

ORDINANCE 2022-16
EXHIBIT A

FRANCHISE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF FRUITA AND
GRAND VALLEY RURAL POWER LINES, INC.

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ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Franchise, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning given in this Article. When not inconsistent with context, words used in the present tense include the future tense, words in the plural include the singular, and words in the singular include the plural. The word "shall" is mandatory and "may" is permissive. Words not defined in this Article shall be given their common and ordinary meaning.

- 1.1. "City" means the City of Fruita, a municipal corporation within Mesa County, State of Colorado.
- 1.2. "City Council" means the legislative body of the City.
- 1.3. "Company" means Grand Valley Rural Power Lines, Inc. (Grand Valley Power), and its successors and assigns, but does not include its affiliates, subsidiaries or any other entity in which it has an ownership interest.
- 1.4. "Company Facilities" means all facilities of the Company reasonably necessary to provide electric service into, within and through the City, including but not limited to plants, works, systems, substations, transmission and distribution structures, lines, equipment, pipes, mains, conduit, transformers, underground lines, meters, meter reading devices, communication and data transfer equipment, control equipment, street lights, wire, cables and poles.
- 1.5. "Electric Gross Revenues" means those amounts of money which the Company receives from the sale or delivery of electricity in the City, after adjusting for refunds, net write-offs of uncollectible accounts, corrections, or regulatory adjustments. Regulatory adjustments include, but are not limited to, credits, surcharges, refunds, and pro-forma adjustments pursuant to federal or state regulation. "Electric Gross Revenues" shall exclude any revenue for the sale or delivery of electricity to the City as a customer of the Company.
- 1.6. "Franchise" means the terms and conditions of this ordinance.
- 1.7. "Franchise Fee" is defined below in Section 4.1.
- 1.8. "Force Majeure" means the inability to undertake an obligation of this Franchise due to a cause that could not be reasonably anticipated by a Party or is beyond its reasonable control after exercise of best efforts to perform, including but not limited to fire, strike, war, riots, acts of governmental authority, acts of God, floods, epidemics, pandemics, quarantines, labor disputes, unavailability or shortages of materials or equipment or failures or delays in delivery of materials.
- 1.9. "Other City Property" refers to the surface, the air space above the surface and the area below the surface of any property owned or controlled by the City or hereafter held by

the City that would not otherwise fall under the definition of "Streets," but which provides a suitable location for the placement of Company facilities as specifically approved in writing by the City.

- 1.10. "Party" or "Parties" refers to the City and the Company, either singly or collectively as the context requires.
- 1.11. "Private Project" refers to any project which is not covered by the definition of Public Project.
- 1.12. "Public Project" refers to (1) any public work or improvement within the City that is wholly or beneficially owned by the City; or (2) any public work or improvement within the City where fifty percent (50%) or more of the funding is provided by any combination of the City, the federal government, the State of Colorado, or any Colorado county, but excluding all entities established under Title 32 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. For purposes of this agreement, "public work or improvement" means any project for the new construction or reconstruction of a project such as public buildings; public roads; public highways; public streets; publicly owned water mains and sewers; public parks and playgrounds; public convention facilities which are financed at least in part with public money; jails and prisons; and all other similar publicly owned works and property. Public work or improvement does not include any project done for primarily aesthetic purposes, beautification, or view protection.
- 1.13. "Public Utilities Commission" or "PUC" means the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado or other state agency succeeding to the regulatory powers of the Public Utilities Commission.
- 1.14. "Public Utility Easement" means any easement over, under, or above public or private property, dedicated to the use of public utility companies for the placement of utility facilities, including but not limited to Company Facilities. Public Utility Easement shall not include any easement that is located within Streets or Other City Property.
- 1.15. "Residents" means all persons, businesses, industries, governmental agencies, including the City, and any other entity whatsoever, presently located or to be hereinafter located, in whole or in part, within the territorial boundaries of the City that overlap with the Company's PUC-certificated territory.
- 1.16. "Streets" means the surface, the air space above the surface and the area below the surface of any City-dedicated streets, alleys, bridges, roads, lanes, public easements (excluding any easements the terms of which do not permit the use thereof for Utility Service), and other public rights-of-way within the City, which are primarily used for vehicle traffic. Streets shall not include Public Utility Easements.
- 1.17. "Supporting Documentation" means all information reasonably required for the Company to design and construct any work performed under the provisions of this Franchise.

- 1.18. "Utility Service" refers to the transmission, distribution and sale of electricity to Residents by the Company.

ARTICLE 2 GRANT OF FRANCHISE

2.1 Grant of Franchise.

- A. Grant. The City hereby grants to the Company, subject to all conditions, limitations, terms, and provisions contained in this Franchise:
- (1) The non-exclusive right to provide Utility Service to the City and to its Residents.
 - (2) The non-exclusive right to acquire, purchase, construct, install, locate, maintain, upgrade, operate, and extend into, within and through the City, all Company Facilities reasonably necessary for the generation, production, manufacture, sale, storage, purchase, exchange, transmission, transportation and distribution of Utility Service within and through the City.
 - (3) The non-exclusive right to make reasonable use of Streets, Other City Property, and any Public Utility Easement as may be necessary to carry out the terms of this Franchise.
 - (4) The non-exclusive right to provide street lighting service and traffic signal lighting service within the City.

2.2 Conditions and Limitations.

- A. Scope of Franchise. The grant of this Franchise shall extend to all areas of the City as it is now or hereafter constituted for Utility Service to Residents that are within the Company's PUC-certificated service territory; however, nothing contained in this Franchise shall be construed to authorize the Company to engage in activities other than the provision of Utility Service.
- B. Subject to City Usage. The right to make reasonable use of Streets to provide Utility Service to the City and its Residents under the Franchise is subject to and subordinate to any City usage of said Streets.
- C. Prior Grants Not Revoked. This grant is not intended to revoke any prior license, grant, or right to use the Streets and such licenses, grants or rights of use are hereby affirmed. Such rights shall, however, be governed by the terms of this Franchise.

D. Franchise Not Exclusive. The rights granted by this Franchise are not, and shall not be deemed to be, granted exclusively to the Company, and the City reserves the right to make or grant a Franchise to any other person, firm, or corporation.

2.3 Effective Date and Term.

A. Term. This Franchise shall take effect upon its adoption and shall supersede any prior franchise grants to the Company by the City. This Franchise shall terminate twenty (20) years after its effective date unless extended by mutual consent.

ARTICLE 3 CITY POLICE POWERS

- 3.1. Police Powers. The City shall have the right to adopt, from time to time, in addition to the provisions contained herein, such laws, including ordinances and regulations, as it may deem necessary in the exercise of its governmental powers. If the City considers making any substantive changes in its local codes or regulations that in the City's reasonable opinion will significantly impact the Company's operations in the Streets and Other City Property, it will make a good faith effort to advise the Company of such consideration; provided, however, that lack of notice shall not be justification for the Company's non-compliance with any applicable local requirements.
- 3.2. Regulation of Streets or Other City Property. The Company expressly acknowledges the City's right to enforce regulations concerning the Company's access to or use of the Streets, including requirements for permits.
- 3.3. Compliance with Laws. The Company shall promptly and fully comply with all laws, regulations, permits, and orders enacted by the City.

