, and (5) the proposed project meets eligibility requirements.

As a part of its verification process the Board notes that the Chapter 313 Application for which these Findings are being made has been submitted by the Applicant under oath. Chapter 313 Applications are governmental records under Tex. Penal Code §37.01(2)(A); as a result, all statements contained therein are representations of fact within the meaning of Tex. Penal Code § 37.01(3). Since Board action upon the adoption of these Findings and the approval of the Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Agreement (**Attachment G**) is an "official proceeding," a false statement on a Chapter 313 application constitutes perjury under Tex. Penal Code § 37.03.

The Board finds that sworn statements are routinely used as an acceptable verification method for reliance by fact finders in each of the three separate branches of government, including trials.

The consultants have prepared signed statements that the consultants have reviewed and verified the contents of the Application and have determined that the current statements of fact contained in the Application are true and correct. (**Attachment H**) The Board finds that reliance by the Board and its consultants upon verified statements of the Applicant, especially as to Applicant's future intentions which cannot be objectively verified is reasonable and within the intent of Chapter 313, Texas Tax Code.

**Board Finding Number 12.**

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

The Board finds that the Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Agreement (**Attachment G**), in accordance with Comptroller's Form 50-826, contains all required provisions and

information related to the required investment amount, to wit: the amount set forth in Section 2.5 of said Agreement. According to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts' School and Appraisal Districts' Property Value Study 2018 Final Findings made under Subchapter M, Chapter 403, Government Code for the preceding tax year (**Attachment E**). The total industrial value for the District is \$1.9 million. The District is categorized as Subchapter C, which applies only to a school district that has territory in a strategic investment area, as defined under Subchapter O, Chapter 171, Tax Code or in a county: (1) that has a population of less than 50,000 and (2) in which, from 1990 to 2000, according to the federal decennial census, the population: (A) remained the same; (B) decreased; or (C) increased, but at a rate of not more than three percent per annum. The District is classified as a "rural" district due to its demographic characteristics. Given that the value of industrial property is \$1 million or more but less than \$90 million, it is classified as a Category III district which can offer a minimum value limitation of \$20 million.

**Board Finding Number 13.**

**The Board finds that the Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Agreement (Attachment G) contains all necessary provisions and information related to establishing the required investment amount, to wit: the amount set forth in Section 2.5 of said Agreement.**

The Board relies on the certifications of its consultants and the Comptroller's Approval of the Agreement form to make this Finding. (**Attachment I**)

**Board Finding Number 14.**

**The Applicant (Taxpayer No. 32069675224) is eligible for the limitation on appraised value of qualified property as an active franchise-tax paying entity.**

The Applicant, (Texas Taxpayer No. 32069675224), is an entity subject to Chapter 171, Texas Tax Code, and is certified to be an active franchise taxpayer by the Comptroller. See **Attachment B**. The Board also finds that the Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Agreement (**Attachment G**) contains all required provisions necessary for the Board to assess eligibility of any business to which an agreement is transferred.

**Board Finding Number 15.**

**The project will be located within an area that is designated as a reinvestment zone, pursuant to Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.**

**Board Finding Number 16.**

**The Agreement for an Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code, attached hereto as Attachment G, includes adequate and appropriate revenue protection provisions for the District, and such provisions comply with the specific terms of Texas Tax Code, Chapter 313.**

In support of this finding, the finance report prepared by Moak, Casey & Associates, Inc. shows that the District will incur a revenue loss in the initial year that the value limitation is in effect without the proposed Agreement under current law. With this Agreement, the negative consequences of granting the value limitation are offset through the revenue protection provisions agreed to by the Applicant and the District. The Agreement contains adequate revenue protection measures for the duration of the Agreement. In support of this Finding, the Board relies upon the recommendation of its consultants. (**Attachment H**)

**Board Finding Number 17.**

**The Board finds that the Chapter 313 Tax Limitation Agreement (Attachment G) contains all required provisions necessary for the Board to assess performance standards and to require periodic deliverables that will enable it to hold businesses accountable for achieving desired results, to wit: the reporting requirements set forth in Article VIII of said Agreement.**

**Board Finding Number 18.**

**The Board finds that there are no conflicts of interest at the time of considering the agreement.**

The Board finds that with the adoption of District Policies BBFA and BBFB, both (Legal) and (Local), set forth at <https://pol.tasb.org/Home/Index/746>, that it has taken appropriate action to ensure that all District Trustees and the Superintendent, have disclosed any potential conflicts of interest, and that such disclosures will be made if any conflict of

interest arises in the future, in compliance with the requirements of Texas Local Gov't Code §171.004.

In addition, at the public hearing, the Board caused the statement set forth in **Attachment J** to be read into the public record and that only Board members audibly responding that no conflict of interest existed either deliberated or voted on the Tax Limitation Agreement, these Findings or any matter relating to the Application upon which these Findings have been premised.

The Board finds that with the adoption of District Policies DBD, DGA, DH, and BBFB, both (Legal) and (Local) that it has taken appropriate action to ensure that all District employees and/or consultants, have disclosed any potential conflicts of interest, and that such disclosures will be made if any conflict of interest arises in the future, in compliance with the requirements of Texas Local Gov't Code §171.004.

The Board finds that that no non-disclosed conflicts of interest exist as to the Application for which these Findings are being made, as of the time of action on these Findings.

**Board Finding Number 19.**

**The Board directs that a link on its Website be established to the Comptroller's Office Website where appraisal-limitation-related documents are made available to the public.**

**Board Finding Number 20.**

**Considering the purpose and effect of the law and the terms of the Agreement, that 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.**

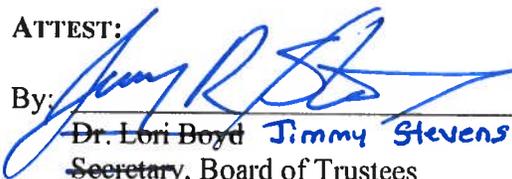
It is therefore ORDERED that the Agreement attached hereto as **Attachment G** is approved and herby authorized to be executed and delivered by and on behalf of the District. It is further ORDERED that these Findings and the Attachments referred to herein

be attached to the Official Minutes of this meeting and maintained in the permanent records of the Board of Trustees of the District.

Dated the 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2020.

ANSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

By:   
Don Heller  
President, Board of Trustees

ATTEST:  
By:   
~~Dr. Lori Boyd~~ Jimmy Stevens  
~~Secretary, Board of Trustees~~  
Vice-president

Attachment A

Application

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December 18, 2019

Local Government Assistance & Economic Analysis  
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts  
P.O. Box 13528  
Austin, Texas 78711-3528

RE: Application to the Anson Independent School District from Jones City Solar, LLC

To the Local Government Assistance & Economic Analysis Division:

By copy of this letter transmitting the application for review to the Comptroller's Office, the Anson Independent School District is notifying Jones City Solar, LLC of its intent to consider the application for appraised value limitation on qualified property should a positive certificate be issued by the Comptroller. Please prepare the Economic Impact Report.

The Applicant submitted the Application to the school district on August 12, 2019. The Board voted to accept the application on August 12, 2019. The application has been determined complete as of December 18, 2019. The Applicant has provided the schedules in both electronic format and paper copies. The electronic copy is identical to the hard copy that will be hand delivered.

A copy of the application will be submitted to the Jones County Appraisal District.

Sincerely,



Kevin O'Hanlon  
School District Consultant

Cc: Jones County Appraisal District  
Jones City Solar, LLC

**JONES CITY SOLAR, LLC**

**CHAPTER 313 APPLICATION  
FOR APPRAISED VALUE LIMITATION  
TO ANSON ISD**

*Comptroller*

## APPLICATION TAB ORDER FOR REQUESTED ATTACHMENTS

TAB	ATTACHMENT
1	Pages 1 through 11 of Application
2	Proof of Payment of Application Fee
3	Documentation of Combined Group membership under Texas Tax Code 171.0001(7), history of tax default, delinquencies and/or material litigation <i>(if applicable)</i>
4	Detailed description of the project
5	Documentation to assist in determining if limitation is a determining factor
6	Description of how project is located in more than one district, including list of percentage in each district and, if determined to be a single unified project, documentation from the Office of the Governor <i>(if applicable)</i>
7	Description of Qualified Investment
8	Description of Qualified Property
9	Description of Land
10	Description of all property not eligible to become qualified property <i>(if applicable)</i>
11	<p>Maps that clearly show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Project vicinity</li> <li>b) Qualified investment including location of tangible personal property to be placed in service during the qualifying time period and buildings to be constructed during the qualifying time period</li> <li>c) Qualified property including location of new buildings or new improvements</li> <li>d) Existing property</li> <li>e) Land location within vicinity map</li> <li>f) Reinvestment or Enterprise Zone within vicinity map, showing the actual or proposed boundaries and size</li> </ul> <p><b>Note:</b> Electronic maps should be high resolution files. Include map legends/markers.</p>
12	Request for Waiver of Job Creation Requirement and supporting information <i>(if applicable)</i>
13	Calculation of three possible wage requirements with TWC documentation
14	Schedules A1, A2, B, C and D completed and signed Economic Impact <i>(if applicable)</i>
15	Economic Impact Analysis, other payments made in the state or other economic information <i>(if applicable)</i>
16	<p>Description of Reinvestment or Enterprise Zone, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) evidence that the area qualifies as a enterprise zone as defined by the Governor's Office</li> <li>b) legal description of reinvestment zone*</li> <li>c) order, resolution or ordinance establishing the reinvestment zone*</li> <li>d) guidelines and criteria for creating the zone*</li> </ul> <p><b>* To be submitted with application or before date of final application approval by school board</b></p>
17	Signature and Certification page, signed and dated by Authorized School District Representative and Authorized Company Representative <i>(applicant)</i>

**Jones City Solar, LLC**

Chapter 313 Application to Anson ISD

Cummings Westlake, LLC

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**TAB 1**

Pages 1 through 7 of application.



# Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property (Tax Code, Chapter 313, Subchapter B or C)

Economic Development  
and Analysis  
**Form 50-296-A**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This application must be completed and filed with the school district. In order for an application to be processed, the governing body (school board) must elect to consider an application, but — by Comptroller rule — the school board may elect to consider the application only after the school district has received a completed application. Texas Tax Code, Section 313.025 requires that any completed application and any supplemental materials received by the school district must be forwarded within seven days to the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

If the school board elects to consider the application, the school district must:

- notify the Comptroller that the school board has elected to consider the application. This notice must include:
  - the date on which the school district received the application;
  - the date the school district determined that the application was complete;
  - the date the school board decided to consider the application; and
  - a request that the Comptroller prepare an economic impact analysis of the application;
- provide a copy of the notice to the appraisal district;
- must complete the sections of the application reserved for the school district and provide information required in the Comptroller rules located at 34 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 9.1054; and
- forward the original hard copy of the completed application to the Comptroller in a three-ring binder with tabs, as indicated on page 9 of this application, separating each section of the documents, in addition to an electronic copy on CD. See 34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F.

The governing body may, at its discretion, allow the applicant to supplement or amend the application after the filing date, subject to the restrictions in 34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F.

When the Comptroller receives the notice and required information from the school district, the Comptroller will publish all submitted application materials on its website. The Comptroller is authorized to treat some application information as confidential and withhold it from publication on the Internet. To do so, however, the information must be segregated and comply with the other requirements set out in the Comptroller rules. For more information, see guidelines on Comptroller's website.

The Comptroller will independently determine whether the application has been completed according to the Comptroller's rules (34 TAC Chapter 9, Subchapter F). If the Comptroller finds the application is not complete, the Comptroller will request additional materials from the school district. Pursuant to 9.1053(a)(1)(C), requested information shall be provided within 20 days of the date of the request. When the Comptroller determines that the application is complete, it will send the school district a notice indicating so. The Comptroller will determine the eligibility of the project, issue a certificate for a limitation on appraised value to the school board regarding the application and prepare an economic impact evaluation by the 90th day after the Comptroller receives a complete application—as determined by the Comptroller.

The school board must approve or disapprove the application not later than the 150th day after the application review start date (the date the application is finally determined to be complete), unless an extension is granted. The Comptroller and school district are authorized to request additional information from the applicant that is reasonably necessary to issue a certificate, complete the economic impact evaluation or consider the application at any time during the application review period.

Please visit the Comptroller's website to find out more about the program at [www.texasahead.org/tax\\_programs/chapter313/](http://www.texasahead.org/tax_programs/chapter313/). There are links to the Chapter 313 statute, rules, guidelines and forms. Information about minimum limitation values for particular districts and wage standards may also be found at that site.

## SECTION 1: School District Information

### 1. Authorized School District Representative

August 12, 2019

Date Application Received by District

Jay

First Name

Baccus

Last Name

Superintendent

Title

Anson ISD

School District Name

1431 Commercial Ave.

Street Address

1431 Commercial Ave.

Mailing Address

Anson

City

(325) 823-3671

Phone Number

TX

State

(325) 853-4444

Fax Number

jbaccus@anson.esc14.net

Email Address

79501

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2. Does the district authorize the consultant to provide and obtain information related to this application?  Yes  No

**SECTION 1: School District Information (continued)**

**3. Authorized School District Consultant (If Applicable)**

Dan <small>First Name</small> Partner <small>Title</small> Moak, Casey & Associates <small>Firm Name</small> 512-485-7878 <small>Phone Number</small>  <small>Mobile Number (optional)</small>	Casey <small>Last Name</small>  512-485-7888 <small>Fax Number</small> dcasey@moakcasey.com <small>Email Address</small>
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4. On what date did the district determine this application complete? ..... December 18, 2019

5. Has the district determined that the electronic copy and hard copy are identical? .....  Yes  No

**SECTION 2: Applicant Information**

**1. Authorized Company Representative (Applicant)**

Brian <small>First Name</small> Chief Development Officer <small>Title</small> 11101 W. 120th Ave. Suite #400 <small>Street Address</small> 11101 W. 120th Ave. Suite #400 <small>Mailing Address</small> Broomfield <small>City</small> (303) 439-4202 <small>Phone Number</small>  <small>Mobile Number (optional)</small>	Evans <small>Last Name</small> Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc. <small>Organization</small>  CO <small>State</small> 80021 <small>ZIP</small>  Fax Number Brian.Evans@res-group.com <small>Business Email Address</small>
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2. Will a company official other than the authorized company representative be responsible for responding to future information requests? .....  Yes  No

2a. If yes, please fill out contact information for that person.

Jay <small>First Name</small> Development Manager <small>Title</small> 11101 W. 120th Ave. Suite #400 <small>Street Address</small> 11101 W. 120th Ave. Suite #400 <small>Mailing Address</small> Broomfield <small>City</small> (720) 543-2146 <small>Phone Number</small>  <small>Mobile Number (optional)</small>	Linke <small>Last Name</small> Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc. <small>Organization</small>  CO <small>State</small> 80021 <small>ZIP</small>  Fax Number Jay.Linke@res-group.com <small>Business Email Address</small>
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3. Does the applicant authorize the consultant to provide and obtain information related to this application? .....  Yes  No

**SECTION 2: Applicant Information (continued)**

**4. Authorized Company Consultant (If Applicable)**

Brandon Westlake  
First Name Last Name  
 Consultant  
Title  
 Cummings Westlake, LLC  
Firm Name  
 (713) 266-4456 (713) 266-2333  
Phone Number Fax Number  
 bwestlake@cwlp.net  
Business Email Address

**SECTION 3: Fees and Payments**

1. Has an application fee been paid to the school district?  Yes  No

The total fee shall be paid at time of the application is submitted to the school district. Any fees not accompanying the original application shall be considered supplemental payments.

1a. If yes, attach in **Tab 2** proof of application fee paid to the school district.

For the purpose of questions 2 and 3, "payments to the school district" include any and all payments or transfers of things of value made to the school 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 for limitation on appraised value.

2. Will any "payments to the school district" that you may make in order to receive a property tax value limitation agreement result in payments that are not in compliance with Tax Code §313.027(i)?  Yes  No  N/A

3. If "payments to the school district" will only be determined by a formula or methodology without a specific amount being specified, could such method result in "payments to the school district" that are not in compliance with Tax Code §313.027(i)?  Yes  No  N/A

**SECTION 4: Business Applicant Information**

1. What is the legal name of the applicant under which this application is made? Jones City Solar, LLC

2. List the Texas Taxpayer I.D. number of entity subject to Tax Code, Chapter 171 (11 digits) 32069675224

3. List the NAICS code 221114

4. Is the applicant a party to any other pending or active Chapter 313 agreements?  Yes  No

4a. If yes, please list application number, name of school district and year of agreement

**SECTION 5: Applicant Business Structure**

1. Identify Business Organization of Applicant (corporation, limited liability corporation, etc) Limited Liability Corporation

2. Is applicant a combined group, or comprised of members of a combined group, as defined by Tax Code §171.0001(7)?  Yes  No

2a. If yes, attach in **Tab 3** a copy of Texas Comptroller Franchise Tax Form No. 05-165, No. 05-166, or any other documentation from the Franchise Tax Division to demonstrate the applicant's combined group membership and contact information.

3. Is the applicant current on all tax payments due to the State of Texas?  Yes  No

4. Are all applicant members of the combined group current on all tax payments due to the State of Texas?  Yes  No  N/A

5. If the answer to question 3 or 4 is no, please explain and/or disclose any history of default, delinquencies and/or any material litigation, including litigation involving the State of Texas. (If necessary, attach explanation in **Tab 3**)

**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.

**SECTION 9: Projected Timeline**

1. Application approval by school board ..... May 2020
2. Commencement of construction ..... June 2020
3. Beginning of qualifying time period ..... January 1, 2021
4. First year of limitation ..... January 1, 2022
5. Begin hiring new employees ..... December 2021
6. Commencement of commercial operations ..... December 2021
7. Do you propose to construct a new building or to erect or affix a new improvement after your application review start date (date your application is finally determined to be complete)? .....  Yes  No  
**Note:** Improvements made before that time may not be considered qualified property.
8. When do you anticipate the new buildings or improvements will be placed in service? ..... December 2021

**SECTION 10: The Property**

1. Identify county or counties in which the proposed project will be located Jones County
2. Identify Central Appraisal District (CAD) that will be responsible for appraising the property Jones CAD
3. Will this CAD be acting on behalf of another CAD to appraise this property? .....  Yes  No
4. List all taxing entities that have jurisdiction for the property, the portion of project within each entity and tax rates for each entity:  

County: <u>Jones County, \$0.674805, 100%</u> <small>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</small>	City: <u>N/A</u> <small>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</small>
Hospital District: <u>Anson Hospital, \$0.382261, 100%</u> <small>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</small>	Water District: <u>N/A</u> <small>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</small>
Other (describe): <u>n/A</u> <small>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</small>	Other (describe): <u>N/A</u> <small>(Name, tax rate and percent of project)</small>
5. Is the project located entirely within the ISD listed in Section 1? .....  Yes  No  
5a. If no, attach in **Tab 6** additional information on the project scope and size to assist in the economic analysis.
6. Did you receive a determination from the Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office that this proposed project and at least one other project seeking a limitation agreement constitute a single unified project (SUP), as allowed in §313.024(d-2)? .....  Yes  No  
6a. If yes, attach in **Tab 6** supporting documentation from the Office of the Governor.

**SECTION 11: Investment**

**NOTE:** The minimum amount of qualified investment required to qualify for an appraised value limitation and the minimum amount of appraised value limitation vary depending on whether the school district is classified as Subchapter B or Subchapter C, and the taxable value of the property within the school district. For assistance in determining estimates of these minimums, access the Comptroller's website at [comptroller.texas.gov/economy/local/ch313/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/economy/local/ch313/).

1. At the time of application, what is the estimated minimum qualified investment required for this school district? ..... 10,000,000.00
2. What is the amount of appraised value limitation for which you are applying? ..... 20,000,000.00  
**Note:** The property value limitation amount is based on property values available at the time of application and may change prior to the execution of any final agreement.
3. Does the qualified investment meet the requirements of Tax Code §313.021(1)? .....  Yes  No
4. Attach a description of the qualified investment [See §313.021(1).] The description must include:
  - a. a specific and detailed description of the qualified investment you propose to make on the property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021 (**Tab 7**);
  - b. a description of any new buildings, proposed new improvements or personal property which you intend to include as part of your minimum qualified investment (**Tab 7**); and
  - c. a detailed map of the qualified investment showing location of tangible personal property to be placed in service during the qualifying time period and buildings to be constructed during the qualifying time period, with vicinity map (**Tab 11**).
5. Do you intend to make at least the minimum qualified investment required by Tax Code §313.023 (or §313.053 for Subchapter C school districts) for the relevant school district category during the qualifying time period? .....  Yes  No

**SECTION 12: Qualified Property**

1. Attach a detailed description of the qualified property. [See §313.021(2)] (If qualified investment describes qualified property exactly, you may skip items a, b and c below.) The description must include:
  - 1a. a specific and detailed description of the qualified property for which you are requesting an appraised value limitation as defined by Tax Code §313.021 (Tab 8);
  - 1b. a description of any new buildings, proposed new improvements or personal property which you intend to include as part of your qualified property (Tab 8); and
  - 1c. a map of the qualified property showing location of new buildings or new improvements with vicinity map (Tab 11).
2. Is the land upon which the new buildings or new improvements will be built part of the qualified property described by §313.021(2)(A)?  Yes  No
  - 2a. If yes, attach complete documentation including:
    - a. legal description of the land (Tab 9);
    - b. each existing appraisal parcel number of the land on which the new improvements will be constructed, regardless of whether or not all of the land described in the current parcel will become qualified property (Tab 9);
    - c. owner (Tab 9);
    - d. the current taxable value of the land. Attach estimate if land is part of larger parcel (Tab 9); and
    - e. a detailed map showing the location of the land with vicinity map (Tab 11).
3. Is the land on which you propose new construction or new improvements currently located in an area designated as a reinvestment zone under Tax Code Chapter 311 or 312 or as an enterprise zone under Government Code Chapter 2303?  Yes  No
  - 3a. If yes, attach the applicable supporting documentation:
    - a. evidence that the area qualifies as a enterprise zone as defined by the Governor's Office (Tab 16);
    - b. legal description of reinvestment zone (Tab 16);
    - c. order, resolution or ordinance establishing the reinvestment zone (Tab 16);
    - d. guidelines and criteria for creating the zone (Tab 16); and
    - e. a map of the reinvestment zone or enterprise zone boundaries with vicinity map (Tab 11)
  - 3b. If no, submit detailed description of proposed reinvestment zone or enterprise zone with a map indicating the boundaries of the zone on which you propose new construction or new improvements to the Comptroller's office within 30 days of the application date. What is the anticipated date on which you will submit final proof of a reinvestment zone or enterprise zone? \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 13: Information on Property Not Eligible to Become Qualified Property**

1. In Tab 10, attach a specific and detailed description of all **existing property**. This includes buildings and improvements existing as of the application review start date (the date the application is determined to be complete by the Comptroller). The description must provide sufficient detail to locate all existing property on the land that will be subject to the agreement and distinguish existing property from future proposed property.
2. In Tab 10, attach a specific and detailed description of all **proposed new property that will not become new improvements** as defined by TAC 9.1051. This includes proposed property that: functionally replaces existing or demolished/removed property; is used to maintain, refurbish, renovate, modify or upgrade existing property; or is affixed to existing property; or is otherwise ineligible to become qualified property. The description must provide sufficient detail to distinguish existing property (question 1) and all proposed new property that cannot become qualified property from proposed qualified property that will be subject to the agreement (as described in Section 12 of this application).
3. For the property not eligible to become qualified property listed in response to questions 1 and 2 of this section, provide the following supporting information in Tab 10:
  - a. maps and/or detailed site plan;
  - b. surveys;
  - c. appraisal district values and parcel numbers;
  - d. inventory lists;
  - e. existing and proposed property lists;
  - f. model and serial numbers of existing property; or
  - g. other information of sufficient detail and description.
4. Total estimated market value of existing property (that property described in response to question 1): ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00
5. In Tab 10, include an appraisal value by the CAD of all the buildings and improvements existing as of a date within 15 days of the date the application is received by the school district.
6. Total estimated market value of proposed property not eligible to become qualified property (that property described in response to question 2): ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 0.00

**Note:** Investment for the property listed in question 2 may count towards qualified investment in Column C of Schedules A-1 and A-2, if it meets the requirements of 313.021(1). Such property cannot become qualified property on Schedule B.

**SECTION 14: Wage and Employment Information**

1. What is the estimated number of permanent jobs (more than 1,600 hours a year), with the applicant or a contractor of the applicant, on the proposed qualified property during the last complete quarter before the application review start date (date your application is finally determined to be complete)? ..... 0
2. What is the last complete calendar quarter before application review start date:  
 First Quarter     Second Quarter     Third Quarter     Fourth Quarter of 2019  
(year)
3. What were the number of permanent jobs (more than 1,600 hours a year) this applicant had in Texas during the most recent quarter reported to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)? ..... 0  
**Note:** For job definitions see TAC §9.1051 and Tax Code §313.021(3).
4. What is the number of new qualifying jobs you are committing to create? ..... 1
5. What is the number of new non-qualifying jobs you are estimating you will create? ..... 0
6. Do you intend to request that the governing body waive the minimum new qualifying job creation requirement, as provided under Tax Code §313.025(f-1)? .....  Yes     No  
 6a. If yes, attach evidence in **Tab 12** documenting that the new qualifying job creation requirement above exceeds the number of employees necessary for the operation, according to industry standards.
7. Attach in **Tab 13** the four most recent quarters of data for each wage calculation below, including documentation from the TWC website. The final actual statutory minimum annual wage requirement for the applicant for each qualifying job — which may differ slightly from this estimate — will be based on information from the four quarterly periods for which data were available at the time of the application review start date (date of a completed application). See TAC §9.1051(21) and (22).  
 a. Average weekly wage for all jobs (all industries) in the county is ..... 741.75  
 b. 110% of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the county is ..... 793.93  
 c. 110% of the average weekly wage for manufacturing jobs in the region is ..... 961.04
8. Which Tax Code section are you using to estimate the qualifying job wage standard required for this project? .....  §313.021(5)(A) or  §313.021(5)(B)
9. What is the minimum required annual wage for each qualifying job based on the qualified property? ..... 41,284.00
10. What is the annual wage you are committing to pay for each of the new qualifying jobs you create on the qualified property? ..... 41,284.00
11. Will the qualifying jobs meet all minimum requirements set out in Tax Code §313.021(3)? .....  Yes     No
12. Do you intend to satisfy the minimum qualifying job requirement through a determination of cumulative economic benefits to the state as provided by §313.021(3)(F)? .....  Yes     No  
 12a. If yes, attach in **Tab 12** supporting documentation from the TWC, pursuant to §313.021(3)(F).
13. Do you intend to rely on the project being part of a single unified project, as allowed in §313.024(d-2), in meeting the qualifying job requirements? .....  Yes     No  
 13a. If yes, attach in **Tab 6** supporting documentation including a list of qualifying jobs in the other school district(s).

