Exhibit A

AMENDMENT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT
ENGINEER-OWNER AGREEMENT
(Doc. No. AE-6)

AMENDMENT No. 1 **Date: September 1, 2026**

THIS AMENDMENT modifies the Agreement dated June 15, 2026 made by and between **Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.,** (hereinafter called BMcD), and City of Crest Hill, Illinois (hereinafter called CLIENT) for the following Project: 2026 Water & Sewer Utility Financial Plan Update. For good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the parties agree to make the following changes to their Agreement.

1. The parties agree that the BMcD's Scope of Services is amended as follows:

Task 3 – Proposed Rate Development (Amended)

Based on the forecasted revenue requirements and cost of service analysis (proposed in Task 5) the proposed water and sewer user charges will be developed following the City's current rate structure for water and sewer services. Proposed rates will be designed following the existing rate structure and includes one across-the-board rate increase scenario and one additional rate design within the existing structure. The proposed additional rate design will adjust the base and volume rate components to generate the system revenue from the financial plan and more equitable rate alignment based on the cost of service findings.

Task 3 Deliverables and Meetings:

Deliverables:	*Proposed rates and fees* *Typical bill comparisons between scenarios*
Formal Meeting:	*Review meeting/conference call to discuss alternative rate design* *Optional in-person meeting to present rate scenarios*

Task 4 – Deliverables (Amended)

Burns & McDonnell will develop a draft PowerPoint presentation summarizing the findings and recommendations of the Study. The draft PowerPoint presentation will be presented to the Client working team to allow for Client feedback. Client feedback will be incorporated into the Final presentation, as appropriate. Burns & McDonnell will present the presentation to the Client at a City Council Workshop.

Deliverables:

- *Draft PowerPoint presentation*
- *Final PowerPoint presentation*
- *1 In-person presentation at a City council workshop to present the presentation*

Task 5 – Cost of Service (new)

A cost of service analysis focuses on assigning cost responsibility to the different classifications of customers. Each customer class is allocated an appropriate share of the overall system costs of providing service. The test year revenue requirement selected in collaboration with the City will serve as the basis for the cost of service analysis for the utility systems. The revenue requirement will be calculated using cash basis.

Under the cash basis, the revenues of the utility must be sufficient to cover all the cash needs for the period during which the rates are intended to be adequate. This basis is generally used by publicly owned utilities and is an extension of cash oriented budgeting and accounting systems traditionally used by local governments. Revenue requirements under this basis include operation and maintenance expenses, routine annual replacements, debt service requirements, revenue-financed major capital improvements, as well as any payment or transfers to the City general fund and reserve fund deposits.

Burns & McDonnell will utilize the test year revenue requirement to conduct a cost of service analysis that result in allocation of costs to each of the City's existing rate classes. The development of the class specific allocated cost of service will be consistent with industry standards.

<u>Task 5.1 – Determine Utility Cost Assignments</u>
Burns & McDonnell will complete the cost of service analysis using customized models that reflects the specific requirements of the City's utility systems. Burns & McDonnell will complete cost functionalization and classification to functional service areas following the same allocation methodology developed during the 2021 rate study. Functions for the water system will include base, maximum day, maximum hour, fire protection and customer or meter components. Functions for the sewer system will include flow, strength, infiltration/inflow, and customer accounts.

The amounts included in the test year revenue requirement for each component of revenue or expense will be classified as or assigned to the various functional services following the same approach as the 2021 rate study. These methods include direct assignment to a specific related function, assumed percentage breakdowns based on estimated levels of related activities within multiple functions, ratios of statistical factors affecting multiple functions, and composite ratios of the assignments resulting from the previous methods. The classified test year revenue requirement will then be summarized by functional service.

