POLE ATTACHMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN

CITY OF GREENFIELD, INDIANA

AND

HANCOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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POLE ATTACHMENT LICENSE AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into as of	, 2023 between the City of
Greenfield, Indiana, which owns and operates a mur	nicipal electric utility located in Greenfield,
Indiana, (herein called "Owner") and the Hanco	ck County Commissioners, (herein called
"Licensee").	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION.

- A. Licensee desires to attach aerial wireline, risers and permitted equipment (hereinafter referred to as "Attachments") to certain poles of Owner.
- B. Owner is willing to permit Licensee on a non-exclusive basis to place and maintain the Attachments on said poles, where such Attachments will not interfere with Owner's own use or other existing user's service requirements, pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement as relating to pole attachments.

STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT

The parties acknowledge the accuracy of the above background information and in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants set forth herein agree as follows:

1. SCOPE OF LICENSE

Owner shall grant to Licensee a revocable, non-exclusive and limited license to make future Attachments to Owner's distribution poles in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. In addition, Owner hereby grants Licensee a revocable, non-exclusive and limited license to continue to maintain those Attachments located on Owner's poles, which are now owned by Licensee and which were permitted and approved pursuant to earlier pole attachment agreements. Upon compliance with the permitting requirements hereunder, Licensee shall only use the Attachments for the purpose of providing video, data and related telecommunication services, distributed via wireline.

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as a grant by Owner of an exclusive license, right or privilege to Licensee, nor as a limitation, restriction, or prohibition upon Owner's right to grant interests to third parties to the poles licensed hereunder. All poles covered by this Agreement remain the property of Owner regardless of any payment by Licensee toward their cost. No use, however extended, of Owner's poles or payment of any fee or charge required hereunder shall create or vest in Licensee any claim of right, possession, title, interest or ownership in such poles. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to compel Owner to construct, reconstruct, retain, extend, repair, place, replace or maintain any pole which, in Owner's sole discretion, is not needed for its own purposes. Owner and its successors and assigns shall have the right to operate, relocate and maintain its poles and attendant facilities in such a manner as will best enable it, in its sole discretion, to fulfill its service requirements.

Licensee's Communications Facilities must at all times serve a lawful purpose, and the use of such facilities must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws. The use of Attachments for any illegal or unauthorized purpose shall constitute a breach of this Agreement.

Owner shall have the right to grant, renew and extend nondiscriminatory rights and privileges to others not party to this Agreement, by contract or otherwise, to use Owner's Facilities. Such rights shall not interfere with the privileges granted to Licensee by the specific Permits issued pursuant to the Pole Attachment Standards. Licensee's privileges under a Permit issued pursuant to the Pole Attachment Standards shall not interfere with the privileges of any Other Attaching Entity that has been issued a Permit. In the event of a conflict between the privileges of Licensee and any Other Attaching Entity that cannot be resolved by reference to the Pole Attachment Standards, Owner shall resolve the conflict as the Pole owner based on non-discriminatory principles.

2. EXPLANATION OF TERMS

For the purposes of this Agreement, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations, shall have the meaning given herein, unless more specifically defined within a section of this Agreement or in the Pole Attachment Standards. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future tense, words in the plural number include the singular number, and words in the singular number include the plural number. The words "shall" and "will" are mandatory, and the word "may" is permissive. Words not defined shall be given their common and ordinary meaning. Capitalized terms not listed in this Section 2 shall have the meaning given them in the Pole Attachment Standards.

Annual Attachment Fee - The annual charge per attachment assessed by Owner in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

Attachment - any item owned by Licensee that is attached to Owner's pole. Such items would include individual wirelines, risers and permitted equipment (e.g., power supplies, amplifiers, etc.).

Attachment Standards or Design Standard - All applicable regulations or codes promulgated by any federal, state, local or other governmental authority having jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, the National Electrical Safety Code and Owner's design or attachment requirements.

Contract Year - The annual rental period of July 1 to the succeeding June 30 of each year.

Incremental Cost - The difference between the Total Cost of installing a pole to accommodate both Owner and Licensee(s) on a new pole (either as new construction or replacement of an existing pole at Owner's initiation) and the Total Cost of installing a pole that meets Owner's needs.

Interest Rate - 1.5% per month (18% annual).

Licensee – Hancock County Commissioners and its authorized successors and assignees.

Licensee's Facilities - The Communications Facilities owned by Licensee.

Overlashing - The installation of wire or any other material over authorized attachments whether owned by Licensee, Owner, or a Third Party.

Private Network - A network constructed by a private or public entity, such as a school, a university, or a unit of local government, used solely for non-commercial communications purposes.

Total Cost - The total cost of performing work (including make-ready) to accommodate the Licensee on Owner's pole, including all applicable materials, labor and overheads. When replacing an existing pole due solely to the Licensee's requirements, Total Cost shall also include the cost of transferring/installing Owner's facilities and removal of the old pole, with book value credit for any material actually salvaged by Owner.

Unauthorized Attachment - Shall have the meaning set forth in the Pole Attachment Standards.

Wireline Attachment - an individual conductor attached to Owner's pole, which occupies one point of attachment. Each individual wireline, including service drops to individual residences, attached to the pole (either at a single point or multiple points) shall be considered a separate Wireline Attachment, except for billing purposes.