**SECTION 15: Economic Impact**

1. Complete and attach Schedules A1, A2, B, C, and D in **Tab 14**. Note: Excel spreadsheet versions of schedules are available for download and printing at URL listed below.
2. Attach an Economic Impact Analysis, if supplied by other than the Comptroller's Office, in **Tab 15**. (*not required*)
3. If there are any other payments made in the state or economic information that you believe should be included in the economic analysis, attach a separate schedule showing the amount for each year affected, including an explanation, in **Tab 15**.

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**TAB 2**

*Proof of Payment of Application Fee*

Please find on the attached page, a copy of the check for the \$75,000 application fee paid to Anson ISD.

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**TAB 3**

*Documentation of Combined Group membership under Texas Tax Code 171.0001(7),  
history of tax default, delinquencies and/or material litigation (if applicable)*

See Attached

### Texas Franchise Tax Affiliate Schedule

Tcode 13253 Annual

<input type="checkbox"/> Reporting entity taxpayer number	<input type="checkbox"/> Report year	<input type="checkbox"/> Reporting entity taxpayer name
19546837303	2017	RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS AMERICAS INC. & SUBS

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

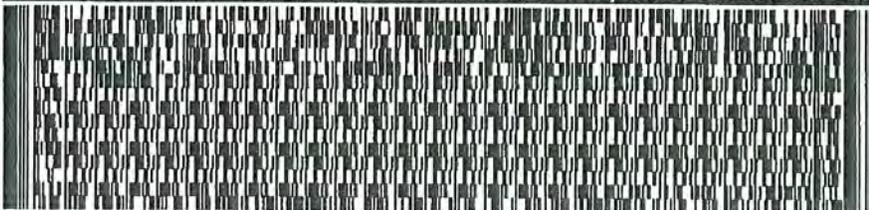
1. Legal name of affiliate LOWER SNAKE WIND LLC		2. Affiliate taxpayer number (if none, use FEI number) 260706216		3. Affiliate NAICS code 238990	
4. Blacken box if entity is disregarded for franchise tax <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Blacken box if this affiliate does NOT have NEXUS in Texas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Affiliate reporting begin date m m d d y y 110115		7. Affiliate reporting end date m m d d y y 103116	
8. Gross receipts subject to throwback in other states (before eliminations) 0.00		9. Gross receipts everywhere (before eliminations) 0.00			
10. Gross receipts in Texas (before eliminations) 0.00		11. Cost of goods sold or compensation (before eliminations) 0.00			

1. Legal name of affiliate MAVERTICK CREEK WIND LLC		2. Affiliate taxpayer number (if none, use FEI number) 32058653687		3. Affiliate NAICS code 238990	
4. Blacken box if entity is disregarded for franchise tax <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Blacken box if this affiliate does NOT have NEXUS in Texas <input type="checkbox"/>	6. Affiliate reporting begin date m m d d y y 110115		7. Affiliate reporting end date m m d d y y 103116	
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10. Gross receipts in Texas (before eliminations) 0.00		11. Cost of goods sold or compensation (before eliminations) 0.00			

1. Legal name of affiliate MINES WIND ENERGY LLC		2. Affiliate taxpayer number (if none, use FEI number) 32061717784		3. Affiliate NAICS code 238990	
4. Blacken box if entity is disregarded for franchise tax <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Blacken box if this affiliate does NOT have NEXUS in Texas <input type="checkbox"/>	6. Affiliate reporting begin date m m d d y y 092116		7. Affiliate reporting end date m m d d y y 103116	
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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 the Project

*Provide 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.*

Jones City Solar, LLC (Jones City Solar) is requesting an appraised value limitation from Anson Independent School District (ISD) for the Jones City Solar Project (the "Project"), a proposed solar powered electric generating facility in Jones County. The proposed Anson ISD Project (this application) will be constructed within a Reinvestment Zone of approximately 3,805 acres that will be established by Jones County. A map showing the location of the project is included in TAB 11.

The proposed Project is anticipated to have a capacity of approximately 200 MW located in Anson ISD. The exact number and location of panels and inverters will vary depending upon ongoing siting analysis, manufacturer's availability, prices, and the megawatt generating capacity of the Project when completed. Current estimated plans are to install approximately 654,976 PV modules and 70 inverters with all improvements located in Anson ISD. The Applicant requests a value limitation for all facilities and equipment installed for the Project, including; solar modules/panels, racking and mounting structures, inverters, combiner boxes, meteorological equipment, foundations, roadways, O&M building, paving, fencing, collection system, electrical substations, generation transmission tie line and associated towers, interconnection facilities and all eligible ancillary and necessary equipment.

Full construction of the Project is anticipated to begin in the June of 2020 with completion by December 31, 2021.

*\*NOTE:* The map in TAB 11 shows the potential locations of improvements within Anson ISD boundaries; however, the final number of panels and inverters and the location of each of these facilities is dependent upon ongoing negotiations with power purchasers and other factors.

**TAB 5**

*Documentation to assist in determining if limitation is a determining factor.*

As one of the top renewable energy companies in the world, Renewable Energy Systems (RES) has been providing services in development, engineering, construction, and operations since 1982. RES has developed and/or built over 16 GW of renewable energy capacity worldwide, has an asset management portfolio exceeding 3 GW, and is active in a range of energy technologies including onshore wind, solar, energy storage, transmission, and demand side management (DSM).

RES is keen to develop and build the proposed Jones City Solar Project as per this application, but since this Project is still in the early stages of development, further investment could be, if necessary, redeployed to other counties and states competing for similar solar projects. RES is active in states throughout the United States, where each project individually competes for a finite pool of capital investment. State and local tax incentives contribute to the lowering of the cost of power sold to our customers and making our investment more viable and marketable. RES has various projects in development throughout the country and are continually comparing investment opportunities, rate of return, and market viability of each project based upon project financial metrics. For example, RES currently has ongoing project developments in many states, including but not limited to, Arkansas, Kansas and New Mexico.

Due to the extremely competitive power market in Texas most if not all PPA's economic model assumptions are based on the Project securing this Chapter 313 appraised value limitation and other local tax incentives. The property tax liabilities of a project without tax incentives in Texas lowers the return to investors and financiers to an unacceptable level at today's contracted power rates under a PPA. A signed PPA in the Texas market is at a much lower rate than other states because of competitively low electricity prices. Both parties of the PPA have an escape clause if the terms of the PPA cannot be met. Without the tax incentives in Texas, a project with a PPA becomes non-financeable. Therefore, this appraised value limitation is critical to the ability of the proposed Project to move forward as currently sited.

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**TAB 6**

Description of how project is located in more than one district, including list of percentage in each district and, if determined to be a single unified project, documentation from the Office of the Governor (if applicable)

- |                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| 1) Jones County            | - 100% |
| 2) Anson ISD               | - 100% |
| 3) Anson Hospital District | - 100% |

**TAB 7**

*Description of Qualified Investment*

Jones City Solar, LLC plans to construct a 200 MW solar farm in Jones County.

This application covers all qualified property within Anson ISD necessary for the commercial operations of the proposed solar farm described in Tab 4. Two hundred megawatts (200 MW) will be located in Anson ISD. Panel placement is subject to change but for purposes of this application, the Project anticipates using approximately 654,976 PV modules or equivalent and 70 inverters.

This application covers all qualified investment and qualified property necessary for the commercial operations of the solar farm.

Qualified Investment and qualified property includes; solar modules/panels, racking and mounting structures, inverters, combiner boxes, meteorological equipment, foundations, roadways, O&M building, paving, fencing, collection system, electrical substations, generation transmission tie line and associated towers, interconnection facilities, control systems necessary for commercial generation of electricity and all eligible ancillary and necessary equipment.

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**TAB 9**

*Description of Land*

Not Applicable

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**TAB 10**

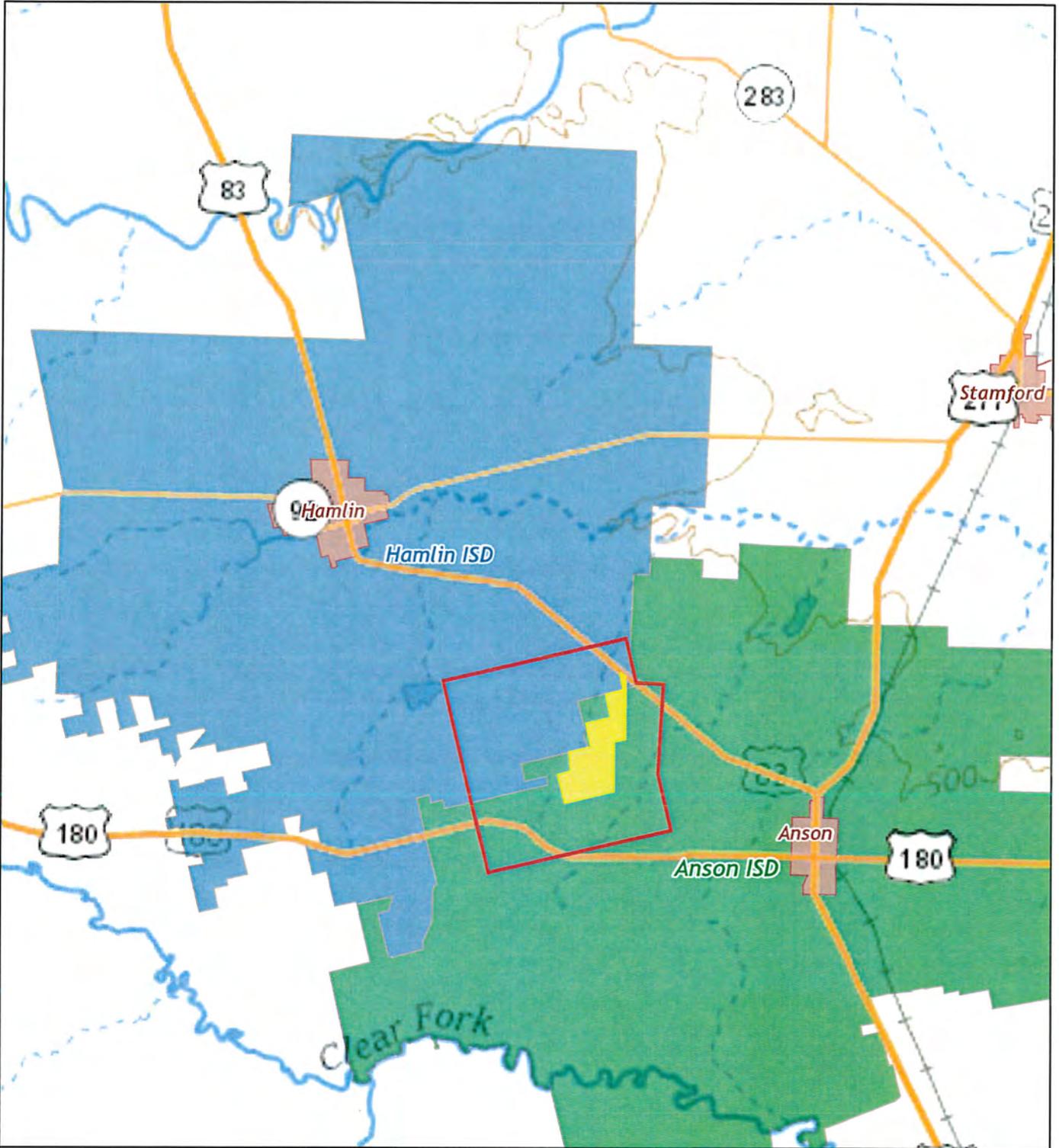
*Description of all property not eligible to become qualified property (if applicable)*

Not Applicable

**TAB 11**

Maps that clearly show:

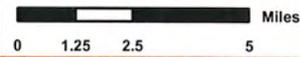
- a) Project vicinity
- b) Qualified investment including location of new building or new improvements
- c) Qualified property including location of new building or new improvements
- d) Existing property
- e) Land location within vicinity map
- f) Reinvestment or Enterprise Zone within vicinity map, showing the actual or proposed boundaries and size



- Jones City Solar Phase 1 Project Boundary
  - Incorporated Places
  - Proposed Reinvestment Zone
- School Districts**
- Anson ISD
  - Hamlin ISD

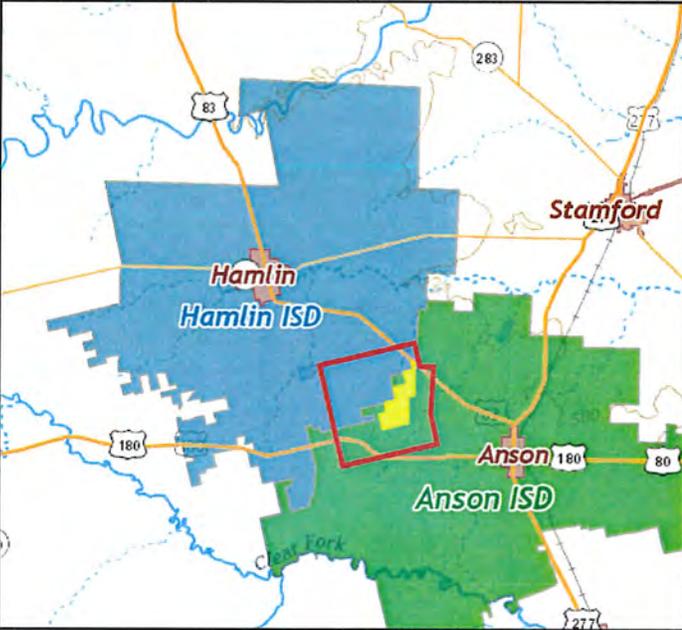
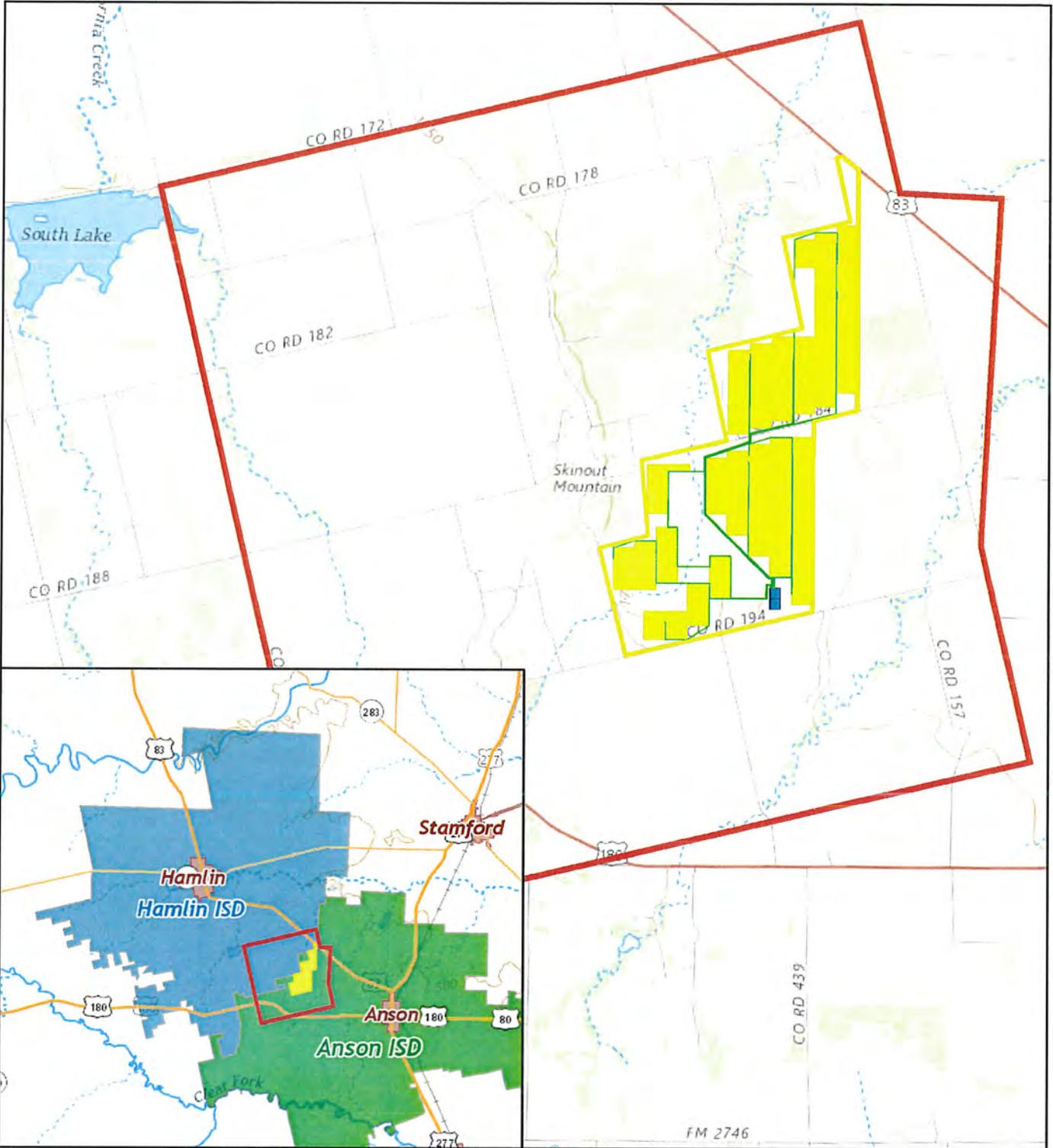


PROJECT	Jones City Solar P1	STATE	TX	FORMAT	LETTER
TITLE	Vicinity Map	CODE	LON	SCALE	1:250,000
		COORD	NAD83 HARN SP TX NoCe		



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- Jones City Solar Phase 1 Boundary
- Proposed Reinvestment Zone
- Incorporated Places



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TITLE	Improvements Map	CODE	LON	SCALE	1:625,000
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**TAB 12**

*Request for Waiver of Job Creation Requirement and supporting information (if applicable)*

See Attached



**CUMMINGS WESTLAKE**  
PROPERTY TAX ADVISORS

August 12, 2019

Mr. Jay Baccus, Superintendent  
Anson Independent School District  
1431 Commercial Ave.  
Anson, TX 79501

Re: Chapter 313 Job Waiver Request

Dear Mr. Baccus,

Jones City Solar, LLC requests that the Anson Independent School District's Board of Trustees waive the job requirement provision as allowed by Section 313.025(f-1) of the tax code. This waiver would be based on the school district's board findings that the jobs creation requirement exceeds the industry standard for the number of employees reasonably necessary for the operation of the facility of the property owner that is described in the application.

Jones City Solar, LLC requests that the Anson ISD makes such a finding and waive the job creation requirement for 10 permanent jobs. In line with industry standards for job requirements, Jones City Solar, LLC has committed to create one qualified job in Anson ISD.

Solar projects create a large number of full and part-time, but temporary, jobs during the construction phase of the project, but require a relatively small number of highly skilled technicians to operate and maintain the project after commercial operation commences. The number of jobs committed to in this application is in line with the industry standards for a solar project this size. This is evidenced by previously certified limitation agreement applications by solar developers who also requested a waiver of the job requirements. In addition, there are educational materials and other documentation that also suggest that Jones City Solar, LLC has the appropriate number of jobs for this project at one permanent job per 250MW of installed capacity.

The permanent employees of a solar project maintain and service PV panels, and inverters, underground electrical connections, substations and other infrastructure associated with the safe and reliable operation of the project. In addition to the onsite employees, there may be managers or technicians who support the project from offsite locations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Westlake', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Branon Westlake  
Senior Tax Consultant

**TAB 13**

*Calculation of three possible wage requirements with TWC documentation*

- Jones County average weekly wage for all jobs (all industries)
- Jones County average weekly wage for all jobs (manufacturing)
- See attached Council of Governments Regional Wage Calculation and Documentation

**ANSON SOLAR CENTER, LLC  
TAB 13 TO CHAPTER 313 APPLICATION**

**JONES COUNTY  
CHAPTER 313 WAGE CALCULATION - ALL JOBS - ALL INDUSTRIES**

QUARTER	YEAR	AVG WEEKLY WAGES*	ANNUALIZED
FIRST	2019	\$ 746	\$ 38,792
SECOND	2019	\$ 722	\$ 37,544
THIRD	2018	\$ 727	\$ 37,804
FOURTH	2018	\$ 772	\$ 40,144
AVERAGE		\$ 741.75	\$ 38,571

**JONES COUNTY  
CHAPTER 313 WAGE CALCULATION - MANUFACTURING JOBS**

QUARTER	YEAR	AVG WEEKLY WAGES*	ANNUALIZED
FIRST	2019	\$ 691	\$ 35,932
SECOND	2019	\$ 724	\$ 37,648
THIRD	2018	\$ 753	\$ 39,156
FOURTH	2018	\$ 719	\$ 37,388
AVERAGE		\$ 722	\$ 37,531
X		110%	110%
		\$ 793.93	\$ 41,284

**CHAPTER 313 WAGE CALCULATION - REGIONAL WAGE RATE**

	YEAR	AVG WEEKLY WAGES*	ANNUALIZED
West Central	2018	\$ 874	\$ 45,431
X		110%	110%
		\$ 961.04	\$ 49,974

\* SEE ATTACHED TWC DOCUMENTATION

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Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Industry Code	Industry	Average Weekly Wage
2018	01	Jones	Total All	10	Total, All Industries	729
2018	02	Jones	Total All	10	Total, All Industries	710
2018	03	Jones	Total All	10	Total, All Industries	727
2018	04	Jones	Total All	10	Total, All Industries	772
2019	01	Jones	Total All	10	Total, All Industries	746
2019	02	Jones	Total All	10	Total, All Industries	722

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Year	Period	Area	Ownership	Industry Code	Industry	Average Weekly Wage
2018	01	Jones	Private	31-33	Manufacturing	759
2018	02	Jones	Private	31-33	Manufacturing	724
2018	03	Jones	Private	31-33	Manufacturing	753
2018	04	Jones	Private	31-33	Manufacturing	719
2019	01	Jones	Private	31-33	Manufacturing	691
2019	02	Jones	Private	31-33	Manufacturing	724

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**2018 Manufacturing Average Wages by Council of Government Region  
Wages for All Occupations**

COG	COG Number	Wages	
		Hourly	Annual
<b>Texas</b>		<b>\$27.04</b>	<b>\$56,240</b>
<a href="#"><u>Alamo Area Council of Governments</u></a>	18	\$22.80	\$47,428
<a href="#"><u>Ark-Tex Council of Governments</u></a>	5	\$18.73	\$38,962
<a href="#"><u>Brazos Valley Council of Governments</u></a>	13	\$18.16	\$37,783
<a href="#"><u>Capital Area Council of Governments</u></a>	12	\$32.36	\$67,318
<a href="#"><u>Central Texas Council of Governments</u></a>	23	\$19.60	\$40,771
<a href="#"><u>Coastal Bend Council of Governments</u></a>	20	\$28.52	\$59,318
<a href="#"><u>Concho Valley Council of Governments</u></a>	10	\$21.09	\$43,874
<a href="#"><u>Deep East Texas Council of Governments</u></a>	14	\$18.28	\$38,021
<a href="#"><u>East Texas Council of Governments</u></a>	6	\$21.45	\$44,616
<a href="#"><u>Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission</u></a>	17	\$28.56	\$59,412
<a href="#"><u>Heart of Texas Council of Governments</u></a>	11	\$22.71	\$47,245
<a href="#"><u>Houston-Galveston Area Council</u></a>	16	\$29.76	\$61,909
<a href="#"><u>Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council</u></a>	21	\$17.21	\$35,804
<a href="#"><u>Middle Rio Grande Development Council</u></a>	24	\$20.48	\$42,604
<a href="#"><u>NORTEX Regional Planning Commission</u></a>	3	\$25.14	\$52,284
<a href="#"><u>North Central Texas Council of Governments</u></a>	4	\$27.93	\$58,094
<a href="#"><u>Panhandle Regional Planning Commission</u></a>	1	\$24.19	\$50,314
<a href="#"><u>Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission</u></a>	9	\$25.90	\$53,882
<a href="#"><u>Rio Grande Council of Governments</u></a>	8	\$18.51	\$38,493
<a href="#"><u>South East Texas Regional Planning Commission</u></a>	15	\$36.26	\$75,430
<a href="#"><u>South Plains Association of Governments</u></a>	2	\$20.04	\$41,691
<a href="#"><u>South Texas Development Council</u></a>	19	\$17.83	\$37,088
<a href="#"><u>Texoma Council of Governments</u></a>	22	\$21.73	\$45,198
<a href="#"><u>West Central Texas Council of Governments</u></a>	7	\$21.84	\$45,431

Calculated by the Texas Workforce Commission Labor Market and Career Information Department.

Data published: July 2019

Data published annually, next update will be July 31, 2020

Annual wage figure assumes a 40-hour work week.

Note: Data is not supported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Wage data is produced from Texas Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) data, and is not to be compared to BLS estimates.