ARTICLE 4 FRANCHISE FEE

4.1. Franchise Fee.

A. Fee. In partial consideration for the Franchise, which provides for the Company's use of Streets and Other City Property, which are valuable public properties acquired and maintained by the City at great expense to its Residents, and in recognition that the grant to the Company of the use of Streets and Other City Property is a valuable right, the Company shall pay the City a sum equal to three percent (3%) of all Electric Gross Revenues (the "Franchise Fee"). To the extent required by law, the Company shall collect this fee from a surcharge upon Residents. Unless specifically provided in this Franchise, payment of the

Franchise Fee constitutes the Company's exclusive monetary payment to the City for the Company's use of the Streets and Other City Property.

- B. Obligation in Lieu of Fee. If the Franchise Fee specified herein is declared void for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, unless prohibited by law, the Company shall be obligated to pay the City, at the same times and in the same manner as provided in the Franchise, an aggregate amount equal to the amount which the Company would have paid as a Franchise Fee as partial consideration for use of the Streets. To the extent required by law, the Company shall collect the amounts agreed upon through a surcharge upon Utility Service provided to City Residents.
- C. Changes in Utility Service Industries. The City and the Company recognize that utility service industries are the subject of restructuring initiatives by legislative and regulatory authorities, and are also experiencing other changes as a result of mergers, acquisitions, and reorganizations. Some of such initiatives and changes have or may have an adverse impact upon the Franchise Fee revenues provided for herein. In recognition of the length of the term of this Franchise, the Company agrees that in the event of any such initiatives or changes and to the extent permitted by law, upon receiving a written request from the City, the Company will cooperate with and assist the City in modifying this Franchise to assure that the City receives an amount in Franchise Fees or some other form of compensation that is the same amount of Franchise Fees paid to the City as of the date that such initiatives and changes adversely impact Franchise Fee revenues.
- D. Utility Service Provided to the City. No Franchise fee shall be charged to the City for Utility Service provided directly or indirectly to the City for its own consumption, including street lighting service and traffic signal lighting service, unless otherwise directed by the City.

4.2. Remittance of Franchise Fee.

- A. Remittance Schedule. Franchise Fee revenues shall be remitted by the Company to the City as directed by the City in monthly installments not more than 30 days following the close of each month.
- B. Correction of Franchise Fee Payments. If either Party discovers that there has been an error in the calculation of a Franchise Fee payment to the City, such Party shall provide written notice to the other of the error. If the Party receiving written notice of error does not agree with the written notice of error, that Party may challenge the written notice of error pursuant to Section 4.2(D) of this Franchise; otherwise, the error shall be corrected in the next monthly payment. However, if the error results in an overpayment of the Franchise fee to the City, and said overpayment exceeds Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), credit for the overpayment shall be spread over the same period the error was undiscovered. All Franchise Fee underpayments shall be corrected in the next monthly payment, together with one percent (1.0%) interest per month, from the date

when due until the date paid. In no event shall either Party be required to fund or refund any overpayment or underpayment made as a result of a Company error which occurred more than five (5) years prior to the discovery of the Company error.

C. Audit of Franchise Fee Payments.

(1) At the end of the third anniversary of this Franchise and upon written request from the City, the Company shall conduct an internal audit to investigate and determine the correctness of the Franchise Fee paid to the City. Such audit shall be limited to the previous three (3) calendar years. The Company shall provide a written report to the City Manager containing the audit findings.

(2) If the City disagrees with the results of the audit, and if the parties are not able to informally resolve their differences, the City may conduct its own audit at its own expense, and the Company shall cooperate fully, including but not necessarily limited to, providing the City's auditor with all information reasonably necessary to complete the audit.

(3) If the results of a City audit conducted pursuant to subsection C (2) concludes that the Company has underpaid the City by two percent (2%) or more in total during the period being audited, in addition to the obligation to pay such amounts to the City, the Company shall also pay all costs of the City's audit.

D. Fee Disputes. Either Party may challenge any written notification of error as provided for in Section 4.2(B) of this Franchise by filing a written notice to the other Party within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written notification of error. The written notice shall contain a summary of the facts and reasons for the Party's notice. The parties shall make good faith efforts to resolve any such notice of error before initiating any formal legal proceedings for the resolution of such error.

E. Changes in City Boundaries. The City shall reasonably notify the Company in writing of annexation (or de-annexation) of property into (or out of) the City within the Company's PUC certificated territory so that the Company may appropriately adjust Franchise Fee collection from Residents. Any amounts received for Utility Services provided to Residents within the new City limits will be included in the Electric Gross Revenues no later than ninety (90) days after such written notice. The Company shall not be required to retroactively collect or pay any Franchise Fees on such Utility Services from Residents in any annexed area of the City if the City fails to provide written notice of the annexation to the Company

4.3. Franchise Fee Payment not in Lieu of Permit or Other Fees. Payment of the Franchise Fee does not exempt the Company from any other lawful tax or fee imposed generally upon persons doing business within the City, including any fee for a street closure permit, an excavation permit, a street cut permit, or other lawful permits hereafter required by the City, except that the Franchise Fee provided for herein shall be in lieu of any

occupation, occupancy or similar tax for the use of Streets, Other City Property, and any Public Utility Easement.

ARTICLE 5 ADMINISTRATION OF FRANCHISE

- 5.1. City Designee. The City Manager shall designate in writing to the Company an official having full power and authority to administer the Franchise. The City Manager may also designate one or more City representatives to act as the primary liaison with the Company as to particular matters addressed by this Franchise and shall provide the Company with the name and telephone numbers of said City representatives. The City Manager may change these designations by providing written notice to the Company. The City's designee shall have the right, at all reasonable times, to inspect any Company Facilities in Streets and Other City Property.
- 5.2. Company Designee. The Company shall designate a representative to act as the primary liaison with the City and shall provide the City with the name, address, and telephone number for the Company's representative under this Franchise. The initial representative shall be the Company's Chief Executive Officer. The Company may change its designation by providing written notice to the City. The City shall use this liaison to communicate with the Company regarding Utility Service and related service needs for City facilities.
- 5.3. Coordination of Work.
- A. The Company agrees to coordinate with the City its activities in Streets and other City Property. The City and the Company will meet annually upon the written request of the City designee to exchange their respective short-term and long-term forecasts and/or work plans for construction and other similar work which may affect Streets and Other City Property. The City and Company shall hold such meetings as either deems necessary to exchange additional information with a view towards coordinating their respective activities in those areas where such coordination may prove beneficial and so that the City will be assured that all provisions of this Franchise, building and zoning codes, and City air and water pollution regulations are complied with, and that aesthetic and other relevant planning principles have been given due consideration.