3. PERMITTING OF ATTACHMENTS

Licensee shall submit a Request for every four (4) poles upon which Licensee wishes to locate materials, prior to installing or modifying any Attachments on any pole of Owner and shall in association with each application attach a load analysis for each pole identified in the application. Within sixty (60) working days after receipt of the completed Request of no more than four (4) poles and an additional sixty (60) days for each Request of four (4) poles or greater and three hundred sixty (360) working days for review of each Request for construction of four (4) poles. Owner shall review the design, strength and loading characteristics of the pole and notify Licensee whether Owner will permit the proposed use by Licensee of such pole pending any necessary rearrangements and/or pole replacements. If such permission is granted in writing, Licensee shall have the right to use such pole in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and any further direction by Owner concerning the location and design of the Attachment. However, notwithstanding the above and foregoing, Licensee, its employees, agents and/or contractors shall notify with electronic notice twenty-four (24) hours in advance specifying the date, time, and pole location for each pole being accessed. Licensee shall reimburse Owner for all of Owner's expenses incurred in reviewing such Request(s). Notwithstanding the above, overlashing of Licensee's own Facilities, shall require written prior notice (such notice shall include loading calculations and calculations of any required make-ready) and service drops shall not require such advance written notice. Licensee will provide Owner written notice of service drops within ten (10) business days immediately following the Attachment.

If make ready work is necessary to prepare any poles for the proposed Attachments, then Licensee shall not have contact with such poles until Licensee receives notice from Owner that the make ready work is completed.

All materials submitted by Licensee in connection with pole permit applications are to be handled and reviewed only by employees or officials responsible for the coordination and administration or their supervisors or other officials. Such materials may be of a confidential, proprietary, and commercially sensitive nature if so marked and shall not be disclosed by Owner or its employees for any reason to process and administer Licensee's pole permit application request except as required by law. Owner shall make additional copies of Licensee's permit

application materials only as necessary for administration of this Agreement or as required by law.

4. <u>INSTALLATION STANDARDS</u>

- A. <u>Duty to Inspect</u>. Licensee acknowledges and agrees that Owner does not warrant the condition or safety of Owner's Facilities or the premises surrounding the Facilities, and Licensee further acknowledges and agrees that it has an obligation to inspect Poles, and/or premises surrounding the Poles prior to commencing any work on Poles or entering the premises surrounding the Poles.
- B. <u>Knowledge of Work Conditions</u>. By executing this Agreement, Licensee warrants that it has acquainted, or will fully acquaint, itself and its employees and/or contractors and agents with the conditions relating to the work that Licensee will undertake under the Pole Attachment Standards and that it fully understands or will acquaint itself with the facilities, difficulties, and restrictions attending the execution of such work.
- C. <u>Duty to Inform and Protect</u>. Licensee further warrants that it understands the imminent dangers, INCLUDING SERIOUS BODILY INJURY OR DEATH FROM ELECTROCUTION, inherent in the work necessary to make installations on Poles by Licensee's employees, servants, agents, contractors or subcontractors, and Licensee accepts as its duty and sole responsibility to notify, inform, and keep informed Licensee's employees, servants, agents, contractors or subcontractors of such dangers, and to keep them informed regarding same. Licensee also warrants that it will implement all precautions, procedures, and measures in the Pole Attachment Standards to protect public safety and the safety of personnel working close to electrified lines.
- D. Protection of Utility Data. During the terms of this Agreement, Licensee may have access to Owner's geodatabase electronic records of Pole locations, strand and underground routes, substation locations, and other pertinent information related to Owner's electric distribution system. Such electronic records consist of proprietary and confidential Owner information related to critical infrastructure and shall be treated as confidential by Licensee and protected from public disclosure. Licensee shall implement physical and cybersecurity measures to protect the geodatabase information from public disclosure, theft, and widespread internal distribution, such as the best practices outlined in the Federal Trade Commission's "Start with Security' cybersecurity guidelines.
- E. <u>Licensee's Confidential Information</u>. To the extent that Licensee considers any document or information submitted to Owner under the terms of this Agreement or the Pole Attachment Standards to be trade secret, proprietary, or otherwise confidential under law, it shall label or mark the document or information conspicuously with the words "Confidential Information." If any person requests access to Licensee's information submitted to Owner under the terms of this Agreement or the Pole Attachment Standards, Owner will treat such information as required under the Indiana Access to Public Records Act.

All Attachments and any associated equipment permitted by Owner shall be installed in a manner which does not interfere with the present or any future use which Owner may desire to make of its poles. Owner shall determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Attachments interfere with Owner's present or future pole use plans and shall provide written notification to Licensee when granting permission for such Attachments pursuant to Section 3 above if Owner

reasonably determines that Licensee's proposed installation plan shall interfere with such present or future use. If such a determination is made, Owner shall work with Licensee to develop a mutually agreed plan that avoids such interference. All Attachments made hereunder shall be installed and maintained by Licensee in compliance with Owner's Attachment Standards.

If requested by Owner, Licensee shall identify all Attachments at each pole location using an industry-standard tagging system approved by Owner.

