

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

This **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT** (the “Agreement”) is made and entered by and between **NEW BRAUNFELS UTILITIES**, a Texas municipally owned utility (“NBU”), and **M & S ENGINEERING, LLC**, a Texas limited liability company (the “Professional”). For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall become effective the date on which the last party to this Agreement executes this Agreement and this Agreement shall not be binding until executed by all parties (the “Effective Date”). Once this Agreement is executed by both parties, this Agreement shall remain in effect until the completion date specified in Exhibit A, unless terminated as provided for in this Agreement. Subject to Section 271.904 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, Exhibit A shall provide, in either calendar days or by providing a final date, a time of completion prior to which the Professional shall have completed all tasks related to the Services (hereinafter defined).

Section 2. Scope of Services.

(A) The Professional shall perform the services described in Exhibit A (the “Services”) within the timeframe specified therein. The time limits for the Services stated in Exhibit A are of the essence of the Agreement. By executing this Agreement, the Professional confirms that the timeframe in Exhibit A is a reasonable period for performing the Services. The scope of work described in the Services constitutes the “Project.”

(B) The quality of Services provided hereunder shall be of the level of professional quality performed by professionals regularly rendering this type of service.

(C) The Professional shall perform the Services in compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and contractual requirements now or hereafter in effect as may be applicable to the rights and obligations set forth in the Agreement.

(D) The Professional may rely upon the accuracy of reports and surveys provided to it by NBU except when defects should have been apparent to a reasonably competent professional or when it has actual notice of any defects in the reports and surveys.

Section 3. Compensation.

(A) **Amount.** The Professional shall be paid the amount set forth in Exhibit B as described herein.

(B) **Billing Period.** NBU shall pay the Professional within thirty (30) days after receipt and approval of invoices and based upon work satisfactorily performed and completed to date. All invoices shall document and itemize all work completed to date. Each invoice statement shall include a record of time expended and work performed in sufficient detail to justify payment. In

the event any uncontested portions of any invoice are not paid within thirty (30) days of receipt and approval of the Professional's invoice, the Professional shall have the right to suspend work.

(C) Reimbursable Expenses. Any and all reimbursable expenses related to the Project shall be described in the Services defined in Exhibit A and accounted for in the total compensation amount in Exhibit B. If these items are not specifically accounted for in both Exhibit A and Exhibit B, NBU shall not be required to pay such amounts unless otherwise agreed to in writing by both parties or unless agreed to pursuant to Section 4 of this Agreement.

Section 4. Changes to the Project Work; Additional Work.

(A) Changes to Work. The Professional shall make such revisions to any work that has been completed as are necessary to correct any errors or omissions as may appear in such work. If NBU finds it necessary to make changes to previously satisfactorily completed work or parts thereof, the Professional shall make such revisions if requested and as directed by NBU and such services shall be considered as additional work and paid for as specified under the following paragraph.

(B) Additional Work. NBU retains the right to make changes to the Services at any time by a written contract amendment. Work that is clearly not within the general description of the Services under this Agreement must be approved in writing by NBU by contract amendment before the additional work is undertaken by the Professional. If the Professional is of the opinion that any work is beyond that contemplated in this Agreement and the Services described in Exhibit A and therefore constitutes additional work, the Professional shall promptly notify NBU of that opinion in writing. If NBU agrees that such work does constitute additional work, then NBU and the Professional shall execute a contract amendment for the additional work and NBU shall compensate the Professional for the additional work on the same basis of the rates for the Services contained in Exhibit B. If the changes deduct from the extent of the scope of work for the Services, the contract sum shall be adjusted accordingly. All such changes shall be executed under the conditions of the original Agreement. Any work undertaken by the Professional not previously approved as additional work shall be at risk of the Professional.

Section 5. Ownership of Documents. Upon completion or termination of this Agreement, all documents prepared by the Professional or furnished to the Professional by NBU shall be delivered to and become the property of NBU. All drawings, charts, calculations, plans, specifications and other data, including electronic files and raw data, prepared under or pursuant to this Agreement shall be made available, upon request, to NBU without restriction or limitation on the further use of such materials; however, such materials are not intended or represented to be suitable for reuse by NBU or others. Any reuse of the materials related to the Services without prior verification or adaptation by the Professional for the specific purpose intended will be at NBU's sole risk and without liability to the Professional. Where applicable, the Professional shall retain all pre-existing proprietary rights in the materials provided to NBU but shall grant to NBU a non-exclusive, perpetual, royalty-free license to use such proprietary information solely for the purposes for which the information was provided. The Professional may, at the Professional's expense, have copies made of the documents or any other data furnished to NBU under or pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 6. Personnel. The Professional shall provide adequate, experienced personnel, capable of and devoted to the successful completion of the Services to be performed under this Agreement. The Professional agrees that, upon commencement of the Services to be performed under this Agreement, key personnel will not be removed or replaced without prior written notice to NBU. If key personnel are not available to perform the Services for a continuous period exceeding thirty (30) calendar days, or are expected to devote substantially less effort to the Services than initially anticipated, the Professional shall immediately notify NBU of same and shall replace such personnel with personnel possessing substantially equal ability and qualifications.