ARTICLE 6 SUPPLY, CONSTRUCTION, AND DESIGN

- 6.1. Purpose. The Company acknowledges the critical nature of the municipal services performed or provided by the City to the Residents which require the Company to provide prompt and reliable Utility Service and the performance of related services for City facilities. The City and the Company wish to provide for certain terms and conditions under which the Company will provide Utility Service and perform related services for the City in order to facilitate and enhance the operation of City facilities. They also wish to provide for other processes and procedures related to the provision of Utility Service to the City.
- 6.2. Supply. The Company shall take all reasonable and necessary steps to provide a sufficient supply of electricity to Residents at the lowest reasonable cost consistent with reliable supplies.
- 6.3. Service to City Facilities.
- A. Charges to the City. No charges to the City by the Company for Utility Service shall exceed the lowest charge for similar service or supplies provided by the Company to any other similarly situated customer of the Company.
- 6.4. Restoration of Service.
- A. Notification. The Company shall provide to the City daytime and nighttime telephone numbers of a designated Company representative from whom the City designee may obtain status information from the Company on a twenty-four (24) hour basis concerning interruptions of Utility Service in any part of the City.
- B. Restoration. In the event the Company's electric system, or any part thereof, is partially or wholly destroyed or incapacitated, the Company shall use due diligence to restore such systems to satisfactory service within the shortest practicable time, or provide a reasonable alternative to such system if the Company elects not to restore such system.
- 6.5. Obligations Regarding Company Facilities.
- A. Company Facilities. All Company Facilities within Streets and Other City Property shall be maintained in good repair and condition.
- B. Company Work within the City. All work within Streets and Other City Property performed or caused to be performed by the Company shall be done:
- (1) in a high-quality manner;
 - (2) in a timely and expeditious manner;
 - (3) in a manner which minimizes inconvenience to the public;

- (4) in a cost-effective manner, which may include the use of qualified contractors; and
 - (5) in accordance with Company policies and procedures but at all times subject to all applicable laws, ordinances, and regulations.
- C. No Interference with City Facilities. Company Facilities shall not interfere with any City facilities, including water facilities, sanitary or storm sewer facilities, communications facilities, or other City uses of the Streets or Other City Property. Company Facilities shall be installed and maintained in Streets and Other City Property so as to minimize interference with other property, trees, and other improvements and natural features in and adjoining the Streets and Other City Property in light of the Company's obligation under Colorado law to provide safe and reliable Utility Service.
- D. Permit and Inspection. The installation, renovation, and replacement of any Company Facilities in the Streets or Other City Property by or on behalf of the Company shall be subject to permit, inspection and approval by the City. Such inspection and approval may include, but shall not be limited to, the following matters: location of Company Facilities, cutting and trimming of trees and shrubs, and disturbance of pavement, sidewalks, and surfaces of Streets or Other City Property. The Company agrees to cooperate with the City in conducting inspections and shall promptly perform any remedial action lawfully required by the City pursuant to any such inspection.
- E. Compliance. The Company and all of its contractors shall comply with the requirements of all municipal laws, ordinances, regulations, permits, and standards, including but not limited to requirements of all building and zoning codes, and requirements regarding curb and pavement cuts, excavating, digging, and other construction activities. The Company shall assure that its contractors working in Streets or Other City Property hold the necessary licenses and permits required by law.
- F. Increase in Voltage. The Company shall reimburse the City for the cost of upgrading the electrical system or facility of any City building or facility that uses Utility Service where such upgrading is solely caused or occasioned by the Company's decision to increase the voltage of delivered electrical energy. This provision shall not apply to voltage increases required by law, including but not limited to a lawful order of the PUC, or voltage increases requested by the City.
- G. As-Built Drawings. Upon written request of the City designee, the Company shall provide within 14 days of the request, on a project by project basis, as-built drawings of any Company Facilities installed within the Streets or contiguous to the Streets. As used in this Section, as-built drawings refers to the facility drawings as maintained in the Company's geographical information system or any equivalent Company system. The Company shall not be required to create drawings that do not exist at the time of the request.

- 6.6. Excavation and Construction. The Company shall be responsible for obtaining, paying for, and complying with all applicable permits including, but not limited to, excavation, street closure and street cut permits, in the manner required by the laws, ordinances, and regulations of the City. Although the Company shall be responsible for obtaining and complying with the terms of such permits when performing relocations requested by the City under Section 6.8 of this Franchise and undergrounding requested by the City under Article 11 of this Franchise, the City will not require the Company to pay the fees charged for such permits.
- 6.7. Restoration. When the Company does any work in or affecting the Streets or Other City Property, it shall, at its own expense, promptly remove any obstructions therefrom and restore such Streets or Other City Property to a condition that is substantially the same as existed before the work, and that meets applicable City standards. If weather or other conditions do not permit the complete restoration required by this Section, the Company may, with the approval of the City, temporarily restore the affected Streets or Other City Property, provided that such temporary restoration is at the Company's sole expense and provided further that the Company promptly undertakes and completes the required permanent restoration when the weather or other conditions no longer prevent such permanent restoration. Upon the request of the City, the Company shall restore the Streets or Other City Property to a better condition than existed before the work was undertaken, provided that the City shall be responsible for any incremental costs of such restoration not required by then-current City standards. If the Company fails to promptly restore the Streets or Other City Property as required by this Section, and if, in the reasonable discretion of the City, immediate action is required for the protection of public health and safety, the City may restore such Streets or Other City Property or remove the obstruction therefrom; provided however, City actions do not interfere with Company Facilities. The Company shall be responsible for the actual cost incurred by the City to restore such Streets or Other City Property or to remove any obstructions therefrom. In the course of its restoration of Streets or Other City Property under this Section, the City shall not perform work on Company Facilities unless specifically authorized by the Company in writing on a project by project basis and subject to the terms and conditions agreed to in such authorization.
- 6.8. Relocation of Company Facilities.
- A. Relocation Obligation. The Company shall temporarily or permanently remove, relocate, change or alter the position of any Company Facilities in Streets or in Other City Property at no cost or expense to the City whenever such removal, relocation, change or alteration is necessary for the completion of any Public Project. Any City-required removal, relocation, change or alteration of Company Facilities located in any Company owned property or any private easement or Public Utility Easement shall be at no cost to the Company. For all relocations, the Company and the City agree to cooperate on the location and relocation of the Company Facilities in the Streets or Other City Property in order to achieve relocation in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible. Notwithstanding the foregoing, once the Company has relocated any

Company Facilities at the City's direction, if the City requests that the same Company Facilities be relocated within two years after the date of the prior relocation, the subsequent relocation shall not be at the Company's expense.