Licensee acknowledges that the poles licensed hereunder have energized facilities installed upon them and that working in the vicinity of energized facilities poses potential dangers. At all times during the term of this Agreement, and particularly during the time of any construction, repair, or maintenance of Attachments covered by this Agreement, Licensee shall consider the electric wires of Owner to be energized. Licensee shall warn all of its employees, agents, contractors and subcontractors, or any other parties who may be working on behalf of the undersigned, of the potential dangers. Licensee shall take any necessary precautions by the installation of protective equipment, or other means, to protect all persons and property of all kinds against injury or damage occurring by reason of Licensee's Attachments on Owner's poles.

5. POLE INSTALLATION

- A. <u>Poles installed in new locations</u>. Where Owner decides to install a new pole in a location where facilities have not been previously placed, and Licensee proposes to attach to such pole, the following rules shall apply:
- 1. Owner shall make a determination of the size and height of the pole necessary to accommodate its facilities alone and shall calculate the Total Cost of procuring and installing such pole.
- 2. Licensee shall submit a Proposal, pursuant to the Proposed Attachments Article above, setting forth a description of the facilities that Licensee intends to install.
- 3. Licensee shall pay Owner the cost of the extra height and/or strength of the pole, if required as a result of Licensee's planned Attachment. The cost of such extra pole height or strength shall equal the Total Cost of the pole necessary to accommodate Owner and Licensee's facilities, less the Total Cost of the pole necessary to only accommodate Owner's facilities. Title to the new pole will remain with the original Owner. All expenses associated with the installation of new poles shall be paid upfront by Licensee.
- 4. Owner shall have three hundred sixty-five (365) days to replace any pole required by this provision.
- B. Replacement of Poles. Where, in Owner's sole judgment, an existing pole must be replaced solely to adequately provide for Licensee's proposed Attachment, Licensee agrees to pay Owner the Total Cost of the replacement pole. When replacing a pole due solely to the Licensee's requirements, Total Cost shall include the cost of transferring facilities and removal of the old pole, with book value credit for any reuseable/salvageable material. Title to the new pole will remain with the original Owner. All expenses associated with the installation of poles shall be paid upfront by Licensee. Owner shall have three hundred sixty-five (365) days to replace any pole required by this provision.

C. <u>General Issues</u>. If Licensee opts to not occupy poles which have been or were to be replaced or rearranged per Licensee's request in order to accommodate Licensee's facilities, then Licensee shall remain responsible for all charges set forth hereunder (exclusive of pole attachment fees) in order to compensate Owner for its actual costs incurred in planning and implementing the pole/facilities modification before Licensee withdrew its request.

6. RELOCATION/REPLACEMENT OF POLES

Where Owner must replace or relocate a pole, Owner shall provide Licensee at least sixty (60) days advance written notice before undertaking such replacement or relocation.

Licensee shall transfer its Attachments within ten (10) days of receiving notice that the new pole is in place. If Licensee does not transfer its Attachments within such ten (10) days, then Owner may transfer the Attachments at Licensee's expense. If Owner is required to make a return trip to remove a pole as a result of Licensee failing to transfer its Attachments within the time set forth herein, then Licensee shall reimburse Owner for the Total Cost associated with such return trip.

To facilitate transfers, Owner and Licensee may elect to enter into a separate and non-exclusive transfer agreement. Such an agreement would not negate the need for Licensee to fulfill its obligations under the terms of this Agreement in instances where Owner could not or chose not to perform the transfer(s) of Licensee's facilities.

7. REARRANGEMENT OF ATTACHMENTS

If Licensee's desired Attachments can be accommodated by rearranging Owner's facilities, then Licensee shall reimburse Owner for the respective Total Cost incurred in making such rearrangement. This provision would apply equally regarding rearrangement of Owner's facilities on poles not owned by Owner. Owner will notify Licensee of the need for such rearrangement at the time it grants a Request pursuant to Section 3 and will finalize such rearrangement within sixty (60) days thereafter.

Similarly, if another party is requested to rearrange its facilities on Owner's pole to accommodate Licensee's attachments, Licensee shall be responsible for any costs incurred by the other party(ies). This provision would apply equally if another party is requested to rearrange its facilities on Owner's pole to accommodate Licensee's attachments, such other party(ies) shall be responsible for any costs incurred by Owner or Licensee. Owner will notify other party(ies) of the need for such rearrangement at the time it grants a Request pursuant to Section 3 and along with the requirement to finalize such rearrangement within sixty (60) days thereafter.

8. GUYING

Any guying required pursuant to the Design Standards shall be installed by and at the expense of Licensee. Licensee shall not use any of Owner's guys or anchors without Owner's express written permission.

9. RISER INSTALLATION

Licensee shall not install any risers upon Owner's poles without the written consent of Owner, which consent may be withheld in Owner's reasonable discretion. If Licensee desires to install a riser to a new or existing pole, Licensee shall submit in writing the installation design, including

the size of the proposed riser and adequate loading data to assess the impact on the existing pole. Owner may require a riser bracket be installed on any pole where a new riser of the Licensee is approved and where one or more risers currently exist. If such is required, Licensee shall pay the Total Cost of the riser bracket, including all costs associated with the transfer of existing risers to the riser bracket. All risers shall be installed in accordance with Owner's instructions.

10. COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS

Owner may conduct, at Licensee's expense, a post-construction, compliance inspection of all new Attachment installations or modifications of existing Attachments. In addition, Owner may make additional inspections at Licensee's expense, if Owner has reasonable cause to believe that Licensee is not maintaining its Attachments in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Licensee shall pay Owner's reasonable, actual costs for such inspection(s). Owner's right to make any inspections and any inspection made pursuant to such right shall not relieve Licensee of any responsibility, obligation or liability assumed under this Agreement to maintain its Attachments in accordance with the Attachment Standards and other prudent practices.

11. ATTACHMENT INVENTORY

Using the inception year of this Agreement (or the inception year of a previously assigned or prior Agreement covering the same area and facilities, if applicable), as the starting year, Owner may conduct a complete field inventory of its poles for the purpose of verifying the number and location of all Attachments of Licensee in the area covered by this Agreement. Such inventory may be conducted anytime after the execution of this Agreement and not more often than every fifth year thereafter. Owner shall give to Licensee at least thirty (30) days' prior notice of such inventory and Licensee shall advise Owner if Licensee desires to make or participate in such an inventory with Owner.

Licensee shall reimburse Owner for Owner's reasonable, actual expenses incurred in making such inventory, whether or not Licensee elects to participate. Owner shall furnish a summary report of such inventory within a reasonable time after its completion.

12. <u>UNAUTHORIZED ATTACHMENTS</u>

Any Attachment made without the approval of Owner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, or any prior agreement governing such facilities, shall be considered an Unauthorized Attachment.

Upon discovery of an Unauthorized Attachment, Owner may elect either of the following options after providing Licensee written notice: (i) order Licensee to remove the Attachment within thirty (30) days of such written notice, or (ii) review such Attachment, at Licensee's expense, to determine if the Attachment is in compliance with the Design Standards and, if necessary, order Licensee to comply with the Design Standards. If rearrangement or pole replacement (pursuant to Rearrangement of Attachments Section or the Pole Installation Section above) is required, Licensee shall comply or remove its affected Attachment(s) within thirty (30) days of such written notice or such additional time as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties. Alternatively, Licensee may provide Owner written documentation within thirty (30) days that such Attachment(s) had been previously authorized by Owner.

For each Unauthorized Attachment, Licensee shall also pay Owner the applicable annual attachment fee hereunder for a period of time equal to the greater of: (i) five years, or (ii) the number of years since the last Attachment Inventory, plus the current Interest Rate compounded annually at the rate of eight percent (8%) per annum. Licensee shall also pay Owner any and all non-recurring administrative expenses Owner incurs as a result of processing and documenting such Unauthorized Attachments. In addition, there shall be a fine of \$100.00 per attachment for each Unauthorized Attachment discovered by Owner which shall be paid to Owner within five (5) business days after receipt of an invoice and if not paid within said time, Owner shall have the right to remove any Unauthorized Attachment.

13. <u>INTERFERENCE OR HAZARD</u>

Whenever Owner notifies Licensee in writing or orally, with written confirmation, that any Attachment made hereunder does not comply with the Design Standards in place at the time the Attachment was installed, Licensee shall within thirty (30) days of receiving such notice, either remove such non-complying attachment, or bring such Attachment in compliance with the Design Standards. If non-compliance of such Design Standards is causing interference with Owner's use or maintenance of the pole, or is causing a hazard, then Licensee shall undertake the remedial efforts promptly, but not more than ten (10) days after receiving notice from Owner. If the Design Standards have changed since the Attachment was installed, Licensee shall bring such Attachment in compliance with the revised Design Standards the next time Licensee has need to touch such Attachment(s). However, if Attachment(s) are determined to be a safety hazard, Licensee shall within thirty (30) days of receiving such notice, either remove such non-complying attachment, or bring such Attachment in compliance with the revised Design Standards.

In the case of an emergency, which in Owner's reasonable judgment requires Owner to immediately remove or relocate the Licensee's Attachments, Owner may remove or relocate such Attachments as required, at Licensee's expense, without prior notice or responsibility for any damage to Licensee caused by such removal or rearrangement. In such instances, Owner will notify Licensee of its actions as soon as is practical.

14. THIRD PARTY OVERLASHING

Licensee, or Licensee's contractors, agents, or subcontractors, shall not overlash any Attachments upon its own or any third party's facilities which are attached to Owner's poles, or permit third parties to overlash Licensee's facilities, without the prior written consent of Owner and the payment of all costs and fees associated therewith. Owner shall not unreasonably withhold its consent, provided such overlashed facilities are reviewed by Owner pursuant the request procedure set forth in the Permitting Of Attachments Section above, and both overlashing parties consent to such overlashing in a written format acceptable to Owner. Failure of Licensee to comply with the obligations set forth herein shall result in the imposition of a per diem, per pole fine of \$100.00, which shall be paid by Licensee prior to approval of any overlashing request.

In addition to the above-described notice and conditions, Licensee shall provide an updated load analysis for each pole associated with an overlashing request.