Data intended only for use in implementing Chapter 313, Tax Code.

**TAB 14**

*Schedules A1, A2, B, C and D completed and signed Economic Impact (if applicable)*

See attached Schedules A1, A2, B, C and D

Schedule A1: Total Investment for Economic Impact (through the Qualifying Time Period)

Date: 7/9/2019  
Applicant Name: Jones City Solar, LLC  
ISD Name: Anson ISD

PROPERTY INVESTMENT AMOUNTS									
(Estimated investment in each year. Do not put cumulative totals.)									
Year	School Year (YYYY)	Tax Year (YYYY) (Fill in actual tax year below)	Column A New investment (original cost) in tangible personal property placed in service during this year that will become Qualified Property	Column B New investment made during this year in buildings or permanent nonmovable components of buildings that will become Qualified Property	Column C Other new investment made during this year that will not become Qualified Property (SEE NOTE)	Column D Other new investment made during this year that may become Qualified Property (SEE NOTE)	Column E Total Investment (Sum of Columns A+B+C+D)		
			Not eligible to become Qualified Property					0	
		2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			34,000,000	0	0	0	34,000,000		
			135,300,000	700,000	0	0	136,000,000		
		2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	
			169,300,000	700,000	0	0	170,000,000		
<b>Total Investment through Qualifying Time Period [ENTER this row in Schedule A2]</b>			<b>170,000,000</b>						
<b>Total Qualified Investment (sum of green cells)</b>			<b>170,000,000</b>						

Enter amounts from TOTAL row above in Schedule A2

For All Columns: List amount invested each year, not cumulative totals.

Column A: This represents the total dollar amount of planned investment in tangible personal property. Only include estimates of investment for "replacement" property if the property is specifically described in the application.

Column B: Only tangible personal property that is specifically described in the application can become qualified property.

Column C: The total dollar amount of planned investment each year in buildings or nonmovable component of buildings.

Column D: Dollar value of other investment that may affect economic impact and total value. Examples of other investment that will not become qualified property include investment meeting the definition of 313.021(1) but not creating a new improvement as defined by TAG 9.1051. This is proposed property that functionally replaces existing property, is used to maintain, refurbish, renovate, modify or upgrade existing property, or is affixed to existing property—described in SECTION 13, question #6 of the application.

Column E: Dollar value of other investment that may result in qualified property are land or professional services.

Total Investment: Add together each cell in a column and enter the sum in the blue total investment row. Enter the data from this row into the first row in Schedule A2.

Qualified Investment: For the green qualified investment cell, enter the sum of all the green-shaded cells.

Schedule A2: Total Investment for Economic Impact (including Qualified Property and other investments)

Date: 7/9/2019  
Applicant Name: Jones City Solar, LLC  
ISD Name: Anson ISD

PROPERTY INVESTMENT AMOUNTS (Estimated investment in each year. Do not put cumulative totals.)									
Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year below) YYYY	Column A New investment (original cost) in tangible personal property placed in service during this year that will become Qualified Property	Column B New investment made during this year in buildings or permanent nonremovable components of buildings that will become Qualified Property	Column C Other investment made during this year that will not become Qualified Property (SEE NOTE)	Column D Other investment made during this year that will become Qualified Property (SEE NOTE)	Column E Total investment (A+B+C+D)		
Total investment from Schedule A1*			189,300,000	700,000	0	0	170,000,000		
Each year prior to start of value limitation period** <i>(omit all many rows as necessary)</i>			0	0	0	0	0		
1	2022-2023	2022	0	0	0	0	0		
2	2023-2024	2023	0	0	0	0	0		
3	2024-2025	2024	0	0	0	0	0		
4	2025-2026	2025	0	0	0	0	0		
5	2026-2027	2026	0	0	0	0	0		
6	2027-2028	2027	0	0	0	0	0		
7	2028-2029	2028	0	0	0	0	0		
8	2029-2030	2029	0	0	0	0	0		
9	2030-2031	2030	0	0	0	0	0		
10	2031-2032	2031	0	0	0	0	0		
Value limitation period***			0	0	0	0	0		
Total investment made through limitation			189,300,000	700,000	0	0	170,000,000		
Continue to maintain viable presence			0	0	0	0	0		
Additional years for 25 year economic impact as required by 313.026(c)(1)			0	0	0	0	0		
11	2032-2033	2032	0	0	0	0	0		
12	2033-2034	2033	0	0	0	0	0		
13	2034-2035	2034	0	0	0	0	0		
14	2035-2036	2035	0	0	0	0	0		
15	2036-2037	2036	0	0	0	0	0		
16	2037-2038	2037	0	0	0	0	0		
17	2038-2039	2038	0	0	0	0	0		
18	2039-2040	2039	0	0	0	0	0		
19	2040-2041	2040	0	0	0	0	0		
20	2041-2042	2041	0	0	0	0	0		
21	2042-2043	2042	0	0	0	0	0		
22	2043-2044	2043	0	0	0	0	0		
23	2044-2045	2044	0	0	0	0	0		
24	2045-2046	2045	0	0	0	0	0		
25	2046-2047	2046	0	0	0	0	0		

\* All investments made through the qualifying time period are captured and totaled on Schedule A1 [blue box] and incorporated into this schedule in the first row.  
 \*\* Only investment made during deferrals of the start of the limitation (after the end of qualifying time period but before the start of the Value Limitation Period) should be included in the "year prior to start of value limitation period" row(s). If the limitation starts at the end of the qualifying time period or the qualifying time period overlaps the limitation, no investment should be included on this line.  
 \*\*\* If your qualifying time period will overlap your value limitation period, do not also include investment made during the qualifying time period in years 1 and/or 2 of the value limitation period, depending on the overlap. Only include investments/years that were not captured on Schedule A1.  
 For All Columns: List amount invested each year, not cumulative totals. Only include investments in the remaining rows of Schedule A2 that were not captured on Schedule A1.  
 Column A: This represents the total dollar amount of planned investment in tangible personal property. Only include estimates of investment for "replacement" property if the property is specifically described in the application.  
 Column B: The total dollar amount of planned investment each year in buildings or nonremovable components of buildings.  
 Column C: Dollar value of other investment that may affect economic impact and total value. Examples of other investment that will not become qualified property include investment meeting the definition of 313.02(1) but not creating a new improvement as defined by TAC 9, 1051. This is proposed property that functionally replaces existing property; is used to maintain, rebuild, renovate, modify or upgrade existing property; or is affixed to existing property—described in SECTION 13, question #5 of the application.  
 Column D: Dollar value of other investment that may affect economic impact and total value. Examples of other investment that may result in qualified property are land or professional services.

**Schedule B: Estimated Market And Taxable Value (of Qualified Property Only)**

Date: 7/9/2019  
 Applicant Name: Jones City Solar, LLC  
 ISD Name: Anson ISD

Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year) YYYY	Qualified Property			Estimated Taxable Value		
			Estimated Market Value of Land	Estimated Total Market Value of new buildings or other new improvements	Estimated Total Market Value of tangible personal property in the new buildings or "in or on the new improvements"	Market Value less any exemptions (such as pollution control) and before limitation	Final taxable value for IRS after all reductions	Final taxable value for M&O after all reductions
0	2021-2022	2021	0	0	3,060,000	3,060,000	3,060,000	3,060,000
1	2022-2023	2022	0	679,000	109,029,200	109,708,200	109,708,200	20,000,000
2	2023-2024	2023	0	662,000	99,548,400	100,210,400	100,210,400	20,000,000
3	2024-2025	2024	0	645,500	90,067,600	90,713,100	90,713,100	20,000,000
4	2025-2026	2025	0	629,400	79,401,700	80,031,100	80,031,100	20,000,000
5	2026-2027	2026	0	613,700	68,735,800	69,349,500	69,349,500	20,000,000
6	2027-2028	2027	0	598,400	58,069,900	58,668,300	58,668,300	20,000,000
7	2028-2029	2028	0	583,400	46,218,900	46,802,300	46,802,300	20,000,000
8	2029-2030	2029	0	568,800	35,553,000	36,121,800	36,121,800	20,000,000
9	2030-2031	2030	0	554,600	28,442,400	28,997,000	28,997,000	20,000,000
10	2031-2032	2031	0	540,700	24,887,100	25,427,800	25,427,800	20,000,000
11	2032-2033	2032	0	527,200	24,887,100	25,414,300	25,414,300	25,414,300
12	2033-2034	2033	0	514,000	24,887,100	25,401,100	25,401,100	25,401,100
13	2034-2035	2034	0	501,200	24,887,100	25,388,300	25,388,300	25,388,300
14	2035-2036	2035	0	488,700	24,887,100	25,375,800	25,375,800	25,375,800
15	2036-2037	2036	0	476,500	24,887,100	25,363,600	25,363,600	25,363,600
16	2037-2038	2037	0	464,600	24,887,100	25,351,700	25,351,700	25,351,700
17	2038-2039	2038	0	453,000	24,887,100	25,340,100	25,340,100	25,340,100
18	2039-2040	2039	0	441,700	24,887,100	25,328,800	25,328,800	25,328,800
19	2040-2041	2040	0	430,700	24,887,100	25,317,800	25,317,800	25,317,800
20	2041-2042	2041	0	419,900	24,887,100	25,307,000	25,307,000	25,307,000
21	2042-2043	2042	0	409,400	24,887,100	25,296,500	25,296,500	25,296,500
22	2043-2044	2043	0	399,200	24,887,100	25,286,300	25,286,300	25,286,300
23	2044-2045	2044	0	389,200	24,887,100	25,276,300	25,276,300	25,276,300
24	2045-2046	2045	0	379,500	24,887,100	25,266,600	25,266,600	25,266,600
25	2046-2047	2046	0	370,000	24,887,100	25,257,100	25,257,100	25,257,100

Notes: Market value in future years is good faith estimate of future taxable value for the purposes of property taxation. Only include market value for eligible property on this schedule.

Schedule C: Employment Information

Date 7/9/2019

Applicant Name Jones City Solar, LLC  
Anson ISD

	Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Actual tax year) YYYY	Construction		Non-Qualifying Jobs		Qualifying Jobs	
				Column A Number of Construction FTEs or man-hours (specify)	Column B Average annual wage rates for construction workers	Column C Number of non-qualifying jobs applicant estimates it will create (cumulative)	Column D Number of new qualifying jobs applicant commits to create meeting all criteria of Sec. 313.021(3) (cumulative)	Column E Average annual wage of new qualifying jobs	
Each year prior to start of Value Limitation Period <i>(insert as many rows as necessary)</i>	0	2020-2021	2020	50 FTE	50,000	0	0	0	0
	0	2021-2022	2021	150 FTE	50,000	0	0	0	0
Value Limitation Period <i>(The qualifying time period could overlap the value limitation period.)</i>	1	2022-2023	2022	N/A	N/A	0	1	1	41,290
	2	2023-2024	2023	N/A	N/A	0	1	1	41,290
	3	2024-2025	2024	N/A	N/A	0	1	1	41,290
	4	2025-2026	2025	N/A	N/A	0	1	1	41,290
	5	2026-2027	2026	N/A	N/A	0	1	1	41,290
	6	2027-2028	2027	N/A	N/A	0	1	1	41,290
	7	2028-2029	2028	N/A	N/A	0	1	1	41,290
	8	2029-2030	2029	N/A	N/A	0	1	1	41,290
	9	2030-2031	2030	N/A	N/A	0	1	1	41,290
	10	2031-2032	2031	N/A	N/A	0	1	1	41,290
Years Following Value Limitation Period	11 through 25	2032-2047	2032-2046	N/A	N/A	0	1	1	41,290

Notes: See TAC 9.1051 for definition of non-qualifying jobs. Only include jobs on the project site in this school district.

- C1. Are the cumulative number of qualifying jobs listed in Column D less than the number of qualifying jobs required by statute? (25 qualifying jobs in Subchapter B districts, 10 qualifying jobs in Subchapter C districts) if yes, answer the following two questions:  Yes  No
- C1a. Will the applicant request a job waiver, as provided under 313.025(f-1)?  Yes  No
- C1b. Will the applicant avail itself of the provision in 313.021(3)(F)?  Yes  No

Schedule D: Other Incentives (Estimated)

Date: 7/9/2019  
 Applicant Name: Jones City Solar, LLC  
 ISD Name: Anson ISD

State and Local Incentives for which the Applicant intends to apply (Estimated)						
Incentive Description	Taxing Entity (as applicable)	Beginning Year of Benefit	Duration of Benefit	Annual Tax Levy without Incentive	Annual Incentive	Annual Net Tax Levy
Tax Code Chapter 311	County: N/A City: N/A Other: N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tax Code Chapter 312	County: Jones County City: N/A Other: N/A	2022	10 Years	Annual Avg. of \$505,140	75%	Annual Avg. of \$126,000
Local Government Code Chapters 380/381	County: N/A City: N/A Other: N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Freepport Exemptions	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Non-Annexation Agreements	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Enterprise Zone/Project	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Economic Development Corporation	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Texas Enterprise Fund	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Employee Recruitment	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Skills Development Fund	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Training Facility Space and Equipment	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Infrastructure Incentives	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Permitting Assistance	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other:	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other:	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other:	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other:	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TOTAL</b>				505,140		126,000

Additional information on incentives for this project:

**TAB 15**

*Economic Impact Analysis, other payments made in the state or other economic information (if applicable)*

None

**TAB 16**

*Description of Reinvestment Zone or Enterprise Zone, including:*

- a) Evidence that the area qualifies as a enterprise zone as defined by the Governor's office*
- b) Legal description of reinvestment zone\**
- c) Order, resolution, or ordinance established the reinvestment zone\**
- d) Guidelines and criteria for creating the zone\**

See Attached

Designation of Jones  
City Solar Center  
Reinvestment Zone

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The Commissioners' Court  
of  
Jones County, Texas

**ORDER**

**Approving Motion for Designation  
of Jones City Solar Center Reinvestment Zone**

The Commissioners' Court of Jones County, Texas, meeting in regular session on the 9th day of September, 2019, considered the following resolution:

BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF JONES COUNTY, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS

Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Sprabery, that the following action be taken by the court:

1. THAT the County designate the property located in Jones County, having the boundary description in Exhibit A and shown on the map in Exhibit B, both attached to this **Order**, as a Reinvestment Zone under the Jones County Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements, having determined that the designation will contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment and will attract major investment in the zone that will benefit the zone and will contribute to the economic development of the County, and
2. THAT the zone shall be called the "Jones City Solar Reinvestment Zone."

This ORDER shall become effective as of September 9, 2019. PASSED AND APPROVED at this public hearing of the Jones County Commissioners Court, at which a quorum was present, on the 9th day of September, 2019.

Dale Spurgin Dale Spurgin, Jones County Judge

John C. [Signature] Date: 9/9/19, Commissioner Precinct 1

Tommi B. [Signature] Date: 9/9/19, Commissioner Precinct 2

Boss Davis Date: 9/9/19, Commissioner Precinct 3

Geel [Signature] Date: 9/9/19, Commissioner Precinct 4

ATTESTED: Lillian Jennings Date: 9/9/2019, County Clerk



## **Jones County State of Texas**

### **Amended Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria**

The following Amended Guidelines and Criteria have been adopted by the Jones County Commissioners Court establish a uniform policy of tax abatement for owners or lessees of eligible facilities willing to execute tax abatement contracts designed to provide long-term significant positive economic impact to the community by utilizing the area contractors and work force to the maximum extent feasible, and by developing, redeveloping, and improving property, except as otherwise provided. These Amended Guidelines and Criteria are effective as of the date adopted.

In order to be eligible for designation as a reinvestment zone and receive tax abatement, the planned improvement:

1. Must be reasonably expected to have an increase in positive net economic benefit to Jones County of at least \$1,000,000.00 over the life of the abatement, computed to include (but not limited to) new sustaining payroll and/or capital improvement. The creation of (number and type) new jobs will also factor into the decision to grant an abatement; and
2. Must not be expected to solely or primarily have the effect of transferring employment from one part of Jones County to another.

In addition to the criteria set forth above, the Jones County Commissioners Court reserves the right to negotiate a tax abatement agreement in order to compete favorably with other communities.

Only that increase in the fair market value of the property directly resultant from the development, redevelopment, and improvement specified in the contract will be eligible for abatement and then only to the extent that such increase exceeds any reduction in the fair market value of the other property of the applicant located within the jurisdiction creating the reinvestment zone.

All abatement contracts will be for a term no longer than allowed by law.

It is the goal of Jones County to grant tax abatements on the same terms and conditions as the other taxing units having jurisdiction of the property. However, nothing herein shall limit the discretion of the Jones County Commissioners Court to consider, adopt, modify or decline any tax abatement request.

This policy is effective as of the date adopted by the Jones County Commissioners Court and shall at all times be kept current with regard to the needs of Jones County and reflective of the official views of the County Commissioners Court and shall be reviewed every two (2) years.

**Exhibit K**

The adoption of these amended guidelines and criteria by the Jones County Commissioners Court does not:

1. Limit the discretion of the governing body to decide whether or not to enter into a specific tax abatement agreement;
2. Limit the discretion of the governing body to delegate to its employees the authority to determine whether or not the governing body should consider a particular application or request for tax abatement; or
3. Create any property, contract, or other legal right in any person to have the governing body consider or grant a specific application or request for tax abatement;

## Section I Definitions

- A. "Abatement" means the full or partial exemption from ad valorem taxes of certain property in a reinvestment zone designated by Jones County or a school district within Jones County for economic development purposes.
- B. "Agreement" means a contractual agreement for a tax abatement between a property owner and/or lessee and Jones County.
- C. "Base year value" means the assessed value on the eligible property as of January 1 preceding the execution of the agreement.
- D. "Deferred maintenance" means improvements necessary for continued operation which do not improve productivity or alter the process technology.
- E. "Eligible facilities" means new, expanded, or modernized buildings and structures, including fixed machinery and equipment, which is reasonably likely as a result of granting abatement to contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment or to attract major investment in the reinvestment zone that would be a benefit to the property and that would contribute to the economic development of Jones County, but does not include facilities which are intended to be primarily to provide goods or services to residents for existing businesses located in Jones County, such as, but not limited to, restaurants and retail sales establishments, eligible facilities may include, but shall not be limited to hotels and office buildings.
- F. "Expansion" means the addition of building structures, machinery, equipment, or payroll for purposes of increasing production capacity.
- G. "Facility" means property improvements completed or in the process of construction which together comprise an interregional whole.
- H. "Modernization" means a complete or partial demolition of facilities and the complete or partial reconstruction or installation of a facility of similar or expanded production

capacity. Modernization may result from the construction, alteration, or installation of buildings, structures, machinery, or equipment, or both.

- I. "New facility" means a property previously undeveloped which is placed into service by means other than or in conjunction with expansion or modernization.
- J. "Productive life" means the number of years a property improvement is expected to be in service in a facility.

## Section 2 Abatement Authorized

- A. Eligible facilities. Upon application, eligible facilities shall be considered for tax abatement as hereinafter provided.
- B. Creation of New Values. Abatement may only be granted for the additional value of eligible property improvements made subsequent to and specified in an abatement agreement between Jones County and the property owner or lessee, subject to such limitations as Jones County may require.
- C. New and existing facilities. Abatement may be granted for the additional value of eligible property improvements made subsequent to and specified in an abatement agreement between Jones County and the property owner or lessee, subject to such limitations as Jones County may require.
- D. Eligible property. Abatement may be extended to the value of buildings, structures, fixed machinery and equipment, site improvements and related fixed improvements necessary to the operation and administration of the facility.
- E. Ineligible Property. The following types of property shall be fully taxable and ineligible for tax abatement: land, supplies, tools, furnishings, and other forms of movable personal property, housing, deferred maintenance, property to be rented or leased except as provided in Section 2 F, property which has a productive life of less than ten (10) years.
- F. Owned/leased facilities. If a leased facility is granted abatement, the agreement shall be executed with the lessor and the lessee.
- G. Economic Qualifications. In order to be eligible for designation as a reinvestment zone and receive tax abatement, the planned improvement:
  - 1. Must be reasonably expected to have an increase in positive net benefit to Jones County of at least \$1,000,000.00 over the life of the abatement agreement, computed to include (but not limited to) new sustaining payroll and/or capital improvement. The creation of (number and type) new jobs will also factor into the decision to grant an abatement; and

2. Must not be expected to solely or primarily have the effect of transferring employment from one part of Jones County to another.

H. Standards for Tax Abatement. The following factors, among others, shall be considered in determining whether to grant tax abatement:

1. Value of existing improvements, if any;
2. Type and value of proposed improvements;
3. Productive life of proposed improvements;
4. Number of existing jobs to be retained by proposed improvements;
5. Number and type of new jobs to be created by proposed improvements;
6. Amount of local payroll to be created;
7. Whether the new jobs to be created will be filled by persons residing or projected to reside within affected taxing jurisdiction;
8. Amount which property tax base valuation will be increased during the term of abatement and after abatement, which shall include a definitive commitment that such valuation shall not, in any case, be less than \$1,000,000.00;
9. The costs to be incurred by Jones County to provide facilities directly resulting from the new improvements;
10. The amount of ad valorem taxes to be paid to Jones County during the abatement period considering:
  - a. the existing values;
  - b. the percentage of new value abated;
  - c. the abatement period; and
  - d. the value after expiration of the abatement period.
11. The population growth of Jones County that occurs directly as a result of new improvements;
12. The types and values of public improvements, if any, to be made by applicant seeking abatement;
13. Whether the proposed improvements compete with existing businesses to the detriment of the local economy;
14. The impact on the business opportunities of existing businesses;
15. The attraction of other new businesses to the area;
16. The overall compatibility with the zoning ordinances and comprehensive plan for the area;
17. Whether the project obtains all necessary permits from the applicable environmental agencies.

Each eligible facility shall be reviewed on its merits utilizing the factors provided above. After such review, abatement may be denied entirely or may be granted to the extent deemed appropriate after full evaluation.

I. Denial of Abatement. Neither a reinvestment zone nor abatement agreement shall be authorized if it is determined that:

1. There would be substantial adverse effect on the provision of government services or tax base;
  2. The applicant has insufficient financial capacity;
  3. Planned or potential use of the property would constitute a hazard to public safety, health, or morals;
  4. Violation of other codes or laws; or
  5. Any other reason deemed appropriate by Jones County.
- J. Taxability. From the execution of the abatement to the end of the agreement period, taxes shall be payable as follows:
1. The value of ineligible property as provided in Section 2 E shall be fully taxable; and
  2. The base year value of existing eligible property as determined each year shall be fully taxable.

The additional value of new eligible property shall be fully taxable at the end of the abatement period.

### Section 3 Application

- A. Any present or potential owner of taxable property in Jones County may request the creation of a reinvestment zone and tax abatement by filing a written application with the County Judge.
- B. The application shall consist of a general description of the new improvements to be undertaken; a descriptive list of the kind and number of improvements for which an abatement is requested; a map of the reinvestment zone where the improvements will be located and property description; and an estimated time schedule for undertaking and completing the proposed improvements. In the case of modernization, a statement of the assessed value of the facility, separately stated for real and personal property, shall be given for the tax year immediately preceding the application. The County may require such financial and other information as deemed appropriate for evaluating the financial capacity and other factors pertaining to the applicant, to be attached to the application. The completed application must be accompanied by the payment of a non-refundable application fee for administrative costs associated with the processing of the tax abatement request. All checks in payment of the administrative fee shall be made payable to Jones County. For abatement requests for improvements with a planned value equal to or in excess of \$1,000,000.00 the fee shall be one thousand and no/100 dollars (\$1,000.00), accompanied by the agreement that the Applicant shall pay costs of publishing the statutorily required notices and reasonable attorney and consulting fees as may be incurred by Jones County in the examination of the application as well as the preparation, negotiation and implementation of any tax abatement agreement.

- C. Jones County shall give notice as provided by the Property Tax Code, i.e. written notice, to the presiding officer of the governing body of each taxing unit in which the property to be subject of the agreement is located not later than the seventh day before the public hearing and publication in a newspaper of general circulation within such taxing jurisdiction not later than the seventh day before the public hearing on the establishment of a reinvestment zone. Before acting upon application, Jones County shall, through public hearing, afford the applicant and the designated representative of any governing body referenced hereinabove opportunity to show cause why the abatement should or should not be granted.
- D. If a city within Jones County designates a reinvestment zone within its corporate limits and enters into or proposes to enter into or proposes to enter into an abatement agreement with a present or potential owner of a taxable property, such present or potential owner of taxable property may request tax abatement by Jones County by following the same application process described in Section 3 A hereof. No other notice of hearing shall be required except compliance with the Open Meetings Act, unless the Commissioners Court deems them necessary in a particular case.