<u>Task 5.2 – Allocate Functional Costs to Classes</u>
The test year revenue requirement of each utility system will be allocated among the existing rate classifications. This is generally referred to as development of each utility's units of service by customer class. At a minimum, units of service will include base volumes, capacity-related volumes, equivalent meters, and customers. For the sewer utility, units for strength and levels of infiltration/inflow will also be developed. The cost of service models will summarize the allocated revenue requirement by rate class. This output will be compared with the projected revenue to be generated by each rate class to estimate for each class the extent to which the current rates would recover the corresponding allocated share of the test year revenue requirement. As a result, a breakdown by rate classification of the total revenue change at the system level will be determined.

<u>Task 5.3 – Review Cost of Service Results</u>
Burns & McDonnell will conduct a project review meeting with the City staff to review and discuss the preliminary cost of service analysis results. Any revisions to the assumptions used in the cost of service analysis will be agreed upon for purposes of finalizing the analysis. In addition, guidance will be obtained from the City as to any adjustments to the cost recovery to be provided by each rate classification prior to beginning Task 4 of the Study.

<u>Task 5 Deliverables and Meetings:</u>
Deliverables: *Cost of service allocations to customer classes*
Formal Meeting: *Review meeting/conference call to discuss cost of service results*

<u>Task 6 – Senior/Veteran Rate Discount (new)</u>

The City requested the development of a discount rate applicable to qualifying senior citizens and veterans. The development of the senior/veteran rate discount is laid out below:

<u>Task 6.1 – Determine Regional Discount Level</u>
The development of the discount is anticipated to follow a "top-down" approach that uses the regional market comparison as the basis for developing possible discount levels. We understand that the City is conducting the regional survey and will give Burns & McDonnell the percentage or dollar discount amounts that will be reflected in the analysis.

<u>Task 6.2 – Estimate Eligible Customers</u>
Using BLS data and collaborating with the City we will estimate the total number of customers eligible to receive the discount benefit.

<u>Task 6.3 – Calculate Discount Impact to System Financials & Other Customer Rates</u>

Using the discount from Task 6.1 and the estimated number of eligilbe customers from Task 6.2, we will calculate the loss in system revenue due to the applied discount and design retail customer rates to generate the system revenue required from the financial plan. We will run up to 2 scenarios to demonstrate the (1) the proposed system wide revenue impact, and (2) the retail customer rate impact of varying levels of customer discounts. We expect to incorporate this analysis into Task 3: Proposed Rate Development.

Task 6 Deliverables and Meetings:
Formal Meeting: *Review meeting/conference call to discuss discounted rate impacts and findings*

2. The following adjustments are made to the ENGINEER's compensation:

Based on the additional Scope of Services listed in Section 1, the original not-to-exceed fee of $27,700 is increased by $32,000, resulting in a total compensation amount not-to-exceed $59,700.

The not-to-exceed fee of $59,700 includes all labor and expense for the additional propsed scope in Amendment No. 1, including the in-person presentation(s).

3. The time for completion of ENGINEER's Services is adjusted as follows:

The project timeline is amended based on the addition of the incremental scope added in this Amendment and assumes a notice to proceed on September 14th, 2026. The draft PowerPoint presentation is expected to be delivered to the City for review on 10/19/26, with the in-person workshop on 10/26/26.

Request data required to execute the incremental scope listed in this Amendment is anticipated to be received with in 7 business days from the execution of the Amendment. All project timelines assume timely delivery of required Client data, including the Grand Prarie Water Commission Cost Calculator. In the event that necessary client data is delayed, the project deliverables will be delayed by a commensurate amount of time to allow for sufficient data processing and analysis time.

4. Other changes to the Agreement, if any, are stated below:

None

5. The terms of this AMENDMENT supersede any contrary terms of the Agreement. This AMENDMENT will be deemed a part of, and be subject to, all other terms and conditions of the Agreement. Except as modified above, the Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this AMENDMENT the day and year first written above.

THIS AGREEMENT CONTAINS A BINDING ARBITRATION PROVISION, WHICH MAY BE ENFORCED BY THE PARTIES.

CLIENT: City of Crest Hill, Illinois	**BMcD: Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.**
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Name: ______________________	Name: Alex Craven
Title: ______________________	Title: Project Manager