15. ATTACHMENT REMOVAL

Licensee may, at any time, abandon the use of a pole hereunder by giving written notice to Owner and removing from the pole all of its Attachments.

16. CHARGES AND FEES

- A. <u>Application Fee</u>. A payment of \$0.00 made payable to Greenfield Power and Light shall accompany each pole attachment application with a separate application required for each grouping of four (4) poles or excess thereof upon which attachment is being requested.
- B. <u>Non-Recurring Expenses</u>. Except as otherwise set forth herein, Licensee shall reimburse Owner for the Total Cost of all non-recurring expenses incurred by Owner, which are caused by or attributable to Licensee's Attachments.
- C. <u>Annual Attachment Fee</u>. During the initial Contract Year of this Agreement, an Annual Attachment Fee of \$0.00 per Attachment will be billed for the Attachments made to each of Owner's poles. For subsequent years following the initial Contract Year, the Annual Attachment Fee shall be annually adjusted in proportion to the change in the CPI-U during the previous calendar year (as of December 31), rounding the rental rate to the nearest cent. Billing of annual charges shall be rendered, in arrears, annually on or about July 1 of each year for the use of Owners poles during the previous Contract Year. Service drops nor Overlashings shall be subject to an Annual Attachment Fee.
- D. <u>General</u>. Licensee shall pay the applicable Annual Attachment Fee, in arrears upon the next annual billing, for each new Attachment made during the Contract Year. There shall be no proration of fees hereunder, including adjustments in billing for those Attachments made or removed during the Contract Year.

17. TIME OF PAYMENT

Unless otherwise set forth herein, payments due hereunder shall be made within thirty (30) days from the date of the invoice therefor. On all amounts not so paid, an additional charge for interest at the Interest Rate of eight percent (8%) per annum, compounded daily, will be assessed. Where the provisions of this Agreement require any payment by Licensee to Owner other than for the Annual Attachment Fee, Owner may, at its option, require that the estimated amount thereof be paid in advance of permission to use any pole or the performance by Owner of any work.

18. INDEMNITY

A. Liability. Owner reserves to itself the right to maintain and operate its Pole system in such manner as will best enable it to fulfill its service requirements. AS A MATERIAL PART OF THE CONSIDERATION OF THIS AGREEMENT, LICENSEE TAKES AND ACCEPTS OWNER'S POLES "AS IS" IN THE CONDITION IN WHICH LICENSEE FINDS OWNER'S POLES, WITH ANY AND ALL LATENT AND PATENT DEFECTS AND WITH NO EXPRESS OR IMPLIED WARRANTIES OWNER OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS, SUITABILITY, OR THAT THE POLES ARE FIT FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE. LICENSEE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT IS NOT RELYING UPON ANY REPRESENTATION, STATEMENT, OR OTHER ASSERTION WITH RESPECT TO THE CONDITION OF OWNER'S POLES, BUT IS RELYING UPON ITS OWN EXAMINATION

OF OWNER'S POLES. OWNER shall NOT be liable to Licensee, its customers, or anyone else for any interruption to service of Licensee or any interference with the operation of Licensee's Facilities, except where caused by Owner's negligence or willful misconduct. With the exception of third party claims subject to the Indemnification section, neither Party shall be liable to the other for any indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages suffered by the other Party such as, but not limited to, loss of any anticipated profits, claims of customers, loss of revenue, loss of use of Licensee's Facilities or system, cost of capital, increased expenses or operation of other facilities, or cost of replacement equipment, facilities or power.

- B. Indemnification. Licensee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Owner and its officials, officers, board members, council members, commissioners, representatives, employees, agents, and contractors (each an "Indemnitee," and collectively, the "Indemnitees") against any and all liability, costs, damages (including indirect or consequential damages), fines, taxes, special charges by others, penalties, payments (including payments made by Indemnitees under any Workers' Compensation Laws or under any plan for employees' disability and death benefits), and expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees of Indemnitees and all other costs and expenses of litigation) of every kind or character arising from the performance of this Agreement, including any act, omission, failure, negligence, or willful misconduct in connection with the construction, maintenance, repair, presence, use, relocation, transfer, removal, or operation by Licensee's officers, directors, employees, agents, or contractors of Licensee's Attachments and Communications Facilities, the Communications Facilities of any Other Attaching Entity, or Owner's Facilities ("Covered Claims"). Licensee's indemnification obligations for Covered Claims shall apply irrespective of any negligence or alleged negligence of Indemnitees, except to the extent that Indemnitees' negligence or willful misconduct gives rise to such Covered Claims, in which case it is expressly agreed that Licensee's obligations of indemnity under this section shall be effective only to the extent of its pro rata share of liability. Covered Claims include, but are not limited to, the following:
- 1. Claims related to intellectual property infringement, libel and slander, and claims or ransom demands resulting from malicious cybersecurity breaches or cyber-attacks perpetrated against Owner's internal computer networks, systems, gateways, or software applications arising from, resulting from, or related to Licensee's online access to Owner's electronic systems, databases, applications, or software utilized by Licensee in the Make-Ready Engineering design process, the installation of Attachments, or the construction of Licensee's Facilities.
- 2. Claims associated with cost of work performed by Owner that was necessitated by Licensee's failure, or the failure of Licensee's officers, directors, employees, agents, or contractors, to install, maintain, use, transfer, or remove Communications Facilities or Owner's Facilities in accordance with the requirements and specifications of the Pole Attachment Standards.
- 3. Claims for damage to or destruction of Communication Facilities of any Other Attaching Facility, Owner's Facilities, private property of any third-party, or injury to or death of any person or persons that arise out of or are caused by the erection, installation, maintenance, presence, operation, use, rearrangement, or removal of or from Owner's Poles of Licensee's Attachments or Licensee's Facilities, or the proximity of Licensee's Facilities to Owner's Facilities, or by any act, omission, or negligence of Licensee or its contractors, agents and employees on or in the vicinity of Owner's Facilities.