#### Section 4 Agreement

- A. After approval, the Commissioners Court of Jones County shall formally pass a resolution and execute an agreement with the owner of the facility and lessee as required which shall:
  - 1. Include a list of the kind, number, and location of all proposed improvements to the property;
  - 2. Provide access to and authorize inspection of the property by the taxing unit to ensure compliance with the agreement;
  - 3. Limit the use of the property consistent with the taxing unit's development goals;
  - 4. Provide for recapturing property tax revenues that are lost if the owner fails to make improvements as provided by the agreement;
  - 5. Include each term that was agreed upon with the property owner and require the owner of the facility to annually certify compliance with the terms of the agreement to each taxing unit;
  - 6. Allow the taxing unit to cancel or modify the agreement at any time if the property owner fails to comply with the terms of the agreement
  - 7. Provide for open access to substations and transmission lines in Jones County by including in the abatement agreement a section in substantial conformity with Exhibit "A".
- B. The owner of the facility and lessee shall also agree to the following:
  - 1. A specified number of permanent full time jobs at facility shall be created, and the owner and lessee shall make reasonable efforts to employ persons who are

residents of Jones County in such jobs, provided, however, that there shall be no obligation to employ residents who are not:

- a. equally or more qualified than nonresident applicants;
  - b. available for employment on terms and/or salaries comparable to those required by nonresident applicants; or
  - c. able to become qualified with 72 hours training provided by Owner.
2. Each person employed in such job shall perform a portion, if not all, of their work in Jones County.
  3. Owner shall agree that it and its contractors, if any, will use reasonably commercial efforts to maximize its use of goods and services available through Jones County businesses in the construction, operation, and maintenance of the improvements and the project; provided, however, that there shall be no requirement to use goods and services provided by Jones County residents that are not:
    - a. of similar quality to those provided by nonresidents; or
    - b. made available on terms and conditions (including pricing) comparable to those offered by nonresidents. Comparable price shall be defined as less than or equal to 105% of the nonresident price for equivalent quality, conditions and terms.
  4. Owner or its construction contractor, if any, shall designate a coordinator of local services who will act as liaison between any individuals, businesses, and contractors residing or doing business in Jones County who are interested in obtaining information about providing goods or services related to the construction of the project. Additionally, Owner or its construction contractor, if any, shall advertise in local newspapers in Jones County for local contractors to perform work on the construction of the project.
  5. Owner shall agree to maintain a viable presence (as below defined) within the reinvestment zone for a period of time, as set by the Jones County Commissioners Court, not to exceed twenty (20) years from the date that the abatement agreement first takes effect. For purposes hereof, "Maintain a Viable Presence" means (i) the operation of the Eligible Facilities, as the same may from time to time be expanded, upgraded, improved, modified, changed, remodeled, repaired, restored, reconstructed, reconfigured and/or reengineered, and (ii) the retention of not fewer than three (3) Qualifying Jobs as defined by Texas Tax Code Section 313.021(3)(E) to be located and performed, in part, within Jones County.
  6. On May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year that the agreement shall be in effect, Owner shall certify to the County Judge of Jones County, and to the governing body of each taxing unit, that Owner is in compliance with each applicable term set forth above.

Such agreement shall normally be executed within sixty (60) days after the applicant has forwarded all necessary information and documentation to the Commissioners Court.

## Section 5 Recapture

- A. In the event that the Owner or its assignee:

1. Allows its ad valorem taxes owed Jones County to become delinquent and fails to timely and properly follow the legal procedures for their protest and/or contest; or
  2. Violates any of the terms and conditions of the abatement agreement and fails to cure during the cure period, the agreement then may be terminated and all taxes previously abated by virtue of the agreement will be recaptured and paid within thirty (30) days of the termination.
- B. Should Jones County determine that the applicant or its assignee is in default according to the terms and conditions of its agreement, Jones County shall notify the company or individual in writing at the address stated in the agreement, and if such is not cured within the time set forth in such notice ("Cure Period") then the agreement may be terminated.

## Section 6 Administration

- A. The Chief Appraiser of the Jones County Appraisal District will annually determine an assessment of the real and personal property comprising the reinvestment zone. Each year, the company or individual receiving abatement shall furnish the Appraiser with such information as may be necessary for the abatement. Once value has been established, the Chief Appraiser will notify the Commissioners Court of Jones County of the amount of the assessment.
- B. Jones County may execute a contract with any other jurisdiction(s) to inspect the facility to determine if the terms and conditions of the abatement agreement are being met. The abatement agreement shall stipulate that employees and/or designated representatives of Jones County will have access to the reinvestment zone during the term of the abatement to inspect the facility to determine if the terms and conditions of the agreement are being met. All inspections will be made only after the giving of twenty-four (24) hours prior notice and will only be conducted in such a manner as to not unreasonably interfere with the construction and/or operation of the facility. All inspections will be made with one or more representatives of the company or individual and in accordance with its safety standards.
- C. Upon completion of construction, the designated representative of Jones County shall annually evaluate each facility receiving abatement to insure compliance with the agreement. A formal report shall be made to the Commissioners Court.

## Section 7 Assignment

The abatement agreement may be transferred and assigned by the holder to a new owner or lessee of the same facility upon the approval by resolution of the Commissioners Court of Jones County subject to the financial capacity of the assignee and provided that all conditions and obligations in the abatement agreement are guaranteed by the execution of a new contractual agreement and/or assumption agreement with Jones County. No assignment or transfer shall be approved if the parties to the existing agreement, the new owner or new lessee are liable to any

jurisdiction for outstanding taxes or other obligations. Approval shall not be unreasonably delayed or withheld.

Section 8  
Sunset Provision

These Amended Guidelines and Criteria are effective upon the date of their adoption and will remain in force for two (2) years unless amended by three-quarters vote of the Commissioners Court of Jones County, at which time all reinvestment zones and tax abatement agreements created pursuant to these provisions will be reviewed to determine whether the goals have been achieved. Based on the review, the Amended Guidelines and Criteria will be modified, renewed, or eliminated.

ADOPTED the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

JONES COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT

  
JUDGE DALE SPURGIN

  
COMM. JAMES CLAWSON

  
COMM. STEVE LEFEVRE

  
COMM. JOE WHITEHORN

  
COMM. ROSS DAVIS

## **EXHIBIT "A"**

Each Tax Abatement Agreement executed by Jones County after the date of approval of these Amended Guidelines and Criteria shall contain provisions assuring open access to Transmission Infrastructure in substantial conformity with the following:

### Assuring Open Access to Transmission Infrastructure

- (a) The Parties acknowledge that this Agreement is meant to enhance the development of wind, solar and other electricity generating facilities in Jones County. The Owner further acknowledges that the County hosts certain critical transmission infrastructure ("Public Infrastructure"), including substation(s) and transmission lines which have been planned and approved by the Texas Public Utilities Commission and funded by the ratepayers of Texas. The existence of this infrastructure creates the potential for future transmission line development ("Competing Lines") in support of additional wind and other electricity generating facilities in the County by other project sponsors/owners ("Competing Line Owners").
- (b) The Owner agrees to reasonably accommodate the planning, construction and operation of such Competing Lines, including the interconnection of such lines to substations. Owner also agrees to cooperate reasonably with Competing Line Owners to facilitate access to Public Infrastructure. Such cooperation may include: i) attempting to agree with a Competing Line Owner on mutually satisfactory arrangements for the siting and operation of a Competing Line, including exchanging respective lease or easement rights to avoid line crossings; and ii) allowing a Competing Line to cross the Owner's leased area, provided Competing Line Owner and Owner execute a crossing agreement reasonably acceptable to both parties.
- (c) The Owner agrees not to seek unreasonable compensation, limit Competing Line Owner transmission line or generating facility capacity, perverse termination clauses or insurance requirements.
- (d) In the spirit of maintaining a fair, competitive and robust environment in Jones County for electricity generating projects in Jones County, the County agrees that any future abatement agreement between the County and Competing Line Owners will contain provisions substantially similar to this Section.

**Jones City Solar, LLC**

Chapter 313 Application to Anson ISD

Cummings Westlake, LLC

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**TAB 17**

*Signature and Certification page, signed and dated by Authorized School District Representative and Authorized Company Representative (applicant)*

See Attached

SECTION 16: Authorized Signatures and Applicant Certification

After the application and schedules are complete, an authorized representative from the school district and the business should review the application documents and complete this authorization page. Attach the completed authorization page in Tab 17. NOTE: If you amend your application, you will need to obtain new signatures and resubmit this page, Section 16, with the amendment request.

1. Authorized School District Representative Signature

I am the authorized representative for the school district to which this application is being submitted. I understand that this application is a government record as defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code.

print here Jay Baccus
Print Name (Authorized School District Representative)

Superintendent
Title

sign here [Signature]
Signature (Authorized School District Representative)

8/12/19
Date

2. Authorized Company Representative (Applicant) Signature and Notarization

I am the authorized representative for the business entity for the purpose of filing this application. I understand that this application is a government record as defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code. The information contained in this application and schedules is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

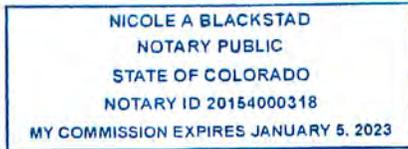
I hereby certify and affirm that the business entity I represent is in good standing under the laws of the state in which the business entity was organized and that no delinquent taxes are owed to the State of Texas.

print here Brian Evans
Print Name (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))

Chief Development Officer
Title

sign here [Signature]
Signature (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))

7/30/19
Date



(Notary Seal)

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this, the

30 day of July 2019
[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas - COLORADO
My Commission expires: January 5, 2023

If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.

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April 22, 2020

Local Government Assistance & Economic Analysis  
Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts  
P.O. Box 13528  
Austin, Texas 78711-3528

RE: Amendment001 to the Anson Independent School District from Jones City Solar, LLC

To the Local Government Assistance & Economic Analysis Division:

Enclosed. Please find amendment001 to the Anson ISD from Jones City Solar, LLC. The following changes have been made:

1. Tabs 4, 7 and 8 show the project changing from 200MW to 215MW.
2. Schedules A1 – C have been updated to show the change of project.
3. New signature page

A copy of the application will be submitted to the Jones County Appraisal District.

Sincerely,



Kevin O'Hanlon  
School District Consultant

Cc: Jones County Appraisal District  
Jones City Solar, LLC

#### TAB 4

##### Detailed Description of the Project

*Provide 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.*

Jones City Solar, LLC (Jones City Solar) is requesting an appraised value limitation from Anson Independent School District (ISD) for the Jones City Solar Project (the "Project"), a proposed solar powered electric generating facility in Jones County. The proposed Anson ISD Project (this application) will be constructed within a Reinvestment Zone of approximately 3,805 acres that will be established by Jones County. A map showing the location of the project is included in TAB 11.

The proposed Project is anticipated to have a capacity of approximately 215 MW located in Anson ISD. The exact number and location of panels and inverters will vary depending upon ongoing siting analysis, manufacturer's availability, prices, and the megawatt generating capacity of the Project when completed. Current estimated plans are to install approximately 596,124 PV modules and 74 inverters with all improvements located in Anson ISD. The Applicant requests a value limitation for all facilities and equipment installed for the Project, including; solar modules/panels, racking and mounting structures, inverters, combiner boxes, meteorological equipment, foundations, roadways, O&M building, paving, fencing, collection system, electrical substations, generation transmission tie line and associated towers, interconnection facilities and all eligible ancillary and necessary equipment.

Full construction of the Project is anticipated to begin in the June of 2020 with completion by December 31, 2021.

*\*NOTE:* The map in TAB 11 shows the potential locations of improvements within Anson ISD boundaries; however, the final number of panels and inverters and the location of each of these facilities is dependent upon ongoing negotiations with power purchasers and other factors.

## TAB 7

### Description of Qualified Investment

Jones City Solar, LLC plans to construct a 215 MW solar farm in Jones County.

This application covers all qualified property within Anson ISD necessary for the commercial operations of the proposed solar farm described in Tab 4. Two hundred and fifteen megawatts (215 MW) will be located in Anson ISD. Panel placement is subject to change but for purposes of this application, the Project anticipates using approximately 596,124 PV modules or equivalent and 74 inverters.

This application covers all qualified investment and qualified property necessary for the commercial operations of the solar farm.

Qualified Investment and qualified property includes; solar modules/panels, racking and mounting structures, inverters, combiner boxes, meteorological equipment, foundations, roadways, O&M building, paving, fencing, collection system, electrical substations, generation transmission tie line and associated towers, interconnection facilities, control systems necessary for commercial generation of electricity and all eligible ancillary and necessary equipment.

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## TAB 8

### Description of Qualified Property

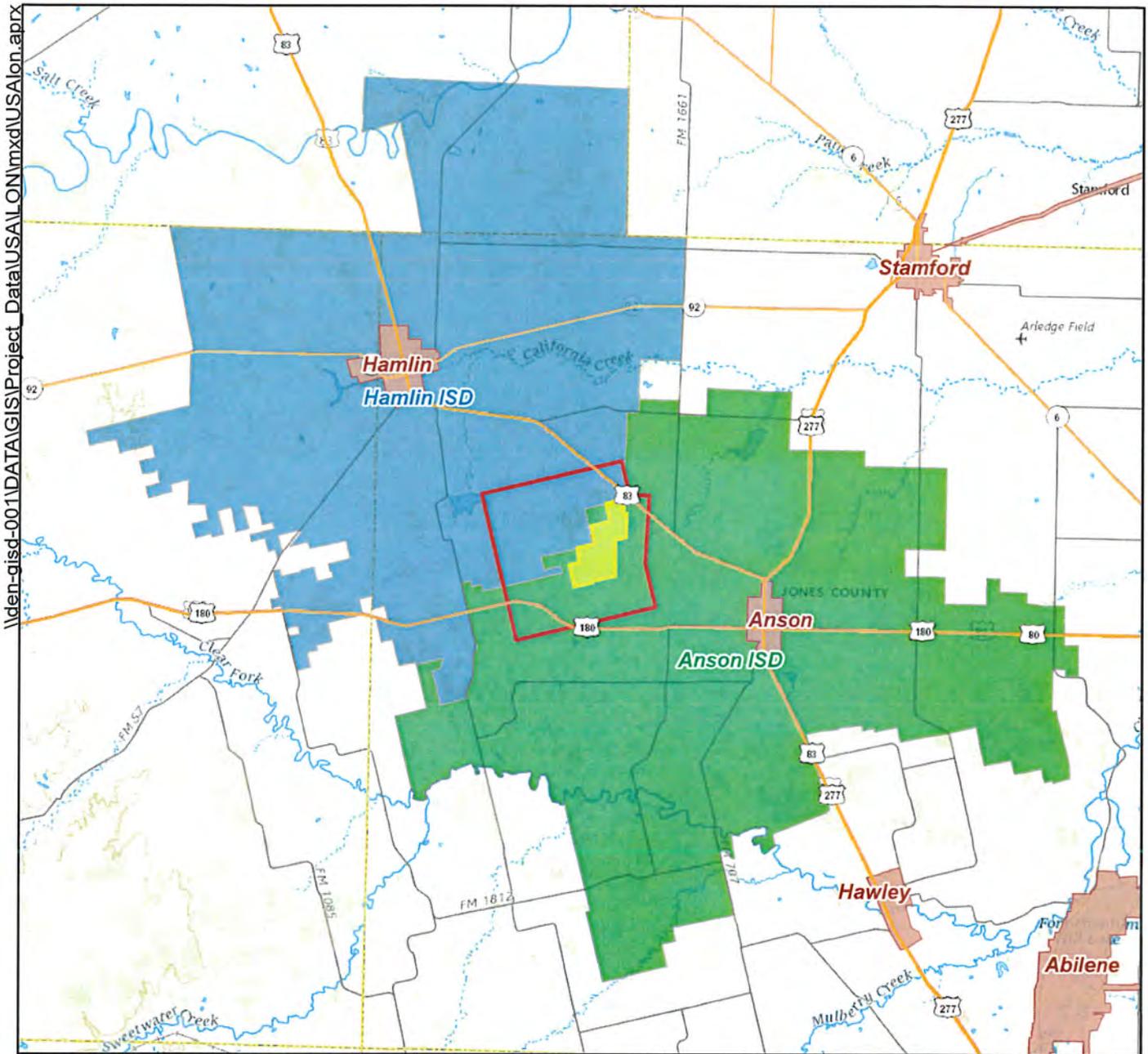
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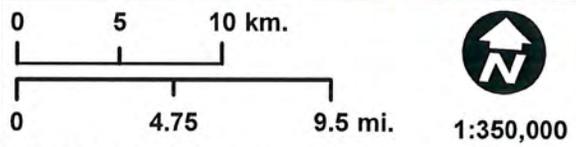
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**Vicinity Map**  
 Jones City Solar LLC (Lone Star) Phase 1



**Project**

Phase I Boundary

**Administrative**

Incorporated Places

Proposed Reinvestment Zone

**School Districts**

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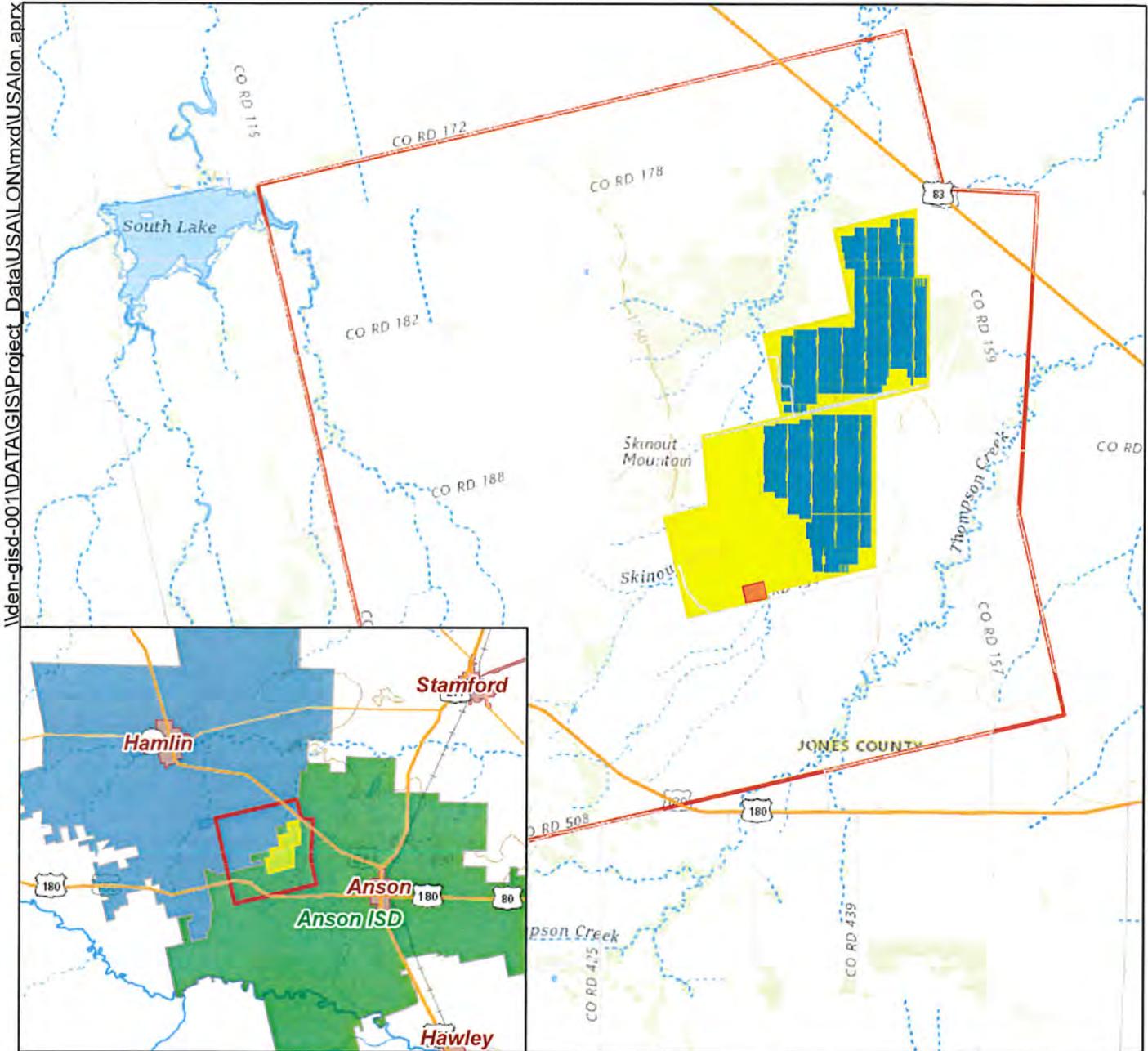
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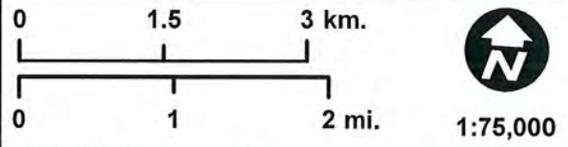


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## Improvements Map

Jones City Solar LLC (Lone Star) Phase 1



### Project

- Proposed Substation Location
- Phase I Boundary
- Phase I Solar Layout

### Administrative

- Incorporated Places
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Schedule A1: Total Investment for Economic Impact (through the Qualifying Time Period)

1459-Anson-Jones City Solar-Amendment001  
April 22, 2020

Form 90-206A  
Revised May 2014

Date: 3/11/2020  
Applicant Name: Jones City Solar, LLC  
ISD Name: Anson ISD

PROPERTY INVESTMENT AMOUNTS  
(Estimated investment in each year. Do not put cumulative totals.)

Year	School Year (YYYY)	Tax Year (YYYY) (Fill in actual tax year below)	Column A New investment (original cost) in tangible personal property placed in service during this year that will become Qualified Property	Column B New investment made during this year in buildings or permanent nonremovable components of buildings that will become Qualified Property	Column C Other new investment made during this year that will become Qualified Property [SEE NOTE]	Column D Other new investment made during this year that may become Qualified Property [NOTE]	Column E Total Investment (Sum of Columns A+B+C+D)
			Not eligible to become Qualified Property			[The only other investment made before filing complete application with district that may become Qualified Property is land.]	0
		2020	0	0	0	0	0
			36,550,000	0	0	0	36,550,000
			145,500,000	700,000	0	0	146,200,000
			0	0	0	0	0
			182,050,000	700,000	0	0	182,750,000
<b>Total Investment through Qualifying Time Period [ENTER this row in Schedule A2]</b>							
<b>Total Qualified Investment (sum of green cells)</b>			182,750,000				

Enter amounts from TOTAL row above in Schedule A2

For All Columns: List amount invested each year, not cumulative totals.

Column A: This represents the total dollar amount of planned investment in tangible personal property. Only include estimates of investment for "replacement" property if the property is specifically described in the application.

Column B: The total dollar amount of planned investment that is specifically described in the application can become qualified property.

Column C: Dollar value of other investment that may affect economic impact and total value. Examples of other investment that will not become qualified property include investment meeting the definition of 313.021(1) but not creating a new improvement as defined by TAG 9.1051. This is proposed property that functionally replaces existing property; is used to maintain, refurbish, renovate, modify or upgrade existing property; or is affixed to existing property—described in SECTION 13, question #5 of the application.

Column D: Dollar value of other investment that may affect economic impact and total value. Examples of other investment that may result in qualified property are land or professional services.

Total Investment: Add together each cell in a column and enter the sum in the blue total investment row. Enter the data from this row into the first row in Schedule A2.

Qualified Investment: For the green qualified investment cell, enter the sum of all the green-shaded cells.

Schedule A2: Total Investment for Economic Impact (Including Qualified Property and other investments) 1459-Anson-Jones City Solar-Amendment001 April 22, 2020

Date: 3/11/2020  
Applicant Name: Jones City Solar, LLC  
USD Name: Anson ISD

PROPERTY INVESTMENT AMOUNTS (Estimated investment in each year. Do not put cumulative totals.)									
Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year below) YYYY	Column A New investment (original cost) in tangible personal property placed in service during this year that will become Qualified Property	Column B New investment made during this year in buildings or permanent nonremovable components of buildings that will become Qualified Property	Column C Other investment made during this year that will not become Qualified Property (SEE NOTE)	Column D Other investment made during this year that will become Qualified Property (SEE NOTE)	Column E Total Investment (A+B+C+D)		
Total investment from Schedule A1*			182,050,000	700,000	0	0	182,750,000		
Each year prior to start of value limitation period**			0	0	0	0	0		
1	2021-2022	2021	0	0	0	0	0		
2	2022-2023	2022	0	0	0	0	0		
3	2023-2024	2023	0	0	0	0	0		
4	2024-2025	2024	0	0	0	0	0		
5	2025-2026	2025	0	0	0	0	0		
6	2026-2027	2026	0	0	0	0	0		
7	2027-2028	2027	0	0	0	0	0		
8	2028-2029	2028	0	0	0	0	0		
9	2029-2030	2029	0	0	0	0	0		
10	2030-2031	2030	0	0	0	0	0		
11	2031-2032	2031	0	0	0	0	0		
Total investment made through limitation			182,050,000	700,000	0	0	182,750,000		
Additional years for 25 year economic impact as required by 313.026(c)(1)									
11	2032-2033	2032							
12	2033-2034	2033							
13	2034-2035	2034							
14	2035-2036	2035							
15	2036-2037	2036							
16	2037-2038	2037							
17	2038-2039	2038							
18	2039-2040	2039							
19	2040-2041	2040							
20	2041-2042	2041							
21	2042-2043	2042							
22	2043-2044	2043							
23	2044-2045	2044							
24	2045-2046	2045							
25	2046-2047	2046							

\* All investments made through the qualifying time period are captured and totaled on Schedule A1 [blue box] and incorporated into this schedule in the first row.  
 \*\* Only investment made during deferrals of the start of the limitation (after the end of qualifying time period but before the start of the Value Limitation Period) should be included in the "year prior to start of value limitation period" row(s). If the limitation starts at the end of the qualifying time period or the qualifying time period overlaps the limitation, no investment should be included on this line.  
 \*\*\* If your qualifying time period will overlap your value limitation period, do not also include investment made during the qualifying time period in years 1 and/or 2 of the value limitation period, depending on the overlap. Only include investments/years that were not captured on Schedule A1.  
 For All Columns: List amount invested each year, not cumulative totals. Only include investments in the remaining rows of Schedule A2 that were not captured on Schedule A1.  
 Column A: This represents the total dollar amount of planned investment in tangible personal property. Only include estimates of investment for "replacement" property if the property is specifically described in the application.  
 Column B: The total dollar amount of planned investment each year in buildings or nonremovable component of buildings.  
 Column C: Dollar value of other investment that may affect economic impact and total value. Examples of other investment that will not become qualified property include investment meaning the definition of 313.021(1) but not creating a new improvement as defined by TAC 9.1051. This is proposed property that functionally replaces existing property; is used to maintain, refurbish, renovate, modify or upgrade existing property; or is affixed to existing property—described in SECTION 13, question #5 of the application.  
 Column D: Dollar value of other investment that may affect economic impact and total value. Examples of other investment that may result in qualified property are land or professional services.