- B. Private Projects. The Company shall not be responsible for the expenses of any relocation required by Private Projects, and the Company has the right to require the payment of estimated relocation expenses from the affected private party before undertaking such relocation.
- C. Relocation Performance. The relocations set forth in Section 6.8A of this Franchise shall be completed within a reasonable time, not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days from the later of the date on which (i) the City designee requests, in writing, that the relocation commence, or (ii) the date when the Company is provided all Supporting Documentation. The Company shall receive an extension of time to complete a relocation where the Company's performance was delayed due to Force Majeure or the failure of the City to provide adequate Supporting Documentation. The Company has the burden of presenting evidence to reasonably demonstrate the basis for the delay. Upon written request of the Company, the City may also grant the Company reasonable extensions of time for good cause shown and the City shall not unreasonably withhold any such extension.
- D. City Revision of Supporting Documentation. Any revision by the City of Supporting Documentation provided to the Company that causes the Company to substantially redesign and/or change its plans regarding facility relocation shall be deemed good cause for a reasonable extension of time to complete the relocation under the Franchise.
- E. Completion. Each such relocation shall be complete only when the Company actually relocates the Company Facilities, restores the relocation site in accordance with Section 6.7 of this Franchise (with the City reimbursing the Company's reasonable expenses for non-Public Projects) or as otherwise agreed with the City, and removes from the site or properly abandons on site all unused facilities, equipment, material and other impediments.
- F. Scope of Obligation. The relocation obligation set forth in this Section shall only apply to Company Facilities located in Streets or Other City Property. The obligation shall not apply to Company Facilities located on property owned by the Company in fee, or to Company Facilities located in privately-owned easements or Public Utility Easements.
- G. Underground Relocation. Underground facilities shall be relocated underground. Above ground facilities shall be placed above ground unless the Company is paid for the incremental amount by which the underground cost would exceed the above ground cost of relocation, or the City requests that such additional incremental cost be paid out of available funds under Article 11 of this Franchise.
- H. Coordination.

- (1) When requested in writing by a Party's designee, representatives of the City and the Company shall meet to share information regarding anticipated projects which will require relocation of Company Facilities in Streets or Other City Property. Such meetings shall be for the purpose of minimizing conflicts where possible and to facilitate coordination with any reasonable timetable established by the City for any Public Project.
 - (2) The City shall provide the Company with two (2) years' advance notice of any planned street repaving. The Company shall make reasonable best efforts to complete any necessary or anticipated repairs or upgrades to Company Facilities that are located underneath the Streets within the two-year period, if practicable.
- I. Proposed Alternatives or Modifications. Upon receipt of written notice of a required relocation, the Company may propose an alternative to or modification of the Public Project requiring the relocation in an effort to mitigate or avoid the impact of the required relocation of Company Facilities. The City shall in good faith review the proposed alternative or modification. The acceptance of the proposed alternative or modification shall be at the sole discretion of the City. If the City accepts the proposed alternative or modification, the Company agrees to promptly compensate the City for all additional costs, expenses, or delay that the City reasonably determines resulted from the implementation of the proposed alternative.
- 6.9. Service to New Areas. If the territorial boundaries of the City are expanded during the term of this Franchise, the Company shall, to the extent permitted by law, extend service to Residents in the expanded area at the earliest practicable time if the expanded area is within the Company's PUC-certificated service territory. Service to the expanded area shall be in accordance with the terms of the Company's tariffs and this Franchise, including the payment of Franchise Fees.
- 6.10. Technological Improvements. The Company shall use its best efforts to incorporate, as soon as practicable, technological advances in its equipment and service within the City when such advances are technically and economically feasible and are safe and beneficial to the City and its Residents.

ARTICLE 7 RELIABILITY

- 7.1. Reliability. The Company shall at all times take all reasonable and necessary steps to assure the adequate supply, transmission, and distribution of electricity to the City and its Residents at the lowest reasonable cost consistent with the terms of this Franchise.

- 7.2. Franchise Performance Obligations. The Company recognizes that, as part of its obligations and commitments under this Franchise, the Company shall carry out each of its performance obligations in a timely, expeditious, efficient, economical, and workmanlike manner.
- 7.3. Reliability Reports. Upon written request by the City, the Company shall provide the City with a report regarding the reliability of Utility Service to Residents.

ARTICLE 8 COMPANY PERFORMANCE OBLIGATIONS

- 8.1. New or Modified Service to City Facilities. The conditions under which the Company shall install new or modified Utility Service to the City as a customer shall be governed by this Franchise and the Company's tariffs. In providing new or modified Utility Service to City facilities, the Company agrees to perform as follows:
- A. Performance. The Company shall complete each project requested by the City within a reasonable time. The Parties agree that a reasonable time shall not exceed one hundred eighty (180) days from the date upon which the City designee makes a written request and provides the required Supporting Documentation for all Company Facilities other than traffic facilities. The Company shall be entitled to an extension of time to complete a project where the Company's performance was delayed due to Force Majeure. Upon request of the Company, the City designee may also grant the Company reasonable extensions of time for good cause shown and the City shall not unreasonably withhold any such extension.
 - B. City Revision of Supporting Documentation. Any revision by the City of Supporting Documentation provided to the Company that causes the Company to substantially redesign and/or change its plans regarding new or modified service to City facilities shall be deemed good cause for a reasonable extension of time to complete the relocation under the Franchise.
 - C. City Not Required to Advance Funds. Upon receipt of the City's authorization for billing and construction, the Company shall extend Company Facilities to provide Utility Service to the City as a customer, without requiring the City to advance funds prior to construction.
 - D. Completion/Restoration. Each such project shall be complete only when the Company actually provides the service installation or modification required, restores the project site in accordance with the terms of the Franchise or as otherwise agreed with the City and removes from the site or properly abandons on site any unused facilities, equipment, material and other impediments.

- E. Payment. The City shall pay actual costs for new or modified service of Company Facilities once completed.
- 8.2. Adjustments To Company Facilities. The Company shall perform adjustments to Company Facilities, including manholes and other appurtenances in Streets and Other City Property, to accommodate City street maintenance, repair and paving operations at no cost to the City. In providing such adjustments to Company Facilities, the Company agrees to perform as follows:
- A. Performance. The Company shall complete each requested adjustment within a reasonable time, not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date upon which the City makes a written request and provides to the Company all information reasonably necessary to perform the adjustment. The Company shall be entitled to an extension of time to complete an adjustment where the Company's performance was delayed due to Force Majeure. Upon request of the Company, the City may also grant the Company reasonable extensions of time for good cause shown and the City shall not unreasonably withhold any such extension.
 - B. Completion/Restoration. Each such adjustment shall be complete only when the Company actually adjusts the Company Facilities to accommodate the City operations in accordance with City instructions and, if required, readjusts, following City paving operations.
 - C. Coordination. As requested by the City or the Company, representatives of the City and the Company shall meet regarding anticipated street maintenance operations which will require such adjustments to Company Facilities in Streets or Other City Property. Such meetings shall be for the purpose of coordinating and facilitating performance under this Section.
- 8.3. Third Party Damage Recovery.
- A. Damage to Company Interests. If any individual or entity damages any Company Facilities that the Company is responsible to repair or replace, to the extent permitted by law, the City will notify the Company of any such incident of which it has knowledge and will provide to the Company within a reasonable time all pertinent information within its possession regarding the incident and the damage, including the identity of the responsible individual or entity.
 - B. Damage to Company Property for which the City is Responsible. If any individual or entity damages any Company Facilities for which the City is obligated to reimburse the Company for the cost of the repair or replacement of the damaged facility, to the extent permitted by law, the Company will notify the City of any such incident of which it has knowledge and will provide to the City within a reasonable time all pertinent information within

its possession regarding the incident and the damage, including the identity of the responsible individual or entity.