- 4. Liabilities incurred as a result of Licensee's violation, or a violation by Licensee's officers, directors, employees, agents, or contractors, of any law, rule, or regulation of the United States, the State of Indiana, or any other governmental entity or administrative agency.
- 5. Claims of governmental bodies, property owners, or others alleging that Licensee does not have sufficient right or authority for placing and maintaining Licensee's Facilities at the locations of Poles owned by Owner.
- 6. Claims for taxes or special charges by others that arise directly or indirectly from the construction, maintenance, or operation of Licensee's Facilities and are payable by Licensee pursuant to federal, state, or local regulation, statute, or other requirement.
- 7. Claims caused by or relating in any manner to a breach of this Agreement by Licensee or its agents and employees or by Licensee's contractors.
- 8. Claims arising from or due to environmental conditions arising from Licensee's use, storage, maintenance, disposal, or release of any Hazardous Substances on, under, adjacent, or proximate to Owner's Facilities.

C. Procedure for Indemnification.

- 1. Indemnitee shall give prompt notice to Licensee of any claim or threatened claim wherein Indemnitee is seeking indemnification pursuant to the Indemnification section, specifying the alleged factual basis for such claim and the amount of the claim. If the claim relates to an action, suit, or proceeding filed by a third-party against Indemnitee, Indemnitee shall give the written notice to Licensee no later than ten (10) calendar days after Indemnitee receives written notice of the action, suit, or proceeding.
- 2. Indemnitee's failure to give the required notice will not relieve Licensee of its obligation to indemnify Indemnitee unless and to the extent Licensee is materially prejudiced by such failure.
- D. Environmental Hazards. Licensee represents and warrants that its use of Owner's Poles will not generate Hazardous Substances, that it will not store or dispose of Hazardous Substances on or about Owner's Poles, that it will not transport to Owner's Poles any Hazardous Substances, and that Licensee's Communications Facilities do not constitute or contain and will not generate any Hazardous Substances, including any such activities in violation of federal, state, or local law now or hereafter in effect, including any amendments. The term "Hazardous Substance" shall be interpreted broadly to mean any substance or material designated or defined as hazardous or toxic waste, hazardous or toxic material, hazardous or toxic or radioactive substance, or other similar term by any federal, state, or local laws, regulations, or rules now or hereafter in effect, including any amendments. Licensee further represents and warrants that in the event of breakage, leakage, incineration, or other disaster, its Communication Facilities will not release such Hazardous Substances.
- E. <u>Municipal Liability Limits</u>. No provision of this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to be a waiver for any purpose by Owner of any applicable State limits on municipal liability.

F. <u>No Limitation</u>. No indemnification provision contained in this Agreement under which Licensee indemnifies Owner shall be construed in any way to limit any other indemnification provision contained in this Agreement.

19. INSURANCE

Licensee shall obtain and furnish the insurance described below. Licensee shall maintain and cause its subcontractors to maintain this insurance at all times during the performance of this Agreement.

- A. Coverage for the legal liability of Licensee under the workers' compensation and occupational disease law of the State of Indiana. If Licensee is a legally permitted and qualified workers compensation self-insurer in the State of Indiana, it may furnish proof that it is such a self-insurer in lieu of submitting proof of insurance.
- B. Commercial general liability insurance with limits of \$2,000,000 each occurrence and \$2,000,000 general aggregate.
- C. Commercial automobile liability insurance with a combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of \$1,000,000 each accident.

Licensee will not be permitted to access Owner's poles until Owner receives from Licensee one copy of an acceptable certificate of insurance covering the terms of Subsections A-C above. Such certificate shall state that the insurance carrier has issued the policies providing for the insurance specified above. Upon receipt of notice from its insure(s) Licensee shall provide the Owner with, thirty (30) days prior written notice of cancellation of such policies. Licensee shall obtain waivers of subrogation on all of their insurance. Such waivers shall be for the benefit of Owner and its affiliated companies. Licensee acknowledges that continued maintenance of the insurance requirements under this Agreement is a substantial and important part of this Agreement and that any lapse in insurance coverage shall be corrected so that coverage will be in place during the period required hereunder, with no gaps or lapses in coverage.