Date  
 Applicant Name  
 ISD Name

3/11/2020  
 Jones City Solar, LLC  
 Anson ISD

Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Fill in actual tax year) YYYY	Qualified Property			Estimated Taxable Value		
			Estimated Market Value of Land	Estimated Total Market Value of new buildings or other new improvements	Estimated Total Market Value of tangible personal property in the new buildings or "in or on the new improvements"	Market Value less any exemptions (such as pollution control) and before limitation	Final taxable value for I&S after all reductions	Final taxable value for M&O after all reductions
0	2021-2022	2021	0	0	3,289,500	3,289,500	3,289,500	3,289,500
1	2022-2023	2022	0	679,000	117,240,200	117,919,200	117,919,200	20,000,000
2	2023-2024	2023	0	662,000	107,045,400	107,707,400	107,707,400	20,000,000
3	2024-2025	2024	0	645,500	96,850,600	97,496,100	97,496,100	20,000,000
4	2025-2026	2025	0	629,400	85,381,450	86,010,850	86,010,850	20,000,000
5	2026-2027	2026	0	613,700	73,912,300	74,526,000	74,526,000	20,000,000
6	2027-2028	2027	0	598,400	62,443,150	63,041,550	63,041,550	20,000,000
7	2028-2029	2028	0	583,400	49,699,650	50,283,050	50,283,050	20,000,000
8	2029-2030	2029	0	568,800	38,230,500	38,799,300	38,799,300	20,000,000
9	2030-2031	2030	0	554,600	30,584,400	31,139,000	31,139,000	20,000,000
10	2031-2032	2031	0	540,700	26,761,350	27,302,050	27,302,050	20,000,000
11	2032-2033	2032	0	527,200	26,761,350	27,288,550	27,288,550	27,288,550
12	2033-2034	2033	0	514,000	26,761,350	27,275,350	27,275,350	27,275,350
13	2034-2035	2034	0	501,200	26,761,350	27,262,550	27,262,550	27,262,550
14	2035-2036	2035	0	488,700	26,761,350	27,250,050	27,250,050	27,250,050
15	2036-2037	2036	0	476,500	26,761,350	27,237,850	27,237,850	27,237,850
16	2037-2038	2037	0	464,600	26,761,350	27,225,950	27,225,950	27,225,950
17	2038-2039	2038	0	453,000	26,761,350	27,214,350	27,214,350	27,214,350
18	2039-2040	2039	0	441,700	26,761,350	27,203,050	27,203,050	27,203,050
19	2040-2041	2040	0	430,700	26,761,350	27,192,050	27,192,050	27,192,050
20	2041-2042	2041	0	419,900	26,761,350	27,181,250	27,181,250	27,181,250
21	2042-2043	2042	0	409,400	26,761,350	27,170,750	27,170,750	27,170,750
22	2043-2044	2043	0	399,200	26,761,350	27,160,550	27,160,550	27,160,550
23	2044-2045	2044	0	389,200	26,761,350	27,150,550	27,150,550	27,150,550
24	2045-2046	2045	0	379,500	26,761,350	27,140,850	27,140,850	27,140,850
25	2046-2047	2046	0	370,000	26,761,350	27,131,350	27,131,350	27,131,350

Notes: Market value in future years is good faith estimate of future taxable value for the purposes of property taxation.  
 Only include market value for eligible property on this schedule.

Schedule C: Employment Information

Date: 3/11/2020  
Applicant Name: Jones City Solar, LLC  
ISD Name: Anson ISD

	Year	School Year (YYYY-YYYY)	Tax Year (Actual tax year) YYYY	Construction			Non-Qualifying Jobs		Qualifying Jobs	
				Column A Number of Construction FTE's or man-hours (specify)	Column B Average annual wage rates for construction workers	Column C Number of non-qualifying jobs applicant estimates it will create (cumulative)	Column D Number of new qualifying jobs applicant commits to create meeting all criteria of Sec. 313.021(3) (cumulative)	Column E Average annual wage of new qualifying jobs		
Each year prior to start of Value Limitation Period <i>Insert as many rows as necessary</i>	0	2020-2021	2020	50 FTE	50,000	0	0	0	0	
	0	2021-2022	2021	150 FTE	50,000	0	0	0	0	
Value Limitation Period <i>The qualifying time period could overlap the value limitation period.</i>	1	2022-2023	2022	N/A	N/A	0	1	42,260		
	2	2023-2024	2023	N/A	N/A	0	1	42,260		
	3	2024-2025	2024	N/A	N/A	0	1	42,260		
	4	2025-2026	2025	N/A	N/A	0	1	42,260		
	5	2026-2027	2026	N/A	N/A	0	1	42,260		
	6	2027-2028	2027	N/A	N/A	0	1	42,260		
	7	2028-2029	2028	N/A	N/A	0	1	42,260		
	8	2029-2030	2029	N/A	N/A	0	1	42,260		
	9	2030-2031	2030	N/A	N/A	0	1	42,260		
	10	2031-2032	2031	N/A	N/A	0	1	42,260		
	11 through 25	2032-2047	2032-2046	N/A	N/A	0	1	42,260		

Notes: See TAC 9.1051 for definition of non-qualifying jobs.  
Only include jobs on the project site in this school district.

C1. Are the cumulative number of qualifying jobs listed in Column D less than the number of qualifying jobs required by statute? (25  
qualifying jobs in Subchapter B districts, 10 qualifying jobs in Subchapter C districts)  
If yes, answer the following two questions:

C1a. Will the applicant request a job waiver, as provided under 313.025(f-1)?

C1b. Will the applicant avail itself of the provision in 313.021(3)(F)?

Yes  No   
 Yes  No   
 Yes  No



# Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property

## SECTION 16. Authorized Signatures and Applicant Certification

After the application and schedules are complete, an authorized representative from the school district and the business should review the application documents and complete this authorization page. Attach the completed authorization page in **Tab 17**. **NOTE:** If you amend your application, you will need to obtain new signatures and resubmit this page, Section 16, with the amendment request.

### 1. Authorized School District Representative Signature

I am the authorized representative for the school district to which this application is being submitted. I understand that this application is a government record as defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code.

**print here** ▶ Jay Baccus  
Print Name (Authorized School District Representative)

Superintendent

Title

**sign here** ▶   
Signature (Authorized School District Representative)

4/20/2020  
Date

### 2. Authorized Company Representative (Applicant) Signature and Notarization

I am the authorized representative for the business entity for the purpose of filing this application. I understand that this application is a government record as defined in Chapter 37 of the Texas Penal Code. The information contained in this application and schedules is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I hereby certify and affirm that the business entity I represent is in good standing under the laws of the state in which the business entity was organized and that no delinquent taxes are owed to the State of Texas.

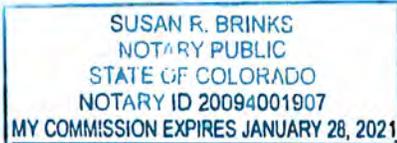
**print here** ▶ Brian Evans  
Print Name (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))

Chief Development Officer

Title

**sign here** ▶   
Signature (Authorized Company Representative (Applicant))

3/13/2020  
Date



(Notary Seal)

GIVEN under my hand and seal of office this, the  
by Brian Evans

13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

Susan R. Brinks  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas- Colorado

My Commission expires: 1-28-2021

If you make a false statement on this application, you could be found guilty of a Class A misdemeanor or a state jail felony under Texas Penal Code Section 37.10.

**Jones City Solar, LLC**

Chapter 313 Application to Anson ISD

Cummings Westlake, LLC

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**TAB 3**

*Documentation of Combined Group membership under Texas Tax Code 171.0001(7), history of tax default, delinquencies and/or material litigation (if applicable)*

Jones City Solar, LLC was created in May of 2019. The first Texas Franchise Tax return that this entity would be required to be listed would be for the Franchise period 11/1/2018 – 10/31/2019. It will be included with the combined TX return for Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc. and Subsidiaries.

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Texas Franchise Tax Affiliate Schedule

Tcode 13253 Annual

Reporting entity taxpayer number 19546837303	Report year 2019	Reporting entity taxpayer name RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS AMERICAS, INC. & SUBS
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Reporting entity must be included on Affiliate Schedule. Affiliate reporting period dates must be within combined group's accounting period dates.

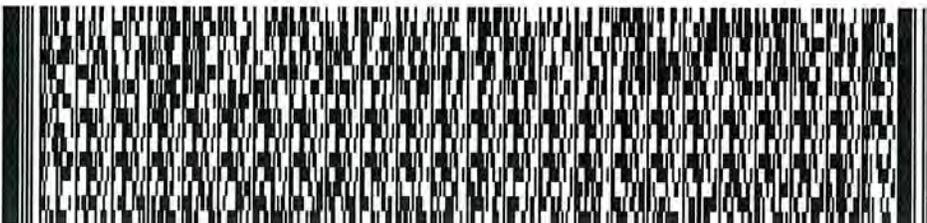
1. Legal name of affiliate RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS AMERICAS INC.		2. Affiliate taxpayer number (if none, use FEI number) 19546837303		3. Affiliate NAICS code 237130	
4. Blacken box if entity is disregarded for franchise tax <input type="checkbox"/>	5. Blacken box if this affiliate does NOT have NEXUS in Texas <input type="checkbox"/>	6. Affiliate reporting begin date m m d d y y 1 1 0 1 1 7		7. Affiliate reporting end date m m d d y y 1 0 3 1 1 8	
8. Gross receipts subject to throwback in other states (before eliminations) 0.00		9. Gross receipts everywhere (before eliminations) 13415506.00			
10. Gross receipts in Texas (before eliminations) 12337469.00		11. Cost of goods sold or compensation (before eliminations) 37093037.00			

1. Legal name of affiliate RES DISTRIBUTED HOLDINGS LLC		2. Affiliate taxpayer number (if none, use FEI number) 300864873		3. Affiliate NAICS code 238990	
4. Blacken box if entity is disregarded for franchise tax <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Blacken box if this affiliate does NOT have NEXUS in Texas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6. Affiliate reporting begin date m m d d y y 1 1 0 1 1 7		7. Affiliate reporting end date m m d d y y 1 0 3 1 1 8	
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10. Gross receipts in Texas (before eliminations) 0.00		11. Cost of goods sold or compensation (before eliminations) 0.00			

1. Legal name of affiliate RES DISTRIBUTED LLC		2. Affiliate taxpayer number (if none, use FEI number) 32060128652		3. Affiliate NAICS code 238990	
4. Blacken box if entity is disregarded for franchise tax <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5. Blacken box if this affiliate does NOT have NEXUS in Texas <input type="checkbox"/>	6. Affiliate reporting begin date m m d d y y 1 1 0 1 1 7		7. Affiliate reporting end date m m d d y y 1 0 3 1 1 8	
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10. Gross receipts in Texas (before eliminations) 0.00		11. Cost of goods sold or compensation (before eliminations) 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.

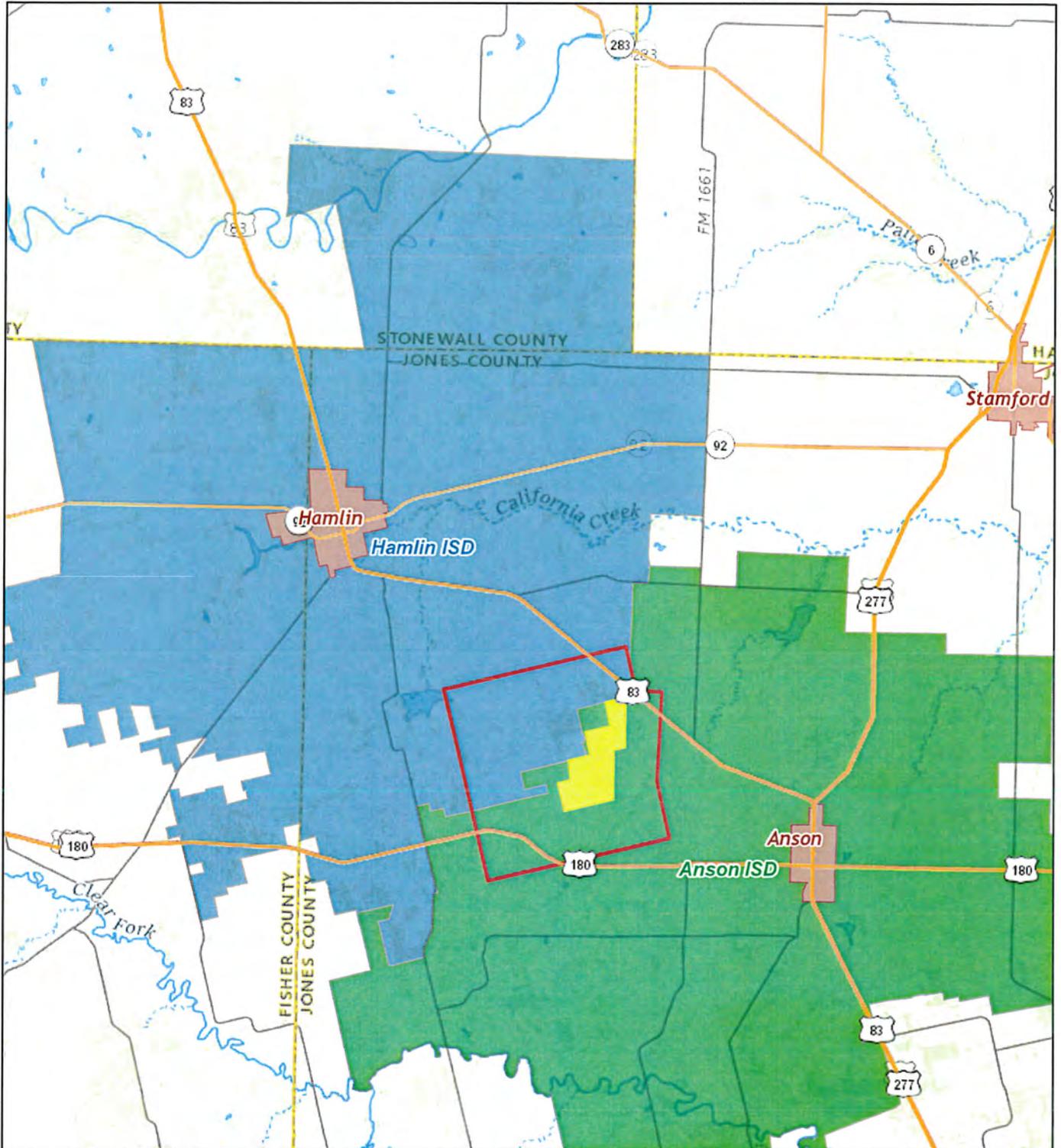
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Jones City Solar Phase 1 Boundary

Incorporated Places

Proposed Reinvestment Zone

**School Districts**

Anson ISD

Hamlin ISD

PROJECT  
Jones City Solar P1  
TITLE  
Vicinity Map

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## Attachment B

### Franchise Tax Account Status



## Franchise Tax Account Status

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This page is valid for most business transactions but is not sufficient for filings with the Secretary of State

### JONES CITY SOLAR, LLC

**Texas Taxpayer Number** 32069675224

**Mailing Address** 1999 BRYAN ST STE 900 DALLAS, TX 75201-3140

**Right to Transact Business in Texas** ACTIVE

**State of Formation** DE

**Effective SOS Registration Date** 02/06/2019

**Texas SOS File Number** 0803231063

**Registered Agent Name** C T CORPORATION SYSTEM

**Registered Office Street Address** 1999 BRYAN ST., STE. 900 DALLAS, TX 75201

## Attachment C

### State Comptroller's Certification



**GLENN HEGAR** TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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P.O. Box 13528 • Austin, TX 78711-3528

May 1, 2020

Jay Baccus  
Superintendent  
Anson Independent School District  
1431 Commercial Ave  
Anson, TX 79501

Re: Certificate for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations taxes by and between Anson Independent School District and Jones City Solar, LLC, Application 1459

Dear Superintendent Baccus:

On February 18, 2020, the Comptroller issued written notice that Jones City Solar, LLC (applicant) submitted a completed application (Application 1458) for a limitation on appraised value under the provisions of Tax Code Chapter 313.<sup>1</sup> This application was originally submitted on August 12, 2019, to the Anson 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 1459.

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).

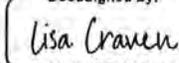
The Comptroller's review of the application assumes the accuracy and completeness of the statements in the application. If the application is approved by the school district, the applicant shall perform according to the provisions of the Texas Economic Development Act Agreement (Form 50-826) executed 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 December 31, 2020.

Note that any building or improvement existing as of the application review start date of February 18, 2020, 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,

DocuSigned by:  
  
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Lisa Craven  
Deputy Comptroller

Enclosure

cc: Will Counihan

### Attachment A – Economic Impact Analysis

The following tables summarize the Comptroller’s economic impact analysis of Jones City Solar, LLC (project) applying to Anson 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 Jones City Solar, LLC.

Applicant	Jones City Solar, LLC
Tax Code, 313.024 Eligibility Category	Renewable Energy - Solar
School District	Anson ISD
2018-2019 Average Daily Attendance	688
County	Jones
Proposed Total Investment in District	\$182,750,000
Proposed Qualified Investment	\$182,750,000
Limitation Amount	\$20,000,000
Qualifying Time Period (Full Years)	2021-2022
Number of new qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	1*
Number of new non-qualifying jobs estimated by applicant	0
Average weekly wage of qualifying jobs committed to by applicant	\$794
Minimum weekly wage required for each qualifying job by Tax Code, 313.021(5)(A)	\$794
Minimum annual wage committed to by applicant for qualified jobs	\$41,290
Minimum weekly wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$743
Minimum annual wage required for non-qualifying jobs	\$38,624
Investment per Qualifying Job	\$182,750,000
Estimated M&O levy without any limit (15 years)	\$8,873,477
Estimated M&O levy with Limitation (15 years)	\$3,593,183
Estimated gross M&O tax benefit (15 years)	\$5,280,295

\* 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 Jones Solar, LLC (modeled).

Year	Employment			Personal Income		
	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total	Direct	Indirect + Induced	Total
2020	50	(50)	0	\$2,500,000	-\$2,500,000	\$0
2021	150	(150)	0	\$7,500,000	-\$7,500,000	\$0
2022	1	1	2	\$422,600	-\$422,600	\$0
2023	1	2	3	\$422,600	-\$422,600	\$0
2024	1	2	3	\$422,600	-\$422,600	\$0
2025	1	2	3	\$422,600	-\$422,600	\$0
2026	1	2	3	\$422,600	-\$422,600	\$0
2027	1	2	3	\$422,600	-\$422,600	\$0
2028	1	2	3	\$422,600	-\$422,600	\$0
2029	1	2	3	\$422,600	-\$422,600	\$0
2030	1	2	3	\$422,600	-\$422,600	\$0
2031	1	2	3	\$422,600	-\$422,600	\$0
2032	1	2	3	\$422,600	-\$422,600	\$0
2033	1	2	3	\$422,600	-\$422,600	\$0
2034	1	2	3	\$422,600	-\$422,600	\$0
2035	1	2	3	\$422,600	\$577,400	\$1,000,000
2036	1	2	3	\$422,600	\$577,400	\$1,000,000

Source: CPA REMI, Jones City Solar, 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*	Anson ISD I&S Tax Levy	Anson ISD M&O Tax Levy	Anson ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Jones County Tax Levy	Anson Hospital District Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
			0.0219		1.0684		0.6748	0.4367	
2022	\$117,919,200	\$117,919,200		\$25,789	\$1,259,849	\$1,285,638	\$795,725	\$514,965	\$2,596,327
2023	\$107,707,400	\$107,707,400		\$23,556	\$1,150,746	\$1,174,301	\$726,815	\$470,369	\$2,371,485
2024	\$97,496,100	\$97,496,100		\$21,322	\$1,041,648	\$1,062,971	\$657,909	\$425,775	\$2,146,655
2025	\$86,010,850	\$86,010,850		\$18,811	\$918,940	\$937,750	\$580,406	\$375,618	\$1,893,774
2026	\$74,526,000	\$74,526,000		\$16,299	\$796,236	\$812,535	\$502,905	\$325,462	\$1,640,902
2027	\$63,041,550	\$63,041,550		\$13,787	\$673,536	\$687,323	\$425,408	\$275,309	\$1,388,039
2028	\$50,283,050	\$50,283,050		\$10,997	\$537,224	\$548,221	\$339,313	\$219,591	\$1,107,125
2029	\$38,799,300	\$38,799,300		\$8,485	\$414,532	\$423,017	\$261,820	\$169,440	\$854,277
2030	\$31,139,000	\$31,139,000		\$6,810	\$332,689	\$339,499	\$210,128	\$135,987	\$685,614
2031	\$27,302,050	\$27,302,050		\$5,971	\$291,695	\$297,666	\$184,236	\$119,231	\$601,132
2032	\$27,288,550	\$27,288,550		\$5,968	\$291,551	\$297,519	\$184,144	\$119,172	\$600,835
2033	\$27,275,350	\$27,275,350		\$5,965	\$291,410	\$297,375	\$184,055	\$119,114	\$600,545
2034	\$27,262,550	\$27,262,550		\$5,962	\$291,273	\$297,235	\$183,969	\$119,058	\$600,263
2035	\$27,250,050	\$27,250,050		\$5,960	\$291,140	\$297,099	\$183,885	\$119,004	\$599,988
2036	\$27,237,850	\$27,237,850		\$5,957	\$291,009	\$296,966	\$183,802	\$118,950	\$599,719
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$181,639</b>	<b>\$8,873,477</b>	<b>\$9,055,116</b>	<b>\$5,604,518</b>	<b>\$3,627,046</b>	<b>\$18,286,680</b>

Source: CPA, Jones Solar, LLC

\*Tax Rate per \$100 Valuation

**Table 4** examines the estimated direct impact on ad valorem taxes to the school district and Jones County, with all property tax incentives sought being granted using estimated market value from the application. The project has applied for a value limitation under Chapter 313, Tax Code and tax abatement with the county.

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

Year	Estimated Taxable Value for I&S	Estimated Taxable Value for M&O		Anson ISD I&S Tax Levy	Anson ISD M&O Tax Levy	Anson ISD M&O and I&S Tax Levies	Jones County Tax Levy	Anson Hospital District Tax Levy	Estimated Total Property Taxes
			Tax Rate*	0.0219	1.0684		0.6748	0.4367	
2022	\$117,919,200	\$20,000,000		\$25,789	\$213,680	\$239,469	\$198,931	\$514,965	\$953,365
2023	\$107,707,400	\$20,000,000		\$23,556	\$213,680	\$237,236	\$181,704	\$470,369	\$889,308
2024	\$97,496,100	\$20,000,000		\$21,322	\$213,680	\$235,002	\$164,477	\$425,775	\$825,255
2025	\$86,010,850	\$20,000,000		\$18,811	\$213,680	\$232,491	\$145,101	\$375,618	\$753,210
2026	\$74,526,000	\$20,000,000		\$16,299	\$213,680	\$229,979	\$125,726	\$325,462	\$681,168
2027	\$63,041,550	\$20,000,000		\$13,787	\$213,680	\$227,467	\$106,352	\$275,309	\$609,128
2028	\$50,283,050	\$20,000,000		\$10,997	\$213,680	\$224,677	\$84,828	\$219,591	\$529,096
2029	\$38,799,300	\$20,000,000		\$8,485	\$213,680	\$222,165	\$65,455	\$169,440	\$457,061
2030	\$31,139,000	\$20,000,000		\$6,810	\$213,680	\$220,490	\$52,532	\$135,987	\$409,009
2031	\$27,302,050	\$20,000,000		\$5,971	\$213,680	\$219,651	\$46,059	\$119,231	\$384,941
2032	\$27,288,550	\$27,288,550		\$5,968	\$291,551	\$297,519	\$184,144	\$119,172	\$600,835
2033	\$27,275,350	\$27,275,350		\$5,965	\$291,410	\$297,375	\$184,055	\$119,114	\$600,545
2034	\$27,262,550	\$27,262,550		\$5,962	\$291,273	\$297,235	\$183,969	\$119,058	\$600,263
2035	\$27,250,050	\$27,250,050		\$5,960	\$291,140	\$297,099	\$183,885	\$119,004	\$599,988
2036	\$27,237,850	\$27,237,850		\$5,957	\$291,009	\$296,966	\$183,802	\$118,950	\$599,719
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$181,639</b>	<b>\$3,593,183</b>	<b>\$3,774,821</b>	<b>\$2,091,021</b>	<b>\$3,627,046</b>	<b>\$9,492,889</b>
			<b>Diff</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$5,280,295</b>	<b>\$5,280,295</b>	<b>\$3,513,496</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$8,793,791</b>

Assumes School Value Limitation and Tax Abatements with the County.