- C. Meeting. The Company and the City agree to meet periodically, upon written request of either Party, for the purpose of developing, implementing, reviewing, improving and/or modifying mutually beneficial procedures and methods for the efficient gathering and transmittal of information useful in recovery efforts against third parties for damaging Company Facilities.

ARTICLE 9 BILLING AND PAYMENT

9.1. Billing for Utility Services.

- A. Unless otherwise provided in its tariffs, the Company shall render bills monthly to the offices of the City for Utility Service and other related services for which the Company is entitled to payment and for which the City has authorized payment.
- B. Billings for service rendered during the preceding month shall be sent to the person(s) designated by the City and payment for same shall be made according to Company's standard billing practices and applicable tariffs, rules, and regulations.
- C. The Company shall provide all Utility Services billings and any underlying support documentation reasonably requested by the City and in an editable and manipulatable electronic format that is acceptable to the Company and the City.
- D. The Company agrees to meet with the City designee upon request at least annually for the purpose of developing, implementing, reviewing, and/or modifying mutually beneficial and acceptable billing procedures, methods, and formats which may include, without limitation, electronic billing and upgrades or beneficial alternatives to the Company's current most advanced billing technology, for the efficient and cost-effective rendering and processing of such billings submitted by the Company to the City.

- 9.2. Payment To City. In the event the City determines after written notice to the Company that the Company is liable to the City for payments, costs, expenses or damages of any nature, and subject to the Company's right to challenge such determination, the City may deduct all monies due and owing the City from any other amounts currently due and owing the Company. Upon receipt of such written notice, the Company may request a meeting between the Company's designee and a designee of the City to discuss such determination. The City agrees to attend such a meeting. As an alternative to such deduction, the City may bill the Company for such assessment(s), in which case the Company shall pay each such bill within thirty (30) days of the date of receipt of such bill. If the Company challenges the City determination of liability, the City shall make such

payments to the Company pursuant to the Company's tariffs, rules, and regulations until the challenge has been finally resolved.

ARTICLE 10 USE OF COMPANY FACILITIES

- 10.1. City Use of Company Electric Distribution Poles. The City shall be permitted to make use of Company electric distribution poles in the City at no cost to the City for the placement of City equipment or facilities necessary to serve a legitimate police, fire, emergency, public safety or traffic control purpose, so long as such use does not interfere with the Company's safe and reliable delivery of Utility Service. The Company may allow the use of electric distribution poles for other purposes at the Company's sole discretion. The City will notify the Company in advance and in writing of its intent to use Company distribution poles and the nature of such use unless it is impracticable to provide such advance notice because of emergency circumstances, in which event the City will provide such notice as soon as practicable. The City shall be responsible for costs associated with modifications to Company electric distribution poles to accommodate the City's use of such Company electric distribution poles and for any electricity used. No such use of Company electric distribution poles shall be required if it would constitute a safety hazard or would interfere with the Company's use of Company electric distribution facilities. Any such City use must comply with the National Electric Safety Code and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- 10.2. City Use of Street Lighting and Traffic Signal Lighting Poles. The City shall be allowed to use the Company's street lighting and traffic signal lighting poles for legitimate police, public safety, or traffic control purposes under the terms and conditions set forth in the Company's tariffs, rules, and regulations, or any subsequent agreements that may be entered between the parties, but must obtain prior written approval of the Company. No such use shall be allowed if the Company determines in good faith that the City's use of specific street lighting or traffic signal lighting poles creates a safety hazard or interferes with the Company's use of its Utility Facilities. The City shall be responsible for paying the Company's reasonable costs of determining whether the proposed use of street lighting and traffic signal lighting poles creates a safety hazard or interferes with Company Utility Facilities.
- 10.3. Existing Uses. The City shall not be required to remove its existing signs, equipment or facilities from street lighting or traffic signal lighting poles unless the Company determines after consultation with the City that attachment of specific equipment or facilities on specific poles creates a safety hazard or interferes with the Company's use of those poles. If after such determination the City is required to remove its existing equipment or facilities from those poles, the Company shall allow the City ten (10) days from the date of written notice, including by electronic mail, within which to remove its equipment or facilities. If the City fails to remove the equipment or facilities, the Company may perform the removal at the City's sole expense.

- 10.4. Third-Party Use of Company Facilities. If requested in writing by the City, the Company may allow other companies who hold franchises, or otherwise have obtained consent from the City to use the Streets, to utilize Company electric distribution poles for the placement of their facilities upon approval by the Company and agreement upon reasonable terms and conditions, including payment of fees established by the Company. Use of other Company Facilities by third parties shall be in accordance with the Company's tariffs, rules, and regulations. No such use shall be permitted if it would constitute a safety hazard or would interfere with the Company's use of Company Facilities. The Company shall not be required to permit the use of Company Facilities for the provision of utility service except as otherwise required by law.
- 10.5. City Use of Company Transmission Rights-of-Way. The Company shall offer to grant to the City use of transmission rights-of-way which it now, or in the future, owns in fee within the City for the purposes set forth in and pursuant to the provisions of the Park and Open Space Act of 1984, on terms comparable to those offered to other municipalities, provided that the Company shall not be required to make such an offer in any circumstance where such offer would constitute a safety hazard or interfere with the Company's use of the transmission right-of-way. City use of transmission rights-of-way may include use for trails, parks and open space. In order to exercise this right, the City must make specific written request to the Company for any such use.
- 10.6. Emergencies. Upon written request, the Company shall assist the City in developing an emergency management plan. In the case of any emergency or disaster, the Company shall, upon oral request of the City, make available Company Facilities for emergency use during the emergency or the disaster period. Such use of Company Facilities shall be of a limited duration and will only be allowed if the use does not interfere with the Company's own use of Company Facilities.

ARTICLE 11 UNDERGROUNDING OF OVERHEAD FACILITIES

- 11.1. Underground Electrical Lines in New Areas. The Company shall, upon payment to the Company of the charges provided in its tariffs or their equivalent, place all newly constructed electrical distribution lines in newly developed areas of the City underground in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and orders.
- 11.2. Underground Conversion at Expense Of Company.
- A. Underground Fund. The Company shall budget and allocate an annual amount, equivalent to one percent (1%) of the preceding year's Electric Gross Revenues (the "Fund"), for the purpose of undergrounding existing overhead distribution facilities in the City, as may be requested by the City designee.