Section 7. Licenses; Materials. The Professional shall maintain in current status all federal, state, and local licenses and permits required for the Professional to perform the Services and operate its business. NBU has no obligation to provide the Professional, its employees or subcontractors any business registrations or licenses required to perform the Services described in this Agreement. NBU has no obligation to provide tools, equipment, or materials to the Professional.

Section 8. Professional's Seal; Standard of Care. To the extent the Professional has a professional seal, the Professional shall place such seal on all final documents and data furnished by the Professional to NBU. Preliminary documents released from a license holder's control shall identify the purpose of the document, the engineer(s) of record and the engineer license number(s), and the release date on the title sheet of bound engineering reports, specifications, details, calculations or estimates, and each sheet of plans or drawings regardless of size or binding. As required by Section 271.904 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, all work and services provided under this Agreement will be performed with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent engineers or architects, as applicable, practicing under the same or similar locality under the same or similar circumstances and professional license. The Professional shall perform its services as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill of a competent engineer or architect, as applicable. The plans, specifications, and data provided by the Professional shall be adequate and sufficient to enable those performing the actual work to perform the work as and within the time contemplated by NBU and the Professional. NBU acknowledges that the Professional does not have control over the methods or means of work or the costs of labor, materials, or equipment. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, any estimates of costs by the Professional are for informational purposes only and are not guarantees.

Section 9. Indemnification.

(A) GENERAL. TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 271.904 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, THE PROFESSIONAL SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS NBU AND EACH BOARD MEMBER, OFFICER, EMPLOYEE, AGENT, AND REPRESENTATIVE THEREOF (NBU AND ANY SUCH PERSON BEING HEREIN CALLED AN "INDEMNIFIED PARTY") FOR, FROM AND AGAINST ANY AND ALL LOSSES, CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LIABILITIES, COSTS AND EXPENSES (INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, REASONABLE ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COURT COSTS) INCURRED BY ANY INDEMNIFIED PARTY WHICH ARE:

- i. DUE TO THE VIOLATION OF ANY ORDINANCE, REGULATION, STATUTE, OR OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT, BY THE PROFESSIONAL, ITS AGENT, EMPLOYEE, ANY CONSULTANT UNDER CONTRACT, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH THE PROFESSIONAL EXERCISES CONTROL;**
- ii. CAUSED BY OR RESULTING FROM ANY NEGLIGENT OR INTENTIONAL ACT OR OMISSION IN VIOLATION OF PROFESSIONAL'S STANDARD OF CARE, BY THE PROFESSIONAL, ITS AGENT, ANY CONSULTANT UNDER CONTRACT, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH THE PROFESSIONAL EXERCISES CONTROL;**
- iii. CAUSED BY OR RESULTING FROM ANY CLAIM ASSERTING INFRINGEMENT OR ALLEGED INFRINGEMENT OF A PATENT, TRADEMARK, COPYRIGHT OR OTHER INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY OR THROUGH THE PROFESSIONAL, ITS AGENT, ANY CONSULTANT UNDER CONTRACT, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH THE PROFESSIONAL EXERCISES CONTROL;**
- iv. DUE TO THE FAILURE OF THE PROFESSIONAL, ITS AGENT, ANY CONSULTANT UNDER CONTRACT, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH THE PROFESSIONAL EXERCISES CONTROL TO PAY THEIR CONSULTANTS OR SUBCONSULTANTS AMOUNTS DUE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROJECT; OR**
- v. OTHERWISE ARISING OUT OF OR RESULTING FROM THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SERVICES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING SUCH CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES OR EXPENSES ATTRIBUTABLE TO BODILY INJURY, SICKNESS, DISEASE OR DEATH, OR TO INJURY TO OR DESTRUCTION OF TANGIBLE PROPERTY, INCLUDING LOSS OF USE RESULTING THEREFROM, BUT ONLY TO THE EXTENT SUCH CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, COSTS AND EXPENSES ARE CAUSED BY OR RESULT FROM ANY NEGLIGENT OR INTENTIONAL ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL, ITS AGENT, ANY CONSULTANT UNDER CONTRACT, OR ANY OTHER ENTITY OVER WHICH THE PROFESSIONAL EXERCISES CONTROL.**

(B) REIMBURSEMENT OF NBU'S FEES IN DEFENSE OF CLAIMS. TO THE EXTENT NBU INCURS ATTORNEY'S FEES IN DEFENSE OF ANY CLAIM ASSERTED AGAINST NBU THAT ARISES OR RESULTS FROM THE ALLEGED ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF THE PROFESSIONAL DESCRIBED IN THIS SECTION, THE PROFESSIONAL SHALL REIMBURSE NBU ITS REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES IN PROPORTION TO THE PROFESSIONAL'S LIABILITY FOUND AFTER A FINAL ADJUDICATION OF LIABILITY.

The obligations of the Professional under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Section 10. Insurance.

(A) General.

- i. Insurer Qualifications. Without limiting any obligations or liabilities of the Professional, the Professional shall purchase and maintain, at its own expense, hereinafter stipulated minimum insurance with insurance companies authorized to do business in the State of Texas with an A.M. Best, Inc. rating of A- VII or above with policies and forms satisfactory to NBU. Failure to maintain insurance as specified herein may result in termination of this Agreement at NBU's option.