Source: CPA, Jones City Solar, 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 Jones City Solar(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 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>	2019	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2020	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
	2021	\$35,145	\$35,145	\$0	\$0
<b>Limitation Period (10 Years)</b>	2022	\$213,680	\$248,825	\$1,046,169	\$1,046,169
	2023	\$213,680	\$462,505	\$937,066	\$1,983,235
	2024	\$213,680	\$676,185	\$827,968	\$2,811,203
	2025	\$213,680	\$889,865	\$705,260	\$3,516,463
	2026	\$213,680	\$1,103,545	\$582,556	\$4,099,019
	2027	\$213,680	\$1,317,225	\$459,856	\$4,558,875
	2028	\$213,680	\$1,530,905	\$323,544	\$4,882,419
	2029	\$213,680	\$1,744,585	\$200,852	\$5,083,270
	2030	\$213,680	\$1,958,265	\$119,009	\$5,202,279
	2031	\$213,680	\$2,171,945	\$78,015	\$5,280,295
<b>Maintain Viable Presence (5 Years)</b>	2032	\$291,551	\$2,463,496	\$0	\$5,280,295
	2033	\$291,410	\$2,754,906	\$0	\$5,280,295
	2034	\$291,273	\$3,046,179	\$0	\$5,280,295
	2035	\$291,140	\$3,337,318	\$0	\$5,280,295
	2036	\$291,009	\$3,628,328	\$0	\$5,280,295
<b>Additional Years as Required by 313.026(c)(1) (10 Years)</b>	2037	\$290,882	\$3,919,210	\$0	\$5,280,295
	2038	\$290,758	\$4,209,968	\$0	\$5,280,295
	2039	\$290,637	\$4,500,605	\$0	\$5,280,295
	2040	\$290,520	\$4,791,125	\$0	\$5,280,295
	2041	\$290,404	\$5,081,529	\$0	\$5,280,295
	2042	\$290,292	\$5,371,822	\$0	\$5,280,295
	2043	\$290,183	\$5,662,005	\$0	\$5,280,295
	2044	\$290,076	\$5,952,082	\$0	\$5,280,295
	2045	\$289,973	\$6,242,054	\$0	\$5,280,295
	2046	\$289,871	\$6,531,926	\$0	\$5,280,295

**\$6,531,926**
   is greater than  **\$5,280,295**

<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?	Yes

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, Jones City Solar, LLC

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## 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 Jones City Solar, 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 Jones City Solar, LLC (parent company Renewable Energy Systems (RES) in Tab 5 of their Application for a Limitation on Appraised Value:
  - A. “RES has been providing services in development, engineering, construction, and operations since 1982. RES is active in states throughout the United states, where each project individually competes for a finite pool of capital investment. State and local tax incentives contribute to the lowering of the cost of power sold to our customers and making our investments more viable and marketable.”
  - B. “RES has various projects in development throughout the country and are continually comparing investment opportunities, rate of returns, and market viability of each project based upon project financial metrics. RES currently has ongoing project developments in many states, including but not limited to Arkansas, Kansas and New Mexico.”
  - C. “Due to the extreme competitive power market in Texas most if not all PPA’s economic model assumptions are based on the Project securing this Chapter 313 appraised value limitation and other local tax incentives. The property tax liabilities of a project without tax incentives in Texas lowers the return to investors and financiers to an unacceptable level at today’s contracted power rate under a PPA. A signed PPA in the Texas market is at a much lower rate than other states because competitively low electricity prices, Bothe parties of the PPA have an escape clause if the terms of the PPA cannot be met. Without the tax incentives in Texas, a project with a PPA becomes non-financeable. Therefore, this appraised value limitation is critical to the ability of the proposed Project to move forward as currently sited.”

### 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

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# **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

**TAB 5**

*Documentation to assist in determining if limitation is a determining factor.*

As one of the top renewable energy companies in the world, Renewable Energy Systems (RES) has been providing services in development, engineering, construction, and operations since 1982. RES has developed and/or built over 16 GW of renewable energy capacity worldwide, has an asset management portfolio exceeding 3 GW, and is active in a range of energy technologies including onshore wind, solar, energy storage, transmission, and demand side management (DSM).

RES is keen to develop and build the proposed Jones City Solar Project as per this application, but since this Project is still in the early stages of development, further investment could be, if necessary, redeployed to other counties and states competing for similar solar projects. RES is active in states throughout the United States, where each project individually competes for a finite pool of capital investment. State and local tax incentives contribute to the lowering of the cost of power sold to our customers and making our investment more viable and marketable. RES has various projects in development throughout the country and are continually comparing investment opportunities, rate of return, and market viability of each project based upon project financial metrics. For example, RES currently has ongoing project developments in many states, including but not limited to, Arkansas, Kansas and New Mexico.

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# **Supporting Information**

Additional information  
provided by the Applicant or  
located by the Comptroller

COMPTROLLER QUERY RELATED TO TAX CODE CHAPTER 313.026(c)(2)  
Anson ISD–Jones City Solar, LLC App. #1459

Comptroller Questions (via email on January 20, 2020):

1. *Is the Jones City Solar, LLC currently known by any other project names?*
2. *Has this project applied to ERCOT at this time? If so, please provide the project's IGNR number and when was it assigned.*
3. *Please also list any other names by which this project may have been known in the past-in media reports, investor presentations, or any listings with any federal or state agency*

Applicant Response (via email on January 22, 2020):

1. *Lone Star I, Lone Star Phase I, "Crowded Star Solar Project (Phase 1) as it's known by ERCOT and Lone Star Transmission.*
2. *Yes, 20INR0241, assigned on 1/2/2019.*
3. *Lone Star I, Lone Star Phase I, "Crowded Star Solar Project (Phase 1) as it's known by ERCOT and Lone Star Transmission.*

## Attachment D

### Summary of Financial Impact

**CHAPTER 313 PROPERTY VALUE LIMITATION  
FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THE PROPOSED  
JONES CITY SOLAR, LLC PROJECT IN THE  
ANSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
(PROJECT # 1459)**

**PREPARED BY**



**JULY 8, 2020**

## Executive Summary

Jones City Solar, LLC (Company) has requested that the Anson Independent School District (AISD) consider granting a property value limitation under Chapter 313 of the Tax Code, also known as the Texas Economic Development Act. In an application submitted to AISD on August 12, 2019 the Company plans to invest \$117.9 million in additional taxable value to construct a renewable solar energy electric generation facility. Moak, Casey & Associates (MCA) has been retained to prepare an analysis of this value limitation and help the district navigate the overall application and agreement process.

The Jones City Solar project is consistent with the state's goal to "encourage large scale capital investments in this state." When enacted as House Bill 1200 in 2001, Chapter 313 of the Tax Code granted eligibility to companies engaged in manufacturing, research and development, and renewable electric energy production to apply to school districts for property value limitations. Subsequent legislative changes expanded eligibility to clean coal projects, nuclear power generation and data centers, among others, although few of these other types of projects have been the basis for Chapter 313 applications.

Under the provisions of Chapter 313, AISD may offer a minimum value limitation of \$20 million. This value limitation, under the proposed application, will begin in the 2022-23 school year and remain at that level of taxable value for Maintenance and Operations (M&O) tax purposes for ten years. The entire project value will remain taxable for I&S or debt service purposes for the term of the agreement.

MCA's initial school finance analysis is detailed in this report. This analysis incorporates to the fullest extent possible the changes approved in House Bill 3 as approved in 2019, the most significant school finance revisions in more than 30 years. The overall conclusions are as follows, but please read all of the subsequent details in the report below for more information.

Total Revenue Loss Payment owed to AISD	\$1.61 million
Total Savings to Company after Revenue Loss Payment. (This does not include any supplemental benefit payments to the district.)	\$3.60 million

## Application Process

After the school district has submitted an application to the Comptroller's Office (Comptroller), the Comptroller begins reviewing the application for completeness. The purpose of this review is to ensure all necessary information and attachments are included in the application before moving forward with the formal review process. A Completeness Letter was issued for this application on January 30, 2020.

The issuance of a Completeness Letter is important because it sets the timeline for the rest of process. From the date of issuance, the Comptroller has 90 days to conduct its full review of

the project and provide its certificate for a limitation on appraised value. After the certificate is received, the district has until the 150<sup>th</sup> day from the receipt of the Completeness Letter to adopt an agreement, although extensions may be requested by the Company and granted by the District.

After the Comptroller's certificate is received, O'Hanlon, Demerath & Castillo (ODC) will contact the school district to discuss the value limitation agreement and begin negotiations of the supplemental benefit payment with the Company. A final version of the agreement must be submitted to the Comptroller for review 30 days prior to final adoption by the school district's board of trustees.

Prior to final board meeting, ODC will provide the district with the necessary agenda language and any additional action items. The school board will review the Value Limitation Agreement and Findings of Fact that detail the project's conformance with state law. In some instances, the school board may also be required to adopt a job waiver or create a reinvestment zone during this meeting.

## **How the 313 Agreement Interacts with Texas School Finance**

A taxpayer receiving a value limitation pays M&O taxes on the reduced value for the project in years 1-10 and receives a tax bill for I&S taxes based on the full project value throughout the qualifying and value limitation period (and thereafter).

M&O funding for Texas schools relies on two methods of finance: local school district property taxes and state aid. State aid consists of two components: Tier I (based on ADA, special student populations and M&O taxes at the compressed tax rate) and Tier II (based on weighted ADA for each penny of tax effort above a specified level). Recapture costs are primarily a Tier I issue, although Tier II also can involve recapture costs for some school districts.

The basic allotment is now set at \$6,160 per weighted ADA (WADA) and is the basis for Tier I calculations. In the case of Tier II, the first eight cents of additional tax effort can be used to generate state aid of up to \$98.56 per WADA for what are known as "golden" pennies. Tax effort for golden pennies is not subject to recapture. Up to an additional nine cents may be levied to generate \$49.28 per WADA for what are known as "copper" pennies (generating half the revenue per WADA of the golden pennies).

Changes in the recapture calculation are an important part of HB 3, for those districts subject to recapture under the new law. Rather than being tied to property wealth exceeding an equalized wealth level per WADA, recapture is now defined as the amount of revenue collected in excess of a district's Tier I allotment, or for Tier II the amount of collections in excess of the entitlement provided for tax effort generating copper-penny level state aid. (Golden pennies are not subject to recapture.) The changes in the recapture methodology may affect the results of revenue protection payments relative to what was calculated when the equalized wealth level was used to determine the amount of recapture owed the state by school districts subject to recapture. It does not appear to be an issue for AISD, based on the calculations shown below.

Another significant school funding change is establishing current-year property values to determine state funding and recapture under the Foundation School Program. The traditional

approach for the last 30 years has been to rely upon prior-year state property values as determined annually under the Comptroller's State Property Value Study (Section 403 of the Government Code). The change in House Bill 3 calls for using current-year property values as determined by the Comptroller's Property Value Study, without an explanation as to how the property value study is to be completed on a real-time basis.

While school district funding will now be determined based on current-year property values, House Bill 3 included language that addressed the property values to be used in determining calculating revenue protection payments under Chapter 313 agreements. This information is contained in Section 48.256(d), Education Code, as shown below:

- d) This subsection applies to a school district in which the board of trustees entered into a written agreement with a property owner under Section 313.027, Tax Code, for the implementation of a limitation on appraised value under Subchapter B or C, Chapter 313, Tax Code. For purposes of determining "DPV" under Subsection (a) for a school district to which this subsection applies, the commissioner shall exclude a portion of the market value of property not otherwise fully taxable by the district under Subchapter B or C, Chapter 313, Tax Code, before the expiration of the subchapter. The comptroller shall provide information to the agency necessary for this subsection. **A revenue protection payment required as part of an agreement for a limitation on appraised value shall be based on the district's taxable value of property for the preceding tax year [emphasis added].**

Given the directive with regard to the use of preceding-tax-year values to calculate revenue protection payments required under Chapter 313 agreements, the amounts collected are expected to be consistent with the patterns shown since these calculations were first calculated under the standard Chapter 313 agreement language, dating back to 2004. The most significant impact is typically in the first limitation year, although major value increases in project values in later limitation years may also trigger a revenue protection payment. The additional factor that may generate a variance with the traditional pattern of revenue protection amounts is the new methodology in the calculation of recapture, as noted previously.

The calculations shown below are based on the Section 48.256(d), Education Code directive to use preceding-tax-year property values to determine the revenue protection payment, if any, owed to the school district under the terms of the Chapter 313 Agreement between the Applicant and the School District. These calculations are to be made for each of the 10 limitation years under the terms of the Agreement. Chapter 313 will be subject to legislative renewal in 2021 and any changes made may impact these calculations moving forward.

(For more detailed information on the school finance funding system, please review the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) website. The current information is expected to be updated as the details of House Bill 3 implementation are determined by TEA.

The implementation of recent legislative action on school funding in House Bill 3 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.

### Underlying School District Data Assumptions

The agreement between the school district and the applicant calls for a calculation of the revenue impact of the value limitation in years 1-10 of the agreement, under whatever school finance and property tax laws are in effect in each of those years. The Basic Allotment is now set to \$6,160, the Tier II golden penny yield is set to \$98.56 per WADA for up to eight cents, while the copper penny yield is \$49.28 per WADA for up to nine cents of local tax effort. These are maintained for future years at this time.

Static school district enrollment and property values are used to isolate the effects of the value limitation under the school finance system. Any previously approved Chapter 313 projects are also factored into the M&O tax bases used.

ADA:	692
Local M&O Tax Base	\$137.8 million
2019-20 M&O Tax Rate:	\$1.0684 per \$100 of Taxable Value
2020-21 Projected M&O Tax Rate:	\$1.0548 per \$100 of Taxable Value
I&S Tax Rate:	\$0.2187 per \$100 of Taxable Value

Table 1 summarizes the enrollment and property value assumptions for the 15 years that are the subject of this analysis.

**Table 1 – Base District Information with Jones City Solar Project Value and Limitation Values**

Year of Agreement	School Year	ADA	WADA	M&O Tax Rate	I&S Tax Rate	Sec. 48.256(d) District Revenue Protection District Property Value with Project	Sec. 48.256(d) District Revenue Protection District Property Value with Limitation	DPV Value with Project per WADA	DPV Value with Limitation per WADA
QTP0	2020-21	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$137,459,925	\$137,459,925	\$114,029	\$114,029
QTP1	2021-22	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$137,459,925	\$137,459,925	\$114,029	\$114,029
QTP2/VL1	2022-23	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$177,459,925	\$177,459,925	\$147,210	\$147,210
VL2	2023-24	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$645,379,125	\$547,459,925	\$535,368	\$454,140
VL3	2024-25	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$315,167,325	\$227,459,925	\$261,444	\$188,687
VL4	2025-26	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$304,956,025	\$227,459,925	\$252,974	\$188,687
VL5	2026-27	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$293,470,775	\$227,459,925	\$243,446	\$188,687
VL6	2027-28	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$281,985,925	\$227,459,925	\$233,919	\$188,687
VL7	2028-29	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$280,501,475	\$237,459,925	\$232,687	\$196,983
VL8	2029-30	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$267,742,975	\$237,459,925	\$222,104	\$196,983
VL9	2030-31	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$453,778,225	\$434,978,925	\$376,428	\$360,833
VL10	2031-32	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$434,741,925	\$423,602,925	\$360,636	\$351,396
VP1	2032-33	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$432,862,275	\$425,560,225	\$359,077	\$353,020
VP2	2033-34	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$422,568,575	\$422,568,575	\$350,538	\$350,538
VP3	2034-35	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$610,308,575	\$610,308,575	\$506,276	\$506,276
VP4	2035-36	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$589,641,275	\$589,641,275	\$489,132	\$489,132
VP5	2036-37	691.72	1,205.49	\$1.0548	\$0.2187	\$492,368,650	\$492,368,650	\$408,440	\$408,440

\*Basic Allotment: \$6,160; Golden Penny Yield: \$98.56; Copper Penny Yield: \$49.28

QTP=	Qualifying Time Period
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VP=	Viable Presence

## M&O Impact of the Jones City Solar Project on AISD

A model is established to make a calculation of the “Baseline Revenue Model” (Table 2) by adding the total value of the project to the model, without assuming a value limitation is approved. A separate model is established to make a calculation of the “Value Limitation Revenue Model” (Table 3) by adding the project’s limited value of \$20 million to the model. The difference between the two models (Table 4) indicates there will be a total revenue loss of \$1.61 million over the course of the Agreement, with all the loss reflected in the first limitation year (2022-23).

**Table 2- “Baseline Revenue Model” --Project Value Added to DPV with No Value Limitation**

Year of Agreement	School Year	M&O Taxes @		Recapture Costs	Additional Local M&O Collections	State Aid from Additional M&O Tax Collections	Recapture from the Additional Local Tax Effort	Other State Aid (includes HH Funds)	Total General Fund
		Compressed Rate	State Aid						
QTP0	2020-21	\$1,278,165	\$6,314,824	\$0	\$192,945	\$1,123,452	\$0	-\$2,535	\$8,906,851
QTP1	2021-22	\$1,637,432	\$6,314,824	\$0	\$247,179	\$1,438,799	\$0	-\$4,040	\$9,634,194
QTP2/VL1	2022-23	\$5,858,083	\$5,948,224	\$0	\$884,309	\$3,787,432	\$0	-\$12,577	\$16,465,471
VL2	2023-24	\$2,890,353	\$1,659,753	\$0	\$436,314	\$212,215	-\$14,625	\$2,685,042	\$7,869,052
VL3	2024-25	\$2,796,767	\$4,686,138	\$0	\$422,186	\$834,119	\$0	-\$7,191	\$8,732,019
VL4	2025-26	\$2,691,505	\$4,779,725	\$0	\$406,297	\$842,521	\$0	-\$6,835	\$8,713,213
VL5	2026-27	\$2,586,246	\$4,884,987	\$0	\$390,407	\$856,624	\$0	-\$6,482	\$8,711,782
VL6	2027-28	\$2,570,808	\$4,990,245	\$0	\$388,077	\$902,293	\$0	-\$6,882	\$8,844,541
VL7	2028-29	\$2,453,877	\$5,003,850	\$0	\$370,426	\$868,080	\$0	-\$6,515	\$8,689,718
VL8	2029-30	\$4,122,681	\$5,120,782	\$0	\$622,341	\$1,556,790	\$0	-\$9,202	\$11,413,392
VL9	2030-31	\$3,950,299	\$3,415,772	\$0	\$596,319	\$635,824	\$0	-\$8,792	\$8,589,422
VL10	2031-32	\$3,932,713	\$3,590,239	\$0	\$593,664	\$686,944	\$0	-\$8,676	\$8,794,884
VP1	2032-33	\$3,838,920	\$3,607,466	\$0	\$579,506	\$675,654	\$0	-\$8,446	\$8,693,100
VP2	2033-34	\$5,525,141	\$3,701,808	\$0	\$834,049	\$1,016,186	\$0	-\$11,240	\$11,065,944
VP3	2034-35	\$5,339,514	\$1,981,174	\$0	\$806,028	\$441,453	-\$9,049	-\$10,860	\$8,548,260
VP4	2035-36	\$4,465,842	\$2,170,589	\$0	\$674,143	\$397,731	\$0	-\$9,314	\$7,698,991
VP5	2036-37	\$3,031,022	\$3,062,091	\$0	\$457,549	\$413,486	\$0	-\$6,819	\$6,957,329

QTP=	Qualifying Time Period
VL=	Value Limitation
VP=	Viable Presence

**Table 3- "Value Limitation Revenue Model" --Project Value Added to DPV with Value Limitation in Effect**

Year of Agreement	School Year	M&O Taxes @ Compressed Rate		Recapture Costs	Additional Local M&O Collections	State Aid from Additional M&O Tax Collections	Recapture from the Additional Local Tax Effort	Other State Aid (includes HH Funds)	Total General Fund
QTP0	2020-21	\$1,278,165	\$6,314,824	\$0	\$192,945	\$1,123,452	\$0	-\$2,535	\$8,906,851
QTP1	2021-22	\$1,637,432	\$6,314,824	\$0	\$247,179	\$1,438,799	\$0	-\$4,040	\$9,634,194
QTP2/VL1	2022-23	\$4,960,655	\$5,948,224	\$0	\$748,837	\$3,207,582	\$0	-\$11,084	\$14,854,214
VL2	2023-24	\$2,086,516	\$2,557,181	\$0	\$314,970	\$224,666	\$0	\$2,687,056	\$7,870,389
VL3	2024-25	\$2,086,516	\$5,489,975	\$0	\$314,970	\$983,591	\$0	-\$6,009	\$8,869,043
VL4	2025-26	\$2,086,516	\$5,489,975	\$0	\$314,970	\$983,591	\$0	-\$5,828	\$8,869,224
VL5	2026-27	\$2,086,516	\$5,489,975	\$0	\$314,970	\$983,591	\$0	-\$5,650	\$8,869,402
VL6	2027-28	\$2,176,333	\$5,489,975	\$0	\$328,529	\$1,025,419	\$0	-\$6,226	\$9,014,030
VL7	2028-29	\$2,176,333	\$5,398,325	\$0	\$328,529	\$968,790	\$0	-\$6,053	\$8,865,924
VL8	2029-30	\$3,950,386	\$5,398,325	\$0	\$596,331	\$1,758,011	\$0	-\$8,915	\$11,694,138
VL9	2030-31	\$3,848,210	\$3,588,067	\$0	\$580,908	\$670,995	\$0	-\$8,623	\$8,679,557
VL10	2031-32	\$3,865,790	\$3,692,328	\$0	\$583,561	\$708,363	\$0	-\$8,564	\$8,841,478
VP1	2032-33	\$3,838,920	\$3,674,389	\$0	\$579,506	\$696,860	\$0	-\$8,446	\$8,781,229
VP2	2033-34	\$5,525,141	\$3,701,808	\$0	\$834,049	\$1,016,186	\$0	-\$11,240	\$11,065,944
VP3	2034-35	\$5,339,514	\$1,981,174	\$0	\$806,028	\$441,453	-\$9,049	-\$10,860	\$8,548,260
VP4	2035-36	\$4,465,842	\$2,170,589	\$0	\$674,143	\$397,731	\$0	-\$9,314	\$7,698,991
VP5	2036-37	\$3,031,022	\$3,062,091	\$0	\$457,549	\$413,486	\$0	-\$6,819	\$6,957,329

QTP= Qualifying Time Period  
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 VP= Viable Presence

**Table 4 - Value Limitation Revenue Model Less Baseline Revenue Model with No Limitation**

Year of Agreement	School Year	M&O Taxes @ Compressed Rate		Recapture Costs	Additional Local M&O Collections	State Aid from Additional M&O Tax Collections	Recapture from the Additional Local Tax Effort	Other State Aid (includes HH Funds)	Total General Fund
QTP0	2020-21	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
QTP1	2021-22	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
QTP2/VL1	2022-23	-\$897,428	\$0	\$0	-\$135,472	-\$579,850	\$0	\$1,493	-\$1,611,257
VL2	2023-24	-\$803,837	\$897,428	\$0	-\$121,344	\$12,451	\$14,625	\$2,014	\$1,337
VL3	2024-25	-\$710,251	\$803,837	\$0	-\$107,216	\$149,472	\$0	\$1,182	\$137,024
VL4	2025-26	-\$604,989	\$710,250	\$0	-\$91,327	\$141,070	\$0	\$1,007	\$156,011
VL5	2026-27	-\$499,730	\$604,988	\$0	-\$75,437	\$126,967	\$0	\$832	\$157,620
VL6	2027-28	-\$394,475	\$499,730	\$0	-\$59,548	\$123,126	\$0	\$656	\$169,489
VL7	2028-29	-\$277,544	\$394,475	\$0	-\$41,897	\$100,710	\$0	\$462	\$176,206
VL8	2029-30	-\$172,295	\$277,543	\$0	-\$26,010	\$201,221	\$0	\$287	\$280,746
VL9	2030-31	-\$102,089	\$172,295	\$0	-\$15,411	\$35,171	\$0	\$169	\$90,135
VL10	2031-32	-\$66,923	\$102,089	\$0	-\$10,103	\$21,419	\$0	\$112	\$46,594
VP1	2032-33	\$0	\$66,923	\$0	\$0	\$21,206	\$0	\$0	\$88,129
VP2	2033-34	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP3	2034-35	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP4	2035-36	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP5	2036-37	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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### M&O Impact on the Taxpayer

Under the assumptions used here, the potential tax savings from the value limitation total \$5.2 million over the life of the agreement. The AISD revenue losses are expected to total approximately \$1.611 million. The total potential net tax benefits (after hold-harmless payments are made) are estimated to total \$3.60 million, prior to any negotiations with Jones City Solar on supplemental payments.

It should be noted that a key element in the revenue-loss calculation appears to be linked to the retention of prior-year property values in the calculation of the revenue protection amount for the 2022-23 school year. Under the standard agreement, these calculations are based on whatever school finance and property tax laws are in effect each year. With a legislative session occurring in 2021, there could be changes made to current school finance law. While the District will still be protected against revenue losses, these calculations may be reduced below what we are projecting under what is now current law.

**Table 5 - Estimated Financial Impact of the Jones City Solar Project Property Value Limitation Request Submitted to AISD at \$1.05485 per \$100 M&O Tax Rate**

Year of Agreement	School Year	Project Taxable Value for M&O If No Limitation	Project Taxable Value for M&O with Limitation	Assumed M&O Tax Rate	Tax Savings to Company	School District Revenue Protection	Estimated Net Tax Benefits
QTP0	2020-21	\$0	\$0	\$1.05485	\$0	\$0	\$0
QTP1	2021-22	\$3,289,500	\$3,289,500	\$1.05485	\$0	\$0	\$0
QTP2/VL1	2022-23	\$117,919,200	\$20,000,000	\$1.05485	\$1,032,899	-\$1,611,257	-\$578,358
VL2	2023-24	\$107,707,400	\$20,000,000	\$1.05485	\$925,180	\$0	\$278,022
VL3	2024-25	\$97,496,100	\$20,000,000	\$1.05485	\$817,466	\$0	\$817,466
VL4	2025-26	\$86,010,850	\$20,000,000	\$1.05485	\$696,314	\$0	\$696,314
VL5	2026-27	\$74,526,000	\$20,000,000	\$1.05485	\$575,167	\$0	\$575,167
VL6	2027-28	\$63,041,550	\$20,000,000	\$1.05485	\$454,023	\$0	\$454,023
VL7	2028-29	\$50,283,050	\$20,000,000	\$1.05485	\$319,440	\$0	\$319,440
VL8	2029-30	\$38,799,300	\$20,000,000	\$1.05485	\$198,304	\$0	\$198,304
VL9	2030-31	\$31,139,000	\$20,000,000	\$1.05485	\$117,500	\$0	\$117,500
VL10	2031-32	\$27,302,050	\$20,000,000	\$1.05485	\$77,026	\$0	\$77,026
VP1	2032-33	\$27,288,550	\$27,288,550	\$1.05485	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP2	2033-34	\$27,275,350	\$27,275,350	\$1.05485	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP3	2034-35	\$27,262,550	\$27,262,550	\$1.05485	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP4	2035-36	\$27,250,050	\$27,250,050	\$1.05485	\$0	\$0	\$0
VP5	2036-37	\$27,237,850	\$27,237,850	\$1.05485	\$0	\$0	\$0
					<b>\$5,213,320</b>	<b>-\$1,611,257</b>	<b>\$3,602,063</b>

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VP=	Viable Presence

**Note: School district revenue-loss estimates are subject to change based on numerous factors, including:**

- Legislative and Texas Education Agency administrative changes to the underlying school finance formulas used in these calculations, which could be significant under HB 3.
- Legislative changes addressing property value appraisals and exemptions.
- Year-to-year appraisals of project values and district taxable values.
- Changes in school district tax rates and student enrollment.