The amounts of insurance required under this Agreement shall, upon notice to review and acceptance by Licensee, be increased as Owner may reasonably require from time to time to account for inflation, generally increased insurance settlements, court verdicts or any other business purposes. If Licensee does not timely deliver to Owner a certificate showing all of the required insurance to be in full force and effect as required by this Agreement, Owner may declare Licensee to be in substantial default under the terms of this Agreement upon which event this Agreement shall automatically terminate within sixty (60) days without the need for any further notice.

20. IDENTIFICATION OF LICENSEE'S EMPLOYEES

In furtherance of the purpose of laws, rules and regulations relating to sabotage, espionage and subversive activities, Licensee shall identify each of its employees and agents accessing Owner's poles and will require its contractors who will have occasion to perform work on or about Owner's poles, wires and other facilities to have suitable means of identification and recognizable as contractors of Licensee. Licensee's employees, contractors and/or agents shall have in their possession at all times a copy of the duly issued pole attachment license/permit when performing any work on or about Owner's poles, wires and other facilities, reasonably

found by the Owner to be unqualified or unfit for the performance of such work or who fails to comply with the term of this Agreement.

21. EASEMENTS

Licensee shall secure any right, license or permit from any governmental body, authority or other person or persons which may be required for the construction or maintenance of Licensee's Attachments. Owner does not grant, convey nor guarantee any easements, rights-of-way or franchises for the construction and maintenance of the Attachments. Licensee hereby agrees to indemnify and save Owner harmless from any and all claims, including the expenses incurred by Owner to defend itself against such claims, resulting from or arising out of the failure of Licensee to secure such right, license, permit or easement for the construction or maintenance of the Attachments on Owner's poles, the loss of right-of-way or property owner consent, of the costs of relocating any of Owner's facilities or other attachments on Owner's poles. In the event that Owner becomes aware of a claim affecting Licensee under the terms of this provision, Owner shall endeavor to put Licensee on timely notice of such claim. However, such notice obligation of Owner does not extend to permits or franchises required by governmental entities. As applicable, all of the terms of the indemnity set forth in this Agreement are incorporated herein and shall apply with equal force to the indemnity set forth in this Section.

22. PERFORMANCE BOND

Owner may require Licensee, on demand, to furnish a bond or irrevocable letter of credit in an amount equal to one (1) year's Annual Attachment Fees for all Attachments, or \$10,000.00, whichever is greater, as a payment and/or performance guaranty.

23. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

- A. Owner shall have the right, pursuant to the procedure set out herein, to terminate this entire Agreement, or any Permit issued pursuant to Pole Attachment Standards, and to pursua any and all remedies provided in this Agreement, whenever Licensee is in default of any term or condition of this Agreement, including, but not limited to:
- 1. Construction, operation, or maintenance of Licensee's Attachments or Communications Facilities in violation of law or in aid of any unlawful act or undertaking.
- 2. Construction, operation, or maintenance of Licensee's Attachments or Communications Facilities after any authorization required of Licensee has lawfully been denied or revoked by final action of any governmental or private authority.
- 3. Construction, operation, or maintenance of Licensee's Attachments or Communications Facilities without the insurance and/or performance bond coverage required herein.
- 4. Failing to pay in full an invoice for any charge, fee, penalty, or interest as provided in this Agreement or the Pole Attachment Standards.
- 5. Failing to promptly and fully perform any other covenant, condition, provision, or agreement contained in this Agreement, including without limitation the Pole Attachment Standards.

24. REGULATION

Both parties acknowledge that, prior to negotiation of this Agreement, the parties carefully reviewed all relevant provisions of state and federal statutes and regulations relating to the regulation of Owner's facilities, and that the negotiations freely conducted herein were undertaken without duress and with full knowledge of any rights either party may have pursuant to such state or federal law. Each and every provision of this Agreement is considered an essential exchange of consideration hereto.

Execution and performance of this Agreement are without prejudice to, and do not constitute a waiver of any positions taken or claims asserted respecting the validity, enforceability or effect of any or all such regulations or orders in any appeal, litigation or administrative proceeding pending at the date hereof or later begun, or any rights arising out of any judgment, opinion or order therein.

25. TERM

Except as provided in the Termination of Agreement Section, this Agreement shall continue for a period of five (5) years from the date hereof, and shall thereafter automatically renew for successive one year periods unless one party gives the other party written notice of termination at least sixty (60) days in advance of the next renewal date. Licensee shall completely remove its Attachments from Owner's poles within one hundred twenty (120) days of the termination date or such other mutually agreed additional period, unless an extension of the existing Agreement is negotiated or the parties have executed a new agreement covering such poles hereto. If Licensee fails to remove its facilities, Owner may and is hereby given the clear and incontestable right to remove Licensee's facilities, at Licensee's expense, from Owner's poles and without any liability to Owner.

26. PRIOR AGREEMENTS

This Agreement terminates and supersedes any prior agreement, license or joint use affecting Owner's poles and Licensee's attachments covered hereby as of the date hereof, but such termination shall not reduce or eliminate the obligation of Licensee to make payment of any amounts due to Owner under any prior agreement.