- B. Unexpended Portion and Advances. Any unexpended portion of the Fund shall be carried over to succeeding years and, in addition, upon request by the City, the Company agrees to advance and expend amounts anticipated to be available under the preceding paragraph for up to three (3) years in advance. Any amounts so advanced shall be credited against amounts to be expended in succeeding years. Any funds left accumulated under any prior franchise shall be carried over to this Franchise. The City shall have no vested interest in monies allocated to the Fund and any monies in the Fund not expended at the expiration or termination of this Franchise shall remain the property of the Company. At the expiration or termination of this Franchise, the Company shall not be required to underground any existing overhead facilities under this Article, but may do so in its sole discretion.
 - C. City Requirement to Underground. In addition to the provisions of this Article, the City may require any above ground Company Facilities to be moved underground at the City's expense.
- 11.3. Undergrounding Performance. Upon receipt of a written request from the City, the Company shall, to the extent of monies available in the Fund, and as otherwise provided herein, underground Company Facilities pursuant to the provisions of this Article, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section.
- A. Estimates. Promptly upon receipt of an undergrounding request from the City and the Supporting Documentation necessary for the Company to design the undergrounding project, the Company shall prepare a detailed, good faith cost estimate of the anticipated actual cost of the requested project for the City to review and, if acceptable to the City, the City will issue a project authorization. At the City's request, the Company will provide all documentation which forms the basis of the estimate. The Company will not proceed with any requested project until the City has provided a written acceptance of the Company estimate.
 - B. Performance. The Company shall complete each undergrounding project requested by the City within a reasonable time, not to exceed 240 days from the later of the date upon which the City makes a written request or the date the City provides to the Company all Supporting Documentation. The Company shall have 120 days after receiving the City's written request to design project plans, prepare the good faith estimate, and transmit same to the City for review. If City approval of the plans and estimate has not been granted, the Company's good faith estimate will be void 60 days after delivery of the plans and estimate to the City Designee. If the plans and estimate are approved by the City, the Company shall have 120 days from date of the City Designee's authorization of the underground project, plus any of the 120 unused days in preparing the good faith estimate to complete the project. At the Company's sole discretion, if the good faith estimate has expired because the City has not approved the same within 60 days, the Company may extend the good faith estimate or prepare a new estimate using current prices. The Company shall be entitled to an extension of time to

complete each undergrounding project where the Company's performance was delayed due to a Force Majeure condition. Upon written request of the Company, the City may also grant the Company reasonable extensions of time for good cause shown and the City shall not unreasonably withhold any such extension.

- C. City Revision of Supporting Documentation. Any revision by the City of Supporting Documentation provided to the Company that causes the Company to substantially redesign and/or change its plans regarding an undergrounding project shall be deemed good cause for a reasonable extension of time to complete the undergrounding project under the Franchise.
 - D. Completion/Restoration. Each such undergrounding project shall be complete only when the Company actually undergrounds the designated Company Facilities, restores the undergrounding site in accordance with Section 6.7 of this Franchise or as otherwise agreed with the City, and removes from the site or properly abandons on site any unused facilities, equipment, material and other impediments.
 - E. Report of Actual Costs. Upon completion of each undergrounding project and at the written request of the City, the Company shall submit to the City a detailed report of the Company's actual cost to complete the project and the Company shall reconcile this total actual cost with the accepted cost estimate. The report shall be provided within 120 days after completion of the project and written request from the City.
 - F. Audit of Underground Projects. The City may require that the Company undertake an independent audit of up to two (2) undergrounding projects in any calendar year. The cost of any such independent audit shall reduce the amount of the Fund. The Company shall cooperate fully with any audit and the independent auditor shall prepare and provide to the City and the Company a final audit report showing the actual costs associated with completion of the project. If a project audit is required by the City, only those actual project costs confirmed and verified by the independent auditor as reasonable and necessary to complete the project shall be charged against the Fund balance.
- 11.4. Audit of Underground Fund. Upon written request by the City every three (3) years commencing at the end of the third year of this Franchise, the Company shall cause an independent auditor to investigate and determine the correctness of the charges to the underground fund. Such audits shall be limited to the previous three (3) calendar years. The independent auditor shall provide a written report containing its findings to the City and the Company. The Company shall reconcile the Fund consistent with the findings contained in the independent auditor's written report. The Company shall pay the costs of the audit and investigation.
- 11.5. Cooperation with Other Utilities. When undertaking an undergrounding project, the Parties shall coordinate with other utilities or companies that have their facilities above ground to attempt to have all facilities undergrounded as part of the same project. When other utilities or companies are placing their facilities underground, to the extent the Company has

received prior written notification, the Company shall cooperate with these utilities and companies and undertake to underground Company facilities as part of the same project where financially, technically and operationally feasible. The Company shall not be required to pay for the cost of undergrounding the facilities of other companies or the City.

11.6. Planning and Coordination of Undergrounding Projects. The Parties shall mutually plan in advance the scheduling of undergrounding projects to be undertaken according to this article as a part of the review and planning for other City and Company construction projects. The City and the Company agree to meet, as required, to review the progress of the current undergrounding projects and to review planned future undergrounding projects. The purpose of such meetings shall be to further cooperation between the City and the Company in order to achieve the orderly undergrounding of Company Facilities. Representatives of both the City and the Company shall meet periodically to review the Company's undergrounding of Company Facilities and at such meetings shall review:

- A. Undergrounding, including conversions, Public Projects and replacements which have been accomplished or are underway, together with the Company's plans for additional undergrounding; and
- B. Public Projects anticipated by the City.

ARTICLE 12 PURCHASE OR CONDEMNATION

12.1. Municipal Right to Purchase or Condemn.

- A. Right and Privilege of City. The right and privilege of the City to construct, purchase, or condemn any Company Facilities located within the territorial boundaries of the City, and the Company's rights in connection therewith, as set forth in applicable provisions of the constitution and statutes of the State of Colorado relating to the acquisition of public utilities, are expressly recognized. The City shall have the right, within the timeframes and in accordance with the procedures set forth in such provisions, to purchase Company Facilities, land, rights-of-way and easements now owned or to be owned by the Company located within the territorial boundaries of the City. In the event of any such purchase, no value shall be ascribed or given to the rights granted under this Franchise in the valuation of the property thus taken.
- B. Notice of Intent to Purchase or Condemn. The City shall provide the Company no less than one (1) year's prior written notice of its intent to purchase or condemn Company Facilities. Nothing in this Section shall be deemed or construed to constitute a consent by the Company to the City's purchase or condemnation of Company Facilities.