## I&S Funding Impact on School District

The project remains fully taxable for debt services taxes, with AISD currently levying a \$0.2187 per \$100 I&S tax rate. As shown in the Table 6 below, local taxpayers could benefit from the addition of the Jones City Solar I project to the local I&S tax roll. Given the District's wealth per ADA with the new project in place, it exceeds the yield provided by the state's Existing Debt Allotment (EDA) program in the early years of the project.

If both phases of the Jones City Solar project (I and II) are constructed as outlined in Applications 1458 and 1459, the wealth per ADA should exceed the EDA-provided funding by a substantial level. This should generate I&S benefits for local taxpayers.

The project is not expected to affect school district enrollment and is expected to depreciate over the life of the agreement and beyond. Continued expansion of the project and related development could result in additional employment in the area and an increase in the school-age population, but this project is unlikely to have much impact on a stand-alone basis.

**Table 6 - Estimated Impact of the Jones City Solar Project Property Value Limitation Request on AISD I&S Tax Rate**

Year of Agreement	School Year	I&S Rate w/out Project	Local Value w/out Project	I&S Taxes w/out Project	Project Full Taxable Value	I&S Rate with Project Value	Change in I&S Rate
QTP0	2020-21	\$0.2187	\$144,723,230	\$316,510	\$0	\$0.218700	\$0.0000
QTP1	2021-22	\$0.2187	\$424,571,130	\$928,537	\$3,289,500	\$0.217019	-\$0.0017
QTP2/VL1	2022-23	\$0.2187	\$753,282,030	\$1,647,428	\$117,919,200	\$0.189098	-\$0.0296
VL2	2023-24	\$0.2187	\$758,703,930	\$1,659,285	\$107,707,400	\$0.191512	-\$0.0272
VL3	2024-25	\$0.2187	\$712,056,030	\$1,557,267	\$97,496,100	\$0.192361	-\$0.0263
VL4	2025-26	\$0.2187	\$666,358,530	\$1,457,326	\$86,010,850	\$0.193698	-\$0.0250
VL5	2026-27	\$0.2187	\$621,564,430	\$1,359,361	\$74,526,000	\$0.195285	-\$0.0234
VL6	2027-28	\$0.2187	\$766,786,530	\$1,676,962	\$63,041,550	\$0.202085	-\$0.0166
VL7	2028-29	\$0.2187	\$724,875,030	\$1,585,302	\$50,283,050	\$0.204513	-\$0.0142
VL8	2029-30	\$0.2187	\$688,973,230	\$1,506,784	\$38,799,300	\$0.207041	-\$0.0117
VL9	2030-31	\$0.2187	\$659,011,030	\$1,441,257	\$31,139,000	\$0.208832	-\$0.0099
VL10	2031-32	\$0.2187	\$634,922,530	\$1,388,576	\$27,302,050	\$0.209683	-\$0.0090
VP1	2032-33	\$0.2187	\$612,037,330	\$1,338,526	\$27,288,550	\$0.209365	-\$0.0093
VP2	2033-34	\$0.2187	\$590,296,530	\$1,290,979	\$27,275,350	\$0.209041	-\$0.0097
VP3	2034-35	\$0.2187	\$569,642,030	\$1,245,807	\$27,262,550	\$0.208711	-\$0.0100
VP4	2035-36	\$0.2187	\$550,020,830	\$1,202,896	\$27,250,050	\$0.208376	-\$0.0103
VP5	2036-37	\$0.2187	\$531,379,710	\$1,162,127	\$27,237,850	\$0.208036	-\$0.0107

IFA and EDA state aid are now based on current-year values, which could affect the tax rate needed for bond payments in districts eligible for these funds.

## Attachment E

### Taxable Value of Property

**% Taxes**

Property Tax Assistance

**2018 ISD Summary Worksheet**

**127-Jones**

**127-901/Anson ISD**

Category	Local Tax Roll Value	2018 WTD Mean Ratio	2018 PTAD Value Estimate	2018 Value Assigned
A. SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES	47,582,030	0.9717	48,967,819	47,582,030
B. MULTIFAMILY RESIDENCES	320,200	N/A	320,200	320,200
C1. VACANT LOTS	542,690	N/A	542,690	542,690
C2. COLONIA LOTS	0	N/A	0	0
D1. QUALIFIED AG LAND	6,603,920	1.0561	6,253,040	6,603,920
D2. REAL PROP:FARM & RANCH	4,849,710	N/A	4,849,710	4,849,710
E. REAL PROP NONQUAL ACREAGE	37,280,520	0.7656	48,694,514	37,280,520
F1. COMMERCIAL REAL	9,437,000	0.8695	10,853,364	9,437,000
F2. INDUSTRIAL REAL	104,320	N/A	104,320	104,320
G. OIL,GAS,MINERALS	6,020,240	N/A	6,020,240	6,020,240
J. UTILITIES	35,282,590	0.9219	38,271,602	35,282,590
L1. COMMERCIAL PERSONAL	5,641,160	N/A	5,641,160	5,641,160
L2. INDUSTRIAL PERSONAL	1,777,110	N/A	1,777,110	1,777,110
M. MOBILE HOMES	2,515,110	N/A	2,515,110	2,515,110
N. INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROP	0	N/A	0	0
O. RESIDENTIAL INVENTORY	0	N/A	0	0
S. SPECIAL INVENTORY	9,877,790	N/A	9,877,790	9,877,790
Subtotal	167,834,390	0	184,688,669	167,834,390
Less Total Deductions	36,336,300	0	36,987,435	36,336,300
Total Taxable Value	131,498,090	0	147,701,234	131,498,090

The taxable values shown here will not match the values reported by your appraisal district

See the ISD DEDUCTION Report for a breakdown of deduction values

Government code subsections 403.302(J) AND(K) require the Comptroller to certify alternative measures of school district wealth. These measures are reported for taxable values for maintenance and operation (M & O) tax purposes and for interest and sinking fund (I & S) tax purposes. For districts that have not entered into value limitation agreements, T1 through T4 will be the same as T7 through T10.

**Value Taxable For M & O Purposes**

<b>T1</b>	<b>T2</b>	<b>T3</b>	<b>T4</b>
139,763,620	131,498,090	139,763,620	131,498,090

<b>Loss To the Additional \$10,000 Homestead Exemption</b>	<b>50% of the loss to the Local Optional Percentage Homestead Exemption</b>
8,265,530	0

T1 = School district taxable value for M & O purposes before the loss to the additional \$10,000 homestead exemption

T2 = School district taxable value for M & O purposes after the loss to the additional \$10,000 homestead exemption and the tax ceiling reduction

T3 = T1 minus 50% of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

T4 = T2 minus 50% of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

**Value Taxable For I & S Purposes**

<b>T7</b>	<b>T8</b>	<b>T9</b>	<b>T10</b>
139,763,620	131,498,090	139,763,620	131,498,090

T7 = School district taxable value for I & S purposes before the loss to the additional \$10,000 homestead exemption

T8 = School district taxable value for I & S purposes after the loss to the additional \$10,000 homestead exemption and the tax ceiling reduction

T9 = T7 minus 50 % of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

T10 = T8 minus 50 % of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

THE PVS FOUND YOUR LOCAL VALUE INVALID, BUT LOCAL VALUE WAS CERTIFIED BECAUSE YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT IS IN YEAR ONE OF THE GRACE PERIOD

**127-901-02/Anson ISD**

Category	Local Tax Roll Value	2018 WTD Mean Ratio	2018 PTAD Value Estimate	2018 Value Assigned
A. SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCES	47,582,030	0.9717	48,967,819	47,582,030
B. MULTIFAMILY RESIDENCES	320,200	N/A	320,200	320,200
C1. VACANT LOTS	542,690	N/A	542,690	542,690
C2. COLONIA LOTS	0	N/A	0	0
D1. QUALIFIED AG LAND	6,603,920	1.0561	6,253,040	6,603,920
D2. REAL PROP:FARM & RANCH	4,849,710	N/A	4,849,710	4,849,710
E. REAL PROP NONQUAL ACREAGE	37,280,520	0.7656	48,694,514	37,280,520
F1. COMMERCIAL REAL	9,437,000	0.8695	10,853,364	9,437,000
F2. INDUSTRIAL REAL	104,320	N/A	104,320	104,320
G. OIL,GAS,MINERALS	6,020,240	N/A	6,020,240	6,020,240
J. UTILITIES	35,282,590	0.9219	38,271,602	35,282,590
L1. COMMERCIAL PERSONAL	5,641,160	N/A	5,641,160	5,641,160
L2. INDUSTRIAL PERSONAL	1,777,110	N/A	1,777,110	1,777,110
M. MOBILE HOMES	2,515,110	N/A	2,515,110	2,515,110
N. INTANGIBLE PERSONAL PROP	0	N/A	0	0
O. RESIDENTIAL INVENTORY	0	N/A	0	0
S. SPECIAL INVENTORY	9,877,790	N/A	9,877,790	9,877,790
Subtotal	167,834,390		184,688,669	167,834,390
Less Total Deductions	36,336,300		36,987,435	36,336,300
Total Taxable Value	131,498,090		147,701,234	131,498,090

The taxable values shown here will not match the values reported by your appraisal district

See the ISD DEDUCTION Report for a breakdown of deduction values

Government code subsections 403.302(J) AND(K) require the Comptroller to certify alternative measures of school district wealth. These measures are reported for taxable values for maintenance and operation(M & O) tax purposes and for interest and sinking fund(I & S) tax purposes. For districts that have not entered into value limitation agreements, T1 through T4 will be the same as T7 through T10.

### Value Taxable For M & O Purposes

T1	T2	T3	T4
139,763,620	131,498,090	139,763,620	131,498,090

<b>Loss To the Additional \$10,000 Homestead Exemption</b>	<b>50 % of the loss to the Local Optional Percentage Homestead Exemption</b>
8,265,530	0

T1 = School district taxable value for M & O purposes before the loss to the additional \$10, 000 homestead exemption

T2 = School district taxable value for M & O purposes after the loss to the additional \$10, 000 homestead exemption and the tax ceiling reduction

T3 = T1 minus 50 % of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

T4 = T2 minus 50 % of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

### Value Taxable For I & S Purposes

<b>T7</b>	<b>T8</b>	<b>T9</b>	<b>T10</b>
139,763,620	131,498,090	139,763,620	131,498,090

T7 = School district taxable value for I & S purposes before the loss to the additional \$10, 000 homestead exemption

T8 = School district taxable value for I & S purposes after the loss to the additional \$10, 000 homestead exemption and the tax ceiling reduction

T9 = T7 minus 50 % of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

T10 = T8 minus 50 % of the loss to the local optional percentage homestead exemption

# Attachment F

## TEA's Facilities Value

# Attachment G

## Participation Agreement

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

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by and between

**ANSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT**

and

**JONES CITY SOLAR, LLC**

*(Texas Taxpayer ID # 32069675224)*

Comptroller Application #1459

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Dated

July 13, 2020

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

*STATE OF TEXAS* §

*COUNTY OF JONES* §

THIS AGREEMENT FOR LIMITATION ON APPRAISED VALUE OF PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS TAXES, hereinafter referred to as this "Agreement," is executed and delivered by and between the **Anson Independent DISTRICT**, hereinafter referred to as the "District," a lawfully created independent school district within the State of Texas operating under and subject to the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, and **JONES CITY SOLAR, LLC**, Texas Taxpayer Identification Number 32069675224 hereinafter referred to as the "Applicant." The Applicant and the District are hereinafter sometimes referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

**RECITALS**

**WHEREAS**, on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Superintendent of Schools of the Anson Independent School District, acting as agent of the Board of Trustees of the District, received from the Applicant an Application for Appraised Value Limitation on Qualified Property, pursuant to Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE;

**WHEREAS**, on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Board of Trustees has acknowledged receipt of the Application, and along with the requisite application fee as established pursuant to Section 313.025(a) of the TEXAS TAX CODE and Local District Policy CCG (Local), and agreed to consider the Application;

**WHEREAS**, the Application was delivered to the Texas Comptroller's Office for review pursuant to Section 313.025 of the TEXAS TAX CODE;

**WHEREAS**, the District and the Texas Comptroller's Office have determined that the Application is complete and February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 is the Application Review Start Date as that term is defined by 34 TEXAS ADMIN. CODE Section 9.1051;

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

**WHEREAS**, the Texas Comptroller's Office reviewed the Application pursuant to Section 313.025 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, conducted an economic impact evaluation pursuant to Section 313.026 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, and on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, issued a certificate for limitation on appraised value of the property described in the Application and provided the certificate to the District;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has reviewed and carefully considered the economic impact evaluation and certificate for limitation on appraised value submitted by the Texas Comptroller's Office pursuant to Section 313.025 of the TEXAS TAX CODE;

**WHEREAS**, on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 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 July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 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 July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 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 July 10, 2020, 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 July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 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, or in the event the Board President and Secretary are unavailable or have disclosed a conflict of interest, the Board of Trustees has authorized the Board Vice President 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 JONES CITY SOLAR, LLC, (*Texas Taxpayer ID # 32069675224*), 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 August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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 Jones County Appraisal District.

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

“Commercial Operation” means the date the Project is able to generate electricity and connected to the grid with an interconnection agreement.

“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 ADMIN. CODE Chapter 9, Subchapter F, together with any court or administrative decisions interpreting same.

“County” means Jones County, Texas.

“District” or “School District” means the Anson 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 acts of God, war, fires, explosions, hurricanes, floods, or other causes that are beyond the reasonable control of either party and that by exercise of due foresight such party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid, and which, by the exercise of all reasonable due diligence, such party is unable to overcome. Each Party must inform the other in writing with proof of receipt within 60 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 ADMIN. 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 [*Insert Section 313.054 or 313.027*] 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 Chapters 41, 42, 48, and 49 of the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE, the Texas Economic Development Act (Chapter 313 of the TEXAS TAX CODE), Chapter 403, Subchapter M, of the TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE applicable to District, and the Constitution and general laws of the State applicable to the school districts of the State for each and every year of this Agreement, including specifically, the applicable rules and regulations of the agencies of the State having jurisdiction over any matters relating to the public school systems and school districts of the State, and judicial decisions construing or interpreting any of the above. The term includes any and all amendments or successor statutes that may be adopted in the future that could impact or alter the calculation of Applicant's ad valorem tax obligation to District, either with or without the limitation of property values made pursuant to this Agreement. For each year of this Agreement, the "Applicable School Finance Law" shall be interpreted to include all provisions made applicable for any calculations made for the specific year for which calculations are being made.

*"Maintenance and Operations Revenue"* or *"M&O 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 M&O Revenue lost as a result of such similar agreements, less (iv) any amounts necessary to reimburse the State of Texas or another school district for the education of additional students pursuant to Chapter 41 of the TEXAS EDUCATION CODE.

*"New M&O Revenue"* means the total State and local Maintenance and Operations Revenue that District would have actually received for such school year if calculated using prior year taxable values.

*"Option to Terminate"* means Applicant's written notice to the District which: (i) in the event that Applicant determines that it will not commence or complete construction of the Applicant's Qualified Investment prior to the beginning of the Tax Limitation Period notifies the District of Applicant's unilateral determination to terminate this Agreement; or, (ii) with respect to each Tax Year of the Tax Limitation Period beginning after the first Tax Year of the Tax Limitation Period, where 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 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 Applicant may exercise the Subsection (ii) 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 where the payment otherwise due exceeded the amount of taxes that Applicant would have paid had it not entered into the Agreement. Any termination of this Agreement under Subsection (ii) of this provision shall be effective immediately prior to the second Tax Year next following the Tax Year in which notice is given.

“Original M&O Revenue” means the total State and local Maintenance and Operations Revenue that District would have received for the Tax 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 & operations tax at the rate applicable for such Tax Year. For purposes of this calculation, the Third Party will base its calculations upon actual local taxable values for the prior school year as certified by the County Appraisal District for all other taxable accounts in the District, save and except for the Qualified Property subject to this Agreement, *plus* the total appraised value of the Qualified Property for the prior school year subject to this Agreement. In this calculation, the total appraised value of the Qualified Property subject to this Agreement will be used for the Qualified Property in lieu of the property’s M&O taxable value. (For clarification, the taxable value used by the District in calculating the taxes payable for Interest and Sinking Fund taxation purposes on Applicant’s Qualified Property will be used for the Qualified Property in lieu of the property’s M&O taxable value.)

“Revenue Protection Amount” means the amount to be paid by Applicant to compensate District for loss of Maintenance and Operations Revenue resulting from, or on account of, this Agreement for each year starting in the year of the Application Review Start Date and ending on the Final Termination Date as set forth in Section 4.2 of this Agreement.

## **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 February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 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 July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

C. The Qualifying Time Period for this Agreement:

i. Starts on July 13, 2020, the Application Approval Date;

ii. Ends on December 31, 2022, 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, 2022, first complete Tax Year that begins after the date of the commencement of Commercial Operation; and

ii. Ends on December 31, 2031.

E. The Final Termination Date for this Agreement is December 31, 2036.

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. \$20,000,000 based on Section 313.054 of the TEXAS TAX CODE.

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 2.4 for the Qualified Property identified in Article III, the Applicant shall:

A. have completed the Applicant's Qualified Investment in the amount of \$10,000,000 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 \$743 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 4**, 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 electricity generating project.

**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 Applicant for any loss that District incurs in its Maintenance and Operations Revenue in each year of this Agreement for which this Agreement was, in any manner, a sole and direct producing cause. 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 Section 7.1 of this Agreement, it is the intent of the Parties that the risk of any and all negative financial consequences to the District's total annual Maintenance and Operations Revenue, for which the execution of this Agreement was a sole and direct producing cause will be borne solely by Applicant and not by District.

The Parties hereto expressly understand and agree that, for all years to which this Agreement may apply, the calculation of negative financial consequences will be defined for each applicable year in accordance with the Applicable School Finance Law, as defined in Section 1.2 above, and that such definition specifically contemplates that calculations made under this Agreement may well periodically change in accordance with changes made from time to time in the Applicable School Finance Law. The Parties further agree that the printouts and projections 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 to the Agreement; 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 AMOUNT OF LOSS OF REVENUES BY THE DISTRICT**

A. Calculation of the Revenue Protection Amount.

The amount to be paid by the Applicant to compensate the District for loss of Maintenance and Operations Revenue resulting from, or on account of, this Agreement for each year during the term of this Agreement (the "Revenue Protection Amount") shall be determined in compliance with the Applicable School Finance Law in effect for such year and according to the following formula:

The Revenue Protection Amount owed by the Applicant to District means the Original M&O Revenue minus the New M&O Revenue (as such terms are defined in Section 1.2);

B. In making the calculations required by this Section 4.2 of this Agreement:

- i. The Taxable Value of property for each school year will be determined under the Applicable School Finance Law 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.

**Section 4.3. CALCULATIONS TO BE MADE BY THIRD PARTY.** All calculations under this Agreement shall be made annually by a qualified and experienced independent third party (the "Third Party") approved each year by the District. To the extent not inconsistent with a statutory change to Applicable School Finance Law, all calculations made by the Third Party under this Agreement shall be made using a methodology which isolates only the revenue impact caused by this Agreement. Applicant shall not be responsible to reimburse District for other revenue losses created by other agreements or any other factors.

**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 tax 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 tax 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 tax 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 appointed pursuant to Section 4.3 of this Agreement shall forward to the Parties a certification containing the calculations required under Sections 4.2, Article 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 his, her or its 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 the January 31 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 which are, or may be required under the terms or because of the execution of this Agreement. For no Tax Year during the Tax Limitation Period of this Agreement shall the Applicant be responsible for the payment of an aggregate amount of fees and expenses under this Section 4.6 which exceeds Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00). For any Tax Year outside of the Tax Limitation Period, Applicant shall not be responsible for the payment of an aggregate amount of fees and expenses under this Section 4.6 which exceeds Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500.00).

**Section 4.7. RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES.** Should the Applicant disagree with the certification containing the 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 certification, 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 certification. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of the Applicant's appeal, the Third Party will issue, in writing, a final determination of the certification containing the calculations. Thereafter, the Applicant may appeal the final determination of certification containing the calculations to the District. Any appeal by the Applicant of the final determination of the Third Party may be made, in writing, to the Board of Trustees within thirty (30) days of the final determination of certification containing the 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, 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 District within thirty (30) dates of receipt of written notice, up to the limit set forth in Section 7.1, that are necessary to offset any negative impact on District's Maintenance and Operations Revenue, as a sole and direct result of its participation in this Agreement. Such calculation shall take into account any adjustments to the amount calculated for the current fiscal year that should be made in order to reflect the actual impact on District.

**Section 4.10. PAYMENT LIMITATION; OPTIONAL TERMINATION.** In the event that the sum of all payments due to the District under Articles IV, V, and VI of this Agreement for any Tax Year during the Limitation Period of this Agreement shall exceed the Applicant's Net Tax Benefit for that Tax Year, then Applicant shall have the option to terminate this Agreement in accordance with Section 7.1. If Applicant does not elect to terminate this Agreement then the sum of all payments due to the District under Articles IV, V, and VI of this Agreement owed for that year shall automatically be limited to the Applicant's Net Tax Benefit for that Tax Year with amounts otherwise due and owing by the Applicant to the District which, by virtue of this payment limitation are not paid in that Tax Year, being carried forward from year to year into subsequent Tax Years until paid in full. Any amounts that remain unpaid under this Section on the Final Termination Date shall be canceled.

**ARTICLE V**

**PAYMENT OF EXTRAORDINARY EDUCATION-RELATED EXPENSES**

**Section 5.1. EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES.** In addition to the amounts determined pursuant to Section 4.2 of this Agreement above, Applicant on an annual basis shall also indemnify and reimburse District for the following: all non-reimbursed costs, certified by District's external auditor to have been incurred by District for extraordinary education-related expenses related to the project that are not directly funded in state aid formulas, including expenses for the purchase of portable classrooms and the hiring of additional personnel to accommodate a temporary increase in student enrollment attributable to the project during any project construction year. Applicant shall have the right to contest the findings of the District's external auditor in the same manner as described in Section 9.3 herein.

**ARTICLE VI**

**SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS**

**Section 6.1. SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS.**

School Year	Date of Payment	Amount of Payment
2020-2021	January 31, 2021	\$68,800
2021-2022	January 31, 2022	\$68,800
2022-2023	January 31, 2023	\$68,800
2023-2024	January 31, 2024	\$68,800

2024-2025	January 31, 2025	\$68,800
2025-2026	January 31, 2026	\$68,800
2026-2027	January 31, 2027	\$68,800
2027-2028	January 31, 2028	\$68,800
2028-2029	January 31, 2029	\$68,800
2029-2030	January 31, 2030	\$68,800
2030-2031	January 31, 2031	\$68,800
2031-2032	January 31, 2032	\$68,800
2032-2033	January 31, 2033	\$68,800
2033-2034	January 31, 2034	\$68,800
2034-2035	December 31, 2034	\$68,800

**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 Application;

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 2018-2019 Average Daily Attendance of 688, rounded to the whole number.

**Section 6.3. PROCEDURES FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT CALCULATIONS**

A. All calculations required by this Article shall be calculated by the Third Party selected pursuant to Section 4.3, above.

B. 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 4.6, above.

C. The payment of all amounts due under this Article shall be made shall be paid on the dates set forth in Section 4.6 above.

**Section 6.4. DISTRICT’S OPTION TO DESIGNATE SUCCESSOR BENEFICIARY.** At any time during this Agreement, the District’s Board of Trustees may, in its sole discretion, so long as such decision does not result in additional costs to the Applicant under this Agreement, direct that the Applicant’s payment obligations under Article VI of this agreement be made to its educational foundation, or to a similar entity.

The alternative entity may only use such funds received under this Article to support the educational mission of the District and its students. Any designation of an alternative entity must be made by recorded vote of the District's Board of Trustees at a properly posted public Board meeting. Any such designation will become effective after 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, with respect to future payments only, by action of the District's Board of Trustees at any time.

Any designation of a successor beneficiary under this Section shall not alter the Supplemental Payments calculated as described in Section 6.4, above.

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

**Section 7.1. EFFECT OF OPTIONAL TERMINATION.** Upon the exercise of the option to terminate, 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 ADMIN. 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 ninety-six (96) 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.

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.

B. 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.

C. 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 thirty (30) 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 thirty (30) 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 Jones 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 Jones County, 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 (30) 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 7.1 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 thirty (30) 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 10,000,000 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 REQUIRED NEW QUALIFYING JOBS** Pursuant to Section 313.0276 of the TEXAS TAX CODE, for any full Tax Year that commences after the project has become operational, in the event that it has been determined that the Applicant has failed to meet the job creation or retention requirements defined in Sections 9.1.C, the Applicant shall not be deemed to be in Material Breach of this Agreement until such time as the Comptroller has made a determination to rescind this Agreement under Section 313.0276 of TEXAS TAX CODE,

and that determination is final.