27. TRANSFERS OF OWNERSHIP

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto, and Licensee shall not assign, transfer, sublet or sublicense any of the rights hereby granted to a non-affiliate. If Licensee wishes to sell, or otherwise transfer, all or part of its facilities covered by this Agreement to a non-affiliated third party, said third party shall submit an application to enter into a new agreement with Owner for the installation and/or maintenance of wireline attachments on Owner's poles, and reimburse Owner for any non-recurring expenses associated with Owner's review of the third party. Any outstanding liabilities of Licensee, including, without limitation, charges for inventories and inspections, charges and penalties for unauthorized attachments, or other outstanding costs or expenses shall be paid to Owner, in full, prior to the transfer of any rights and privileges of the Licensee with a new agreement to said third party. Owner reserves the right, at its option, to consent to the transfer of the existing Agreement to a new third party,

or to require the execution of a new agreement in lieu of granting its consent to the assignment or transfer of any right, license or privilege under this Agreement.

28. GOVERNING LAW

Except insofar as governed by federal law, this Agreement shall be construed in accordance with applicable laws in effect of the State of Indiana.

29. ENFORCEMENT

Failure by either party to enforce or insist upon compliance with any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement shall not constitute a general waiver or relinquishment of any terms or conditions.

30. NOTICES

Any notices required or permitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be given by registered or certified mail with return receipt requested, addressed to Greenfield Electric Department at:

Greenfield Electric Department

333 S. Franklin St.

Greenfield, IN 46140-2284 Attn: Electric Superintendent

and to Licensee at: Hancock County Commissioners

Hancock County Annex

111 American Legion Place, Suite 101

Greenfield, IN 46140

with a copy to: Hancock County Auditor

Hancock County Annex

111 American Legion Place, Suite 217

Greenfield, IN 46140

with a copy to: Hancock County 911, Attn: Director

640 S. Franklin St. Greenfield, IN 46140

Either party may, by written notice, designate a different address to which notices shall subsequently be transmitted to it.

31. THIRD PARTY

This Agreement shall not create for, nor give to, any third party any claim or right of action against either party to this Agreement that would not arise in the absence of this Agreement.

32. EXECUTION

This Agreement may be executed in two counterparts each of which so executed shall be deemed to be an original.

33. AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties respecting pole attachments, and shall only be modified in a writing signed by both parties hereto. Notwithstanding the above and foregoing:

- A. Acceptance of Amendment. At least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the effective date of an amendment to the Pole Attachment Standards, Owner will send Licensee a form notice requesting Licensee's acknowledgment of the amendment by a date certain and whether Licensee accepts or rejects the amendment. Licensee shall return the executed form clearly marking acceptance or rejection of the amendment before the effective date of the amendment. If Licensee fails to timely return the form, Owner will send a written reminder within ten (10) business days following the effective date of the amendment requesting return of the executed form no later than ten (10) business days from the date of the reminder notice. If Owner does not receive the executed form by the effective date of the amendment, it shall suspend processing of Licensee's Applications until such time as the form is received accepting the amendment.
- B. Rejection of Amendment. If Licensee returns the form rejecting the amendment, Owner will suspend any further processing of Licensee's Applications and will send written notice to Licensee within ten (10) business days of receipt of the form verifying Licensee's choice to reject the amendment. Within thirty (30) days thereafter, the Parties shall meet to discuss the timing for contract termination, not to exceed ninety (90) days, and the terms for the orderly removal or other disposition of Licensee's Attachments, not to exceed one hundred and eighty (180) days. If Licensee shows good cause as to why it cannot meet within thirty (30) days, the Parties may agree on an alternative time to meet. If Licensee refuses to meet within the thirty (30) day period or fails to schedule an alternative time to meet upon a showing of good cause, Owner may send notice of termination at any time and Licensee shall remove its Attachments pursuant to the provisions of the Pole Attachment Standards.

34. PRESERVATION OF REMEDIES

No delay or omission in the exercise of any power or remedy herein provided or otherwise available to Owner shall impair or affect Owner's right thereafter to exercise the same.

35. HEADINGS

Headings used in this Agreement are inserted only for the convenience of the parties and shall not affect the interpretation or construction of this Agreement.

36. SURVIVAL OF OBLIGATIONS

Any expiration or termination of Licensee's privileges under this Agreement shall not relieve Licensee of any obligation, whether indemnity or otherwise, which has accrued prior to such expiration or termination of this Agreement or removal of Licensee's Attachments.

37. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Owner and Licensee agree to negotiate all disputes between them in good faith for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of notice prior to invoking additional dispute resolution

mechanisms. If the Parties' negotiation fails to resolve their dispute they shall submit any and all unsettled claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between them arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or the breach thereof, to mediation by a mediator mutually agreed to by the Parties, the cost of which shall be equally paid by both Parties. Owner and Licensee agree to participate in the mediation process in good faith. The process should be conducted on a confidential basis and shall be completed within ninety (90) days. If such mediation is unsuccessful in resolving a dispute, then the Parties may mutually agree to a dispute resolution of their choice, or either Party may seek to have the dispute resolved by a court of competent jurisdiction.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

CITY OF GREENFIELD, INDIANA		
By: Chuck Fewell Title: Mayor	By: Scott Yost Title: Electric Utility Manager	_
HANCOCK COUNTY COMMISSIONERS		
Bill Spalding		
Gary McDaniel		
John Jessup		
Attest:		

Debra Carnes, Hancock County Auditor