ARTICLE 13
MUNICIPALLY-PRODUCED UTILITY SERVICE

13.1. Municipally-Produced Utility Service.

- A. City Reservation. The City expressly reserves the right to engage in the production of utility service to the extent permitted by law. The Company agrees to offer transmission and delivery services to the City that are required by judicial, statutory and/or regulatory directive and that are comparable to the services offered to any other customer with similar generation facilities.
- B. Franchise Not to Limit City's Rights. Nothing in this Franchise prohibits the City from becoming an aggregator of utility service or from selling utility service to customers should it be permissible under law.

ARTICLE 14
TRANSFER OF FRANCHISE

- 14.1. Consent of City Required. The Company shall not transfer or assign any rights under this Franchise to an unaffiliated third party, except by merger with such third party or except when the transfer is made in response to legislation or regulatory requirements, unless the City approves such transfer or assignment in writing. Approval of the transfer or assignment shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 14.2. Transfer Fee. In order that the City may share in the value this Franchise adds to the Company's operations, any transfer or assignment of rights granted under this Franchise requiring City approval, as set forth herein, shall be subject to the condition that the Company shall promptly pay to the City a transfer fee in an amount equal to (a) the estimated percentage of the City's then-population provided Utility Service by the Company, multiplied by (b) one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00). Except as otherwise required by law, such transfer fee shall not be recovered from a surcharge placed only on the rates of Residents.

ARTICLE 15
CONTINUATION OF UTILITY SERVICE

- 15.1. Continuation of Utility Service. In the event this Franchise is not renewed at the expiration of its term or is terminated for any reason, and the City has not provided for alternative utility service, the Company shall have no right to remove any Company Facilities or discontinue providing Utility Service unless otherwise ordered by competent legal

authority, and shall continue to provide Utility Service within the City until the City arranges for utility service from another provider. The Company further agrees that it will not withhold any temporary Utility Services necessary to protect the public. The City agrees that in the circumstances of this Article, the Company shall be entitled to monetary compensation as provided in the Company's tariffs and the Company shall be entitled to collect from Residents and shall be obligated to pay the City, at the same times and in the same manner as provided in the Franchise, an aggregate amount equal to the amount which the Company would have paid as a Franchise Fee as consideration for use of the City's Streets and Other City Property. Only upon receipt of written notice from the City stating that the City has adequate alternative Utility Service for Residents and upon order of the PUC shall the Company be allowed to discontinue the provision of Utility Service to the City and its Residents.

ARTICLE 16 INDEMNIFICATION AND IMMUNITY

- 16.1. City Held Harmless. The Company shall indemnify, defend and hold the City harmless from and against claims, demands, liens and all liability or damage of whatsoever kind directly arising from the operations of the Company within the City and the Company's exercise of the rights under this Franchise, and shall pay the costs of defense plus reasonable attorneys' fees. The City shall (a) give prompt written notice to the Company of any claim, demand or lien with respect to which the City seeks indemnification hereunder and (b) unless in the City's judgment a conflict of interest may exist between the City and the Company with respect to such claim, demand or lien, shall permit the Company to assume the defense of such claim, demand, or lien with counsel satisfactory to the City. If such defense is assumed by the Company, the Company shall not be subject to liability for any settlement made without its consent. If such defense is not assumed by the Company or if the City determines that a conflict of interest exists, the parties reserve all rights to seek all remedies available in this Franchise against each other. Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, the Company shall not be obligated to indemnify, defend or hold the City harmless to the extent any claim, demand or lien arises out of or in connection with any negligent or intentional act or failure to act of the City or any of its officers, employees, contractors, or agents.
- 16.2. Immunity. Nothing in this Section or any other provision of this agreement shall be construed as a waiver of the notice requirements, defenses, immunities and limitations the City may have under the Colorado Governmental Immunity Act (§24-10-10 C.R.S., *et. seq.*) or of any other defenses, immunities, or limitations of liability available to the City by law.

ARTICLE 17 BREACH

- 17.1. Non-Contestability. The City and the Company agree to take all reasonable and necessary actions to assure that the terms of this Franchise are performed. The Company reserves the right to seek a change in its tariffs, including but not limited to the rates, charges, terms, and conditions of providing Utility Service to the City and its Residents, and the City retains all rights that it may have to intervene and participate in any such process.
- 17.2. Breach.
- A. Notice/Cure/Remedies. Except as otherwise provided in this Franchise, if a Party (the "Breaching Party") to this Franchise fails or refuses to perform any of the terms or conditions of this Franchise (a "breach"), the other Party (the "Non-breaching Party") may provide written notice to the Breaching Party of such breach. Upon receipt of such notice, the Breaching Party shall be given a reasonable time, not to exceed thirty (30) days, in which to remedy the breach. If the Breaching Party does not remedy the breach within the time allowed in the notice, the Non-breaching Party may exercise any legal rights or remedies at law, including without limitation, the following remedies for such breach:
- (1) specific performance of the applicable term or condition; and
 - (2) recovery of actual damages from the date of such breach incurred by the Non-breaching Party in connection with the breach, but excluding any special, punitive or consequential damages.
- B. Termination of Franchise by City. In addition to the foregoing remedies, if the Company fails or refuses to perform any material term or condition of this Franchise (a "material breach"), the City may provide written notice to the Company of such material breach. Upon receipt of such notice, the Company shall be given a reasonable time, not to exceed ninety (90) days, in which to remedy the material breach. If the Company does not remedy the material breach within the time allowed in the notice, the City may, at its sole option, terminate this Franchise. This remedy shall be in addition to the City's right to exercise any of the remedies provided for elsewhere in this Franchise. Upon such termination, the Company shall continue to provide Utility Service to the City and its Residents until the City makes alternative arrangements for such service and until otherwise ordered by a competent legal authority and the Company shall be entitled to collect from Residents and shall be obligated to pay the City, at the same times and in the same manner as provided in the Franchise, an aggregate amount equal to the amount which the Company would have paid as a Franchise fee as consideration for use of the Streets.

- C. Company Shall Not Terminate Franchise. In no event does the Company have the right to terminate this Franchise.
- D. No Limitation. Except as provided herein, nothing in this Franchise shall limit or restrict any legal rights or remedies that either Party may possess arising from any alleged breach of this Franchise.

ARTICLE 18 AMENDMENTS

- 18.1. Proposed Amendments. At any time during the term of this Franchise, the City or the Company may propose amendments to this Franchise by giving thirty (30) days' written notice to the other of the proposed amendment(s) desired, and both Parties thereafter, through their designated representatives, will, within a reasonable time, negotiate in good faith in an effort to agree upon mutually satisfactory amendment(s). However, nothing contained in this Section shall be deemed to require either Party to consent to any amendment proposed by the other Party.
- 18.2. Effective Amendments. No alterations, amendments or modifications to this Franchise shall be valid unless executed by an instrument in writing by the parties, adopted with the same formality used in adopting this Franchise, to the extent required by law. Neither this Franchise, nor any term hereof, may be changed, modified or abandoned, in whole or in part, except by an instrument in writing, and no subsequent oral agreement shall have any validity whatsoever.

ARTICLE 19 EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

- 19.1. Economic Development. The Company is committed to the principle of stimulating, cultivating and strengthening the participation and representation of persons of color, women and members of other under-represented groups within the Company and in the local business community. The Company believes that increased participation and representation of under-represented groups will lead to mutual and sustainable benefits for the local economy. The Company is also committed to the principle that the success and economic well-being of the Company is closely tied to the economic strength and vitality of the diverse communities and people it serves. The Company believes that contributing to the development of a viable and sustainable economic base among all Company customers is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.
- 19.2. Employment. The Company is committed to a workplace free of discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, gender, age, military status, sexual orientation, marital status, or physical or mental disability or any other protected status in

accordance with all federal, state or local laws. The Company shall not, solely because of race, creed, color, religion, sex, age, national origin or ancestry or handicap, refuse to hire, discharge, promote, demote or discriminate in matters of compensation, against any person otherwise qualified, and further agrees to insert the foregoing provision or its equivalent in all agreements the Company enters into in connection with this Franchise.

ARTICLE 20 MISCELLANEOUS

- 20.1. No Waiver. Neither the City nor the Company shall be excused from complying with any of the terms and conditions of this Franchise by any failure of the other, or any of its officers, employees, or agents, upon any one or more occasions, to insist upon or to seek compliance with any such terms and conditions.
- 20.2. Successors and Assigns. The rights, privileges, and obligations, in whole or in part, granted and contained in this Franchise shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Company, its successors and assigns, to the extent that such successors or assigns have succeeded to or been assigned the rights of the Company pursuant to Article 14 of this Franchise.
- 20.3. Third Parties. Nothing contained in this Franchise shall be construed to provide rights to third parties.
- 20.4. Notice. Both parties shall designate from time to time in writing representatives for the Company and the City who will be the persons to whom notices shall be sent regarding any action to be taken under this Franchise. Notice shall be in writing and forwarded by certified mail or hand delivery to the persons and addresses as hereinafter stated, unless the persons and addresses are changed at the written request of either Party, delivered in person or by certified mail. Until any such change shall hereafter be made, notices shall be sent as follows:

To the City:

City Manager
City of Fruita
325 E. Aspen Avenue
Fruita, Colorado 81521

To the Company:

Chief Executive Officer
Grand Valley Rural Power Lines

845 22 Road
Grand Junction, Colorado 81505

- 20.5. Examination Of Records. The Parties agree that any duly authorized representative of the City and the Company shall have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent non-confidential books, documents, papers, and records of the other Party involving any activities related to this Franchise. All such records must be kept for a minimum of four (4) years. To the extent that either Party believes in good faith that it is necessary in order to monitor compliance with the terms of this Franchise to examine confidential books, documents, papers, and records of the other Party, the Parties agree to meet and discuss providing confidential materials, including but not limited to providing such materials subject to a reasonable confidentiality agreement which effectively protects the confidentiality of such materials and complies with PUC rules and regulations.
- 20.6. List of Utility Property. The Company shall provide the City, upon request not more than every two (2) years, a list of utility related property owned or leased by the Company within the City. All such records must be kept for a minimum of four (4) years.
- 20.7. Information. Upon written request, the Company shall provide the City designee with:
- A. A copy of the Company's consolidated annual financial report, or alternatively, a URL link to a location where the same information is available on the Company's web site; maps or schematics in electronic format indicating the location of specific Company Facilities, including electric lines, located within the City, to the extent those maps or schematics are in existence at the time of the request and related to an ongoing project within the City; and
 - B. a copy of any report required to be prepared for a federal or state agency detailing the Company's efforts to comply with federal and state air and water pollution laws.
- 20.8. Payment of Taxes and Fees.
- A. The Company shall pay and discharge as they become due, promptly and before delinquency, all taxes, assessments, rates, charges, license fees, municipal liens, levies, excises, or imposts, whether general or special, or ordinary or extraordinary, of every name, nature, and kind whatsoever, including all governmental charges of whatsoever name, nature, or kind, which may be levied, assessed, charged, or imposed, or which may become a lien or charge against this agreement ("Impositions"), provided that Company shall have the right to contest any such impositions and shall not

be in breach of this Section so long as it is actively contesting such Impositions.

- B. The City shall not be liable for the payment of taxes, late charges, interest or penalties of any nature other than pursuant to applicable tariffs on file and in effect from time to time with the PUC.
- 20.9. Conflict of Interest. The parties agree that no official, officer or employee of the City shall have any personal or beneficial interest whatsoever in the services or property described herein and the Company further agrees not to hire or contract for services any official, officer or employee of the City to the extent prohibited by law, including ordinances and regulations of the City.
- 20.10. Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. The City agrees to reasonably support any Company application to the PUC to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity, or an amendment thereto, to exercise its rights and obligations under this Franchise.
- 20.11. Authority. Each Party represents and warrants that except as set forth below, it has taken all actions that are necessary or that are required by its ordinances, regulations, procedures, bylaws, or applicable law, to legally authorize the undersigned signatories to execute this agreement on behalf of the parties and to bind the parties to its terms. The persons executing this agreement on behalf of each of the parties warrant that they have full authorization to execute this agreement. The City acknowledges that notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company requires a certificate of public convenience and necessity from the PUC in order to operate under the terms of this Franchise.
- 20.12. Severability. Should any one or more provisions of this Franchise be determined to be unconstitutional, illegal, unenforceable or otherwise void, all other provisions nevertheless shall remain effective; provided, however, to the extent allowed by law, the parties shall forthwith enter into good faith negotiations and proceed with due diligence to draft one or more substitute provisions that will achieve the original intent of the parties hereunder.
- 20.13. Force Majeure. Neither the City nor the Company shall be in breach of this Franchise if a failure to perform any of the duties under this Franchise is due to Force Majeure, as defined herein.
- 20.14. Earlier Franchises Superseded. This Franchise shall constitute the only Franchise between the City and the Company for the furnishing of Utility Service, and it supersedes and cancels all former franchises between the parties hereto.
- 20.15. Titles Not Controlling. Titles of the paragraphs herein are for reference only, and shall not be used to construe the language of this Franchise.

20.16. Applicable Law. Colorado law shall apply to the construction and enforcement of this Franchise. The parties agree that venue for any litigation arising out of this Franchise shall be in the District Court for Mesa County, State of Colorado.

20.17. Council Approval. This grant of Franchise shall not become effective unless approved by a majority vote of the City Council.

20.18. Company Approval. The Company shall file with the City Clerk its written acceptance of this Franchise and of all of its terms and provisions within ten days after the adoption of this Franchise by the City Council. The acceptance shall be in form and content approved by the City Attorney.

INTRODUCED, READ, AND ORDER PUBLISHED this 20th day of June, 2022.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2022.

CITY OF FRUITA

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

Publication Dates:

ACCEPTED:

**GRAND VALLEY RURAL POWER
LINES, INC.**

Thomas Walch
Chief Executive Officer