**Section 9.8. 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:

Jay Baccus  
Superintendent  
Anson ISD  
1431 Commercial Ave.  
Anson, Texas 79501  
(325) 823-3671

[jbaccus@anson.esc14.net](mailto:jbaccus@anson.esc14.net)

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

Chad Horton  
Senior Vice President  
Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc.  
11101 W. 120<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Suite #400  
Broomfield, CO 80021  
(303) 439-4200  
[chad.horton@res-group.com](mailto:chad.horton@res-group.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.

D. A copy of any notice delivered to the Applicant shall also be delivered to any lender for which the Applicant has provided the District notice of collateral assignment information pursuant to Section 10.3.C, below.

**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 Jones County.

**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 and Comptroller's office 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.**

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.

A. 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.

B. 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020.

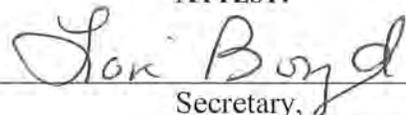
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By:   
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**ATTEST:**  
  
Secretary,  
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## EXHIBIT 1

### DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF ENTERPRISE OR REINVESTMENT ZONE

On September 9, 2019, the Jones County Commissioners Court adopted an Order creating the *Jones City Solar Center Reinvestment Zone*. A legal description and map of the *Jones City Solar Center Reinvestment Zone* is attached as the last page of this **EXHIBIT 1** following the legal description of the zone. All of the Applicant's Qualified Property and Applicant's Qualified Investment will be located within the boundaries of the *Jones City Solar Center Reinvestment Zone* and the Andrews Independent School District.

Designation of Jones  
City Solar Center  
Reinvestment Zone

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The Commissioners' Court  
of  
Jones County, Texas

**ORDER**

**Approving Motion for Designation  
of Jones City Solar Center Reinvestment Zone**

The Commissioners' Court of Jones County, Texas, meeting in regular session on the 9th day of September, 2019, considered the following resolution:

BE IT ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONERS' COURT OF JONES COUNTY, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS

Motion by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Spurgin, that the following action be taken by the court:

1. THAT the County designate the property located in Jones County, having the boundary description in Exhibit A and shown on the map in Exhibit B, both attached to this **Order**, as a Reinvestment Zone under the Jones County Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements, having determined that the designation will contribute to the retention or expansion of primary employment and will attract major investment in the zone that will benefit the zone and will contribute to the economic development of the County, and
2. THAT the zone shall be called the "Jones City Solar Reinvestment Zone."

This ORDER shall become effective as of September 9, 2019. PASSED AND APPROVED at this public hearing of the Jones County Commissioners Court, at which a quorum was present, on the 9th day of September, 2019.

Dale Spurgin Dale Spurgin, Jones County Judge  
Date: 9/9/19, Commissioner Precinct 1  
Tommy B. Vinton Date: 9/9/19, Commissioner Precinct 2  
Cass Davis Date: 9/9/19, Commissioner Precinct 3  
Geel Spurgin Date: 9/9/19, Commissioner Precinct 4  
ATTESTED: Leelan Jennings Date: 9/9/2019, County Clerk



## **PROPST, LTD.**

### **TRACT ONE:**

Approximately 712 acres being all of Subdivisions Numbered 26-30, of the W. L. Chittenden Subdivision of the Louis Kratz League No. 335, Jones County, Texas, according to the map or plat of said Subdivision shown in Book 97, Page 28, Plat Records, Jones County, Texas.

### **TRACT TWO:**

Approximately 396 acres being all of Subdivisions 19 and 20, each subdivision containing 157-7/8 acres of land, and all of Subdivision 21, Containing 80-7/10 acres of land, of the W. L. Chittenden Subdivision of the Louis Kratz League No. 335, Jones County, Texas, according to the map or plat of said Subdivision shown in Book 97, Page 28, Plat Records, Jones County, Texas.

### **TRACT THREE:**

Approximately 1,318 acres out of that certain 2,000 acres of land situated in Jones County, Texas, being a part of League #334, patented by the State of Texas, to the School Commissioners of Harrison County, by patent No.131, Volume 11, the part herein described by metes and bounds, as follows:

BEGINNING at the SW corner of a 920 acre tract out of said League, conveyed to R. E. Burns and by G. M. Selts, a stake in the S. line of said League #334, 2000 vrs. S. 75° W. from the SE corner; THENCE S. 75° 75 W. with said S. line 4000 vrs.a stake in said S. line;

THENCE N. 15° W. 1694.8 vrs.a stake for corner; THENCE S. 75° W.1000 vrs.a stake for corner; THENCE N.15° W. 903.2 vrs.a stake in the N. Bdy Line of said League #334;

THENCE N. 75° E. with the N. Bdy. line 5000 vrs. to the NW corner of the said R.E. Burns 920 acre tract;

THENCE S. 15 E. with said Burns West line 2598 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 2000 acres of land, more or less and being the same land conveyed to Geo. W. Allen by G. M. Felts by deed dated March 11, 1910, and recorded in Book 72, Page 346, of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, EXCEPT 2 acres, for a total net acreage of 1998 acres, more or less.

### **TRACT FOUR:**

BEING 420.45 acres of land, a part of the original survey granted to Harrison County School Land, and are based upon remaining evidences of the Original Survey. This tract being out of the Southeast corner of Harrison County School Land League #334 situated about 5 miles North 70 deg. West of Anson, Jones County, Texas. Variation 10 deg.10 feet East;

BEGINNING at point near the center of a "T" intersection of two county roads for the Northeast corner of Harrison County School Land League #333 and the Southeast corner of League #334 for the Southeast corner of this tract. From said corner a 1/2 inch iron pipe bears North 75 deg. East at 9.0 varas on the East side of road;

THENCE North 15 deg. 00 min. West along county road and with the East line of League #334 for 1186.8 varas to a point in road for the Northeast corner of this tract. From said corner a 1 inch iron pipe bears South 75 deg. West at 8.3 varas on the West side of road by a corner fence post;

THENCE South 75 deg. 00 min. West parallel with the South line of League #334 for 2000.0 varas to a point in turn row for the Northwest corner of this tract. From said corner 1/2 inch iron pipe bears North 75 deg. East at 3.6 varas;

THENCE South 15 deg. 00 min. East parallel with the East line of League #334 for 1186.8 varas to a point near the center of county road in the North line of League #333 and South line of League #334 for the Southwest corner of this tract.

From said corner a power pole bears North 58 deg. 10 min. West at 13.3 varas a guard pole for underground telephone line bears South 43 deg. 45 min. East 1212.0 varas and an iron pipe bears North 15 deg. West at 9.00 varas;

THENCE North 75 deg. 00 min. East along county road with the North line of League #333 and the South line of League #334 at 1149.7 varas cross creek continue same course for a total distance of 2000.0 varas to the place of BEGINNING.

**TRACT FIVE:**

BEING all that part of Subdivision No. 17 of the Chittenden Subdivision of McMullen and McGloin League 336, Certificate No. 3, Abstract No. 258, Patent No. 456, Volume 12, dated June 24, 1856, lying South and West of the A. & S. Ry. Co. right-of-way EXCEPT the West 50 acres thereof; leaving herein described 45.69 acres of land.

**TRACT SIX:**

BEING all that part of Subdivision No. 16 of the Chittenden Subdivision of the McMullen and McGloin League 336, Certificate No. 3, Abstract No. 258, Patent No. 456, Volume 12, dated June 24, 1856, lying South and West of the A & S Ry. Co. right-of-way, containing 13 acres of land.

**MCCAMEY FARM & RANCH, L.P.**

**TRACT ONE:**

The North 500 acres of the East 920 acres of League 334, Harrison County School Lands, Jones County, Texas, described as follows:

BEGINNING at the N.E. cor. of said League #334;

THENCE S. 75 deg. W. with N.B. line of said League #334, 2000 vrs. to N.W. corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 15 deg. E. parallel with the E.B. line of said League #334, 1411-35/100 vrs. to stake for S.W. corner of this tract;

THENCE North 75 deg. E. parallel with N.B. line of said League #334, 2000 vrs. to a point in the E.B. line of said League #334, 1411-35/100 vrs. S. 15 deg. E. from the N.E. corner of said league;

THENCE N.15 deg. W. along the E.B. line of said league, 1411-35/100 vrs. to the place of beginning.

**TRACT TWO:**

All those certain tracts of land in Jones County, Texas, to-wit:

**Parcel "A"**

BEING a portion of the 612 acre tract of land patented to Rosa Freeman, assignee of Walton, Hill and Walton, by patent No. 75, Volume 7, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the East line of said survey which said point is 348 feet N. 1 deg. 43' E. of the Northeast corner of a tract of land out of the same survey conveyed by E. E. Wallace and wife to W. D. Hawthorne by deed dated December 30, 1919, for the northeast corner of this tract hereby conveyed;

THENCE S. 1 deg. 43' W. 348 feet to the northeast corner of a tract of land conveyed by the said E. E. Wallace and wife to the said Hawthorne December 30, 1919, for the S.E. corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 88 deg. 17' W. with the north boundary of aforesaid survey 1223 feet to the N.W. corner of said tract conveyed on December 30, 1919, by the said Wallaces to W. D. Hawthorne for the S.W. corner of this tract;

THENCE in a slightly northeasterly direction 1268 feet to the place of beginning, containing four and seventy-two one- hundredths (4.72) acres of land.

**Parcel "B"**

BEING a portion of land out of 612 acre tract patented to Rosa Freeman, assignee of Walton, Hill and Walton by patent No. 75, Vol. 7, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the East line of said survey, which point is 1020 varas N. 1 deg. 43' E. of the southeast corner of said 612 acre tract and being the southeast corner of that portion of said tract purchased from the First National Bank of Hamlin, Texas, by E. E. Wallace as shown by deed recorded in Vol. 112, Page 411, of the Deed Records of Jones County, Texas, for the Southeast corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 88 deg. 17' West 292 varas for the S.W. corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 14 deg. 23' W. 504.6 varas for the N.W. corner of this tract;

THENCE S. 88 deg. 17' E. 440.2 varas for the N.E. corner of this tract;

THENCE S.1 deg. 43' W. 517.2 varas to the place of beginning, containing 33.3 acres of land.

**Parcel "C"**

BEING the middle part of the Walton, Hill and Walton Survey situated about 7 miles North 50 degrees West of Anson, Texas, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a stone set in the E. B. Line of this survey and W.B. line of Section No. 97, BBB & C Ry. Co. and 793 vrs. South from the N.E. corner of this survey, same being the S.W. (E) corner of a 184 acre tract;

THENCE South with the said E.B. Line of this survey and W.B. Line of Survey No. 97 BBB & C Ry. Co. at 418 vrs. N B Line of Abilene and Southern Ry. Company right of way at 463 vrs. S.B. Line of same, at 1256 vrs. S.W. corner Section No. 97, and N.W. corner No. 98 BBB & C Ry Co. at 2437-1/2 vrs. stake for N.E. corner of a 4. 72/100 a. tract sold to D. W. Hawthorne for the S.E. corner of this tract;

THENCE South 74 degrees West with said Hawthorne 4. 72/100 acres tract N.B. line 461 vrs. to stake in E. B. line, League No. 334, Harrison County School Land, for the N.W. corner of said 4. 72/100 acres tract, also the S.W. corner of this tract, said corner also being in the center of public road;

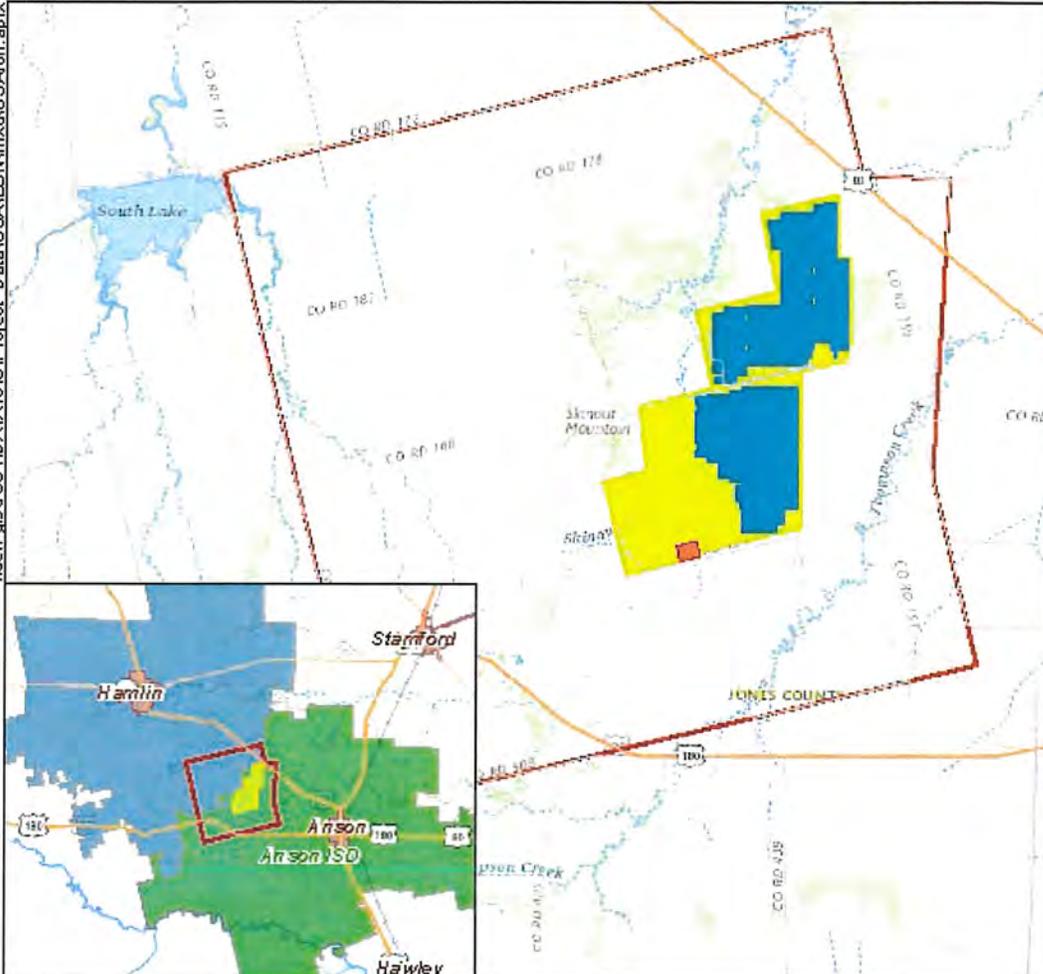
THENCE N 16-1/4 degrees West with the said League No. 334, E. B. line, also Louis Kratz League No. 335, E.B. line and with the center of said Public Road, 2675 vrs. to a stone set for the S.W. corner of a 184 A. tract, for the N.W. corner of this tract;

THENCE East with the said 184 A. tract S.B. Line at 567 vrs. W.B. Line of Abilene and So. Ry. Company right-of-way, at 628 vrs. E.B. Line of said at 1194 vrs. to the place of beginning;

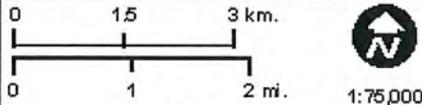
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The Abilene and Southern Ry. right-of-way consisting of 4-3/5 acres of land. The tract hereby conveyed being 362-31/40 acres of land.

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**Improvements Map**  
 Jones City Solar LLC (Lone Star) Phase 1



- Project**
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## **EXHIBIT 2**

### **DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF LAND**

All of the Applicant's Qualified Property and Applicant's Qualified Investment will be located within the boundaries of the *Jones City Solar Center Reinvestment Zone* and the Anson Independent School District. The Land on which the Qualified Property shall be located and on which the Qualified Investment shall be made is described by the legal description and maps attached to **EXHIBIT 1** AND **EXHIBIT 4**.

### EXHIBIT 3

#### APPLICANT'S QUALIFIED INVESTMENT

Applicant's Qualified Investment shall be all tangible personal property first placed in service after February 18, 2020, that is owned by the Applicant, as more fully described in Tab #7 of the Application and located within the boundaries of the Anson Independent School District and the *Jones City Solar Center Reinvestment Zone* depicted by the map attached to **EXHIBIT 4**.

#### Description of Qualified Investment

Jones City Solar, LLC plans to construct a 215 MW solar farm in Jones County.

This application covers all qualified property within Anson ISD necessary for the commercial operations of the proposed solar farm described in Tab 4. Two hundred and fifteen megawatts (215 MW) will be located in Anson ISD. Panel placement is subject to change but for purposes of this application, the Project anticipates using approximately 596,124 PV modules or equivalent and 74 inverters.

This application covers all qualified investment and qualified property necessary for the commercial operations of the solar farm.

Qualified Investment and qualified property includes; solar modules/panels, racking and mounting structures, inverters, combiner boxes, meteorological equipment, foundations, roadways, O&M building, paving, fencing, collection system, electrical substations, generation transmission tie line and associated towers, interconnection facilities, control systems necessary for commercial generation of electricity and all eligible ancillary and necessary equipment.

*\*NOTE:* The map in TAB 11 shows the potential locations of improvements within Anson ISD boundaries; however, the final number of panels and inverters and the location of each of these facilities is dependent upon ongoing negotiations with power purchasers and other factors.

## EXHIBIT 4

### DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF QUALIFIED PROPERTY

*Applicant's Qualified Property* shall be *all* tangible personal property first placed in service after July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, that is owned by the Applicant, as more fully described in Tab #8 of the Application and located within *the* boundaries of the Anson Independent School District and *Jones City Solar Center Reinvestment Zone* depicted by *the* map attached to this **EXHIBIT 4**.

#### Description of Qualified Property

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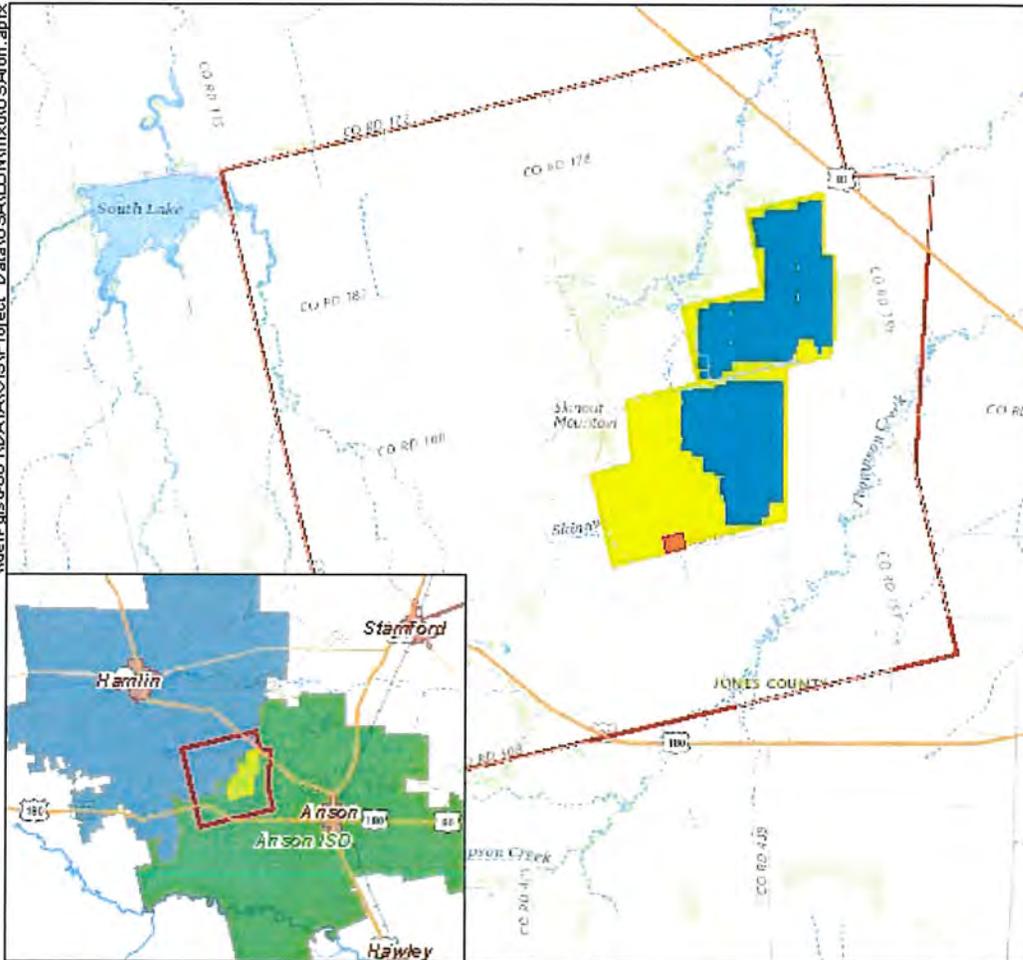
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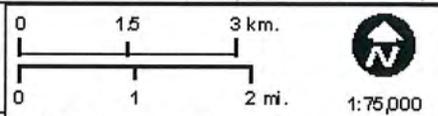
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Attachment H

Consultant Verification Letter



LYNN M. MOAK, PARTNER

DANIEL T. CASEY, PARTNER

July 13, 2020

President and Members  
Board of Trustees  
Anson Independent School District  
1431 Commercial Ave.  
Anson, Texas 79501

*Re: Recommendations and Findings of the firm Concerning Application of Jones City Solar, LLC (#1459) for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes*

Dear President and Members of the Board of Trustees:

Please accept this letter as formal notification of the completion of due diligence research on behalf of the Anson Independent School District, with respect to the pending Application of Jones City Solar, LLC for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes. Since our engagement on behalf of the District, we have been actively engaged in reviewing the pending Application and verifying its contents. Based upon our review, we have drawn the following conclusions:

1. All statements of current fact contained in the Application are true and correct.
2. The project proposed in the Application meets all applicable eligibility criteria of Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.
3. The Applicant has the current means and ability to complete the proposed project.
4. All applicable school finance implications arising from the contemplated Agreement have been explored.
5. The proposed Agreement contains adequate revenue protection provisions to protect the interests of the District over the course of the Agreement.

As a result of the foregoing it is our recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the Application of Jones City Solar, LLC for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel T. Casey".

Daniel T. Casey  
Partner

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CERTIFIED, CIVIL TRIAL

**JUSTIN DEMERATH**

**BENJAMIN CASTILLO**

July 13, 2020

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Please accept this letter as formal notification of the completion of due diligence research on behalf of the Anson Independent School District, with respect to the pending Application of Jones City Solar, LLC for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes. Since our engagement on behalf of the District, we have been actively engaged in reviewing the pending Application and verifying its contents. We have also negotiated an Agreement between the District and Jones City Solar, LLC. Based upon our review we have drawn the following conclusions:

1. All statements of current fact contained in the Application are true and correct.
2. The project proposed in the Application meets all applicable eligibility criteria of Chapter 313 of the Texas Tax Code.
3. The Applicant has the current means and ability to complete the proposed project.
4. All applicable school finance implications arising from the contemplated Agreement have been explored.

5. The proposed Agreement contains adequate legal provisions to protect the interests of the District.

As a result of the foregoing conclusions it is our recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the Application of Jones City Solar, LLC for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin O'Hanlon", written in a cursive style.

Kevin O'Hanlon  
For the Firm

Attachment I

Agreement Review Letter



**GLENN HEGAR** TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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P.O. Box 13528 • Austin, TX 78711-3528

July 10, 2020

Jay Baccus  
Superintendent  
Anson Independent School District  
1431 Commercial Ave  
Anson, TX 79501

Re: Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations taxes by and between Anson ISD Independent School District and Jones City Solar, LLC, Application 1459

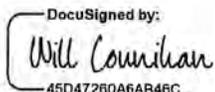
Dear Superintendent Baccus:

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 Anson Independent School District and Jones City Solar, 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 Annette Holmes with our office. She can be reached by email at [annette.holmes@cpa.texas.gov](mailto:annette.holmes@cpa.texas.gov) or by phone at 1-800-531-5441, ext. 5-3792 or at 512-512-475-3792.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:  
  
45D47260A6AB46C...  
Will Counihan  
Director  
Data Analysis & Transparency Division

cc: Dan Casey, Moak, Casey & Associates  
Michael Hutson, Renewable Energy Systems Americas Inc.  
Brandon Westlake, Cummings Westlake, LLC

## Attachment J

### Conflict Of Interest Disclosure

### **Conflicts of Interest Disclosure Procedure**

In its recent audits of Chapter 313 Agreements, The Texas State Auditor's Office has required documentation of inquiries concerning Board Member conflicts of interest at critical junctions in the Chapter 313 approval process. A local public official or a person related to a local public official in the first degree by either affinity or consanguinity has a substantial interest in a business entity or in real property, the local public official, before a vote or decision on any matter involving the business entity or the real property, is required to file an affidavit with an official Board record keeper stating the nature and extent of the interest and shall abstain from further participation in the matter if:

1. In the case of a substantial interest in a business entity, the action on the matter will have a special economic effect on the business entity that is distinguishable from the effect on the public; or
2. In the case of a substantial interest in real property, it is reasonably foreseeable that an action on the matter will have a special economic effect on the value of the property, distinguishable from its effect on the public.
3. A person has a substantial interest in a business entity if:  
The person owns at least:
  - a. Ten percent of the voting stock or shares of the business entity, or
  - b. Either ten percent or \$15,000 of the fair market value of the business entity; or
  - c. Funds received by the person from the business entity exceed ten percent of the person's gross income for the previous year.
4. In the case of a substantial interest in real property, it is reasonably foreseeable that an action on the matter will have a special economic effect on the value of the property, distinguishable from its effect on the public.

The Board may contract with a business entity in which a Trustee has a substantial interest if the Trustee follows the disclosure and abstention procedure set out above.

Does any Board Member have a conflict of interest as defined above?

If so, has the required Affidavit, set forth at District Policy BBFA (Exhibit) been filed?

Please have the answers to the foregoing 2 questions and a copy of this Procedure included in the minutes of this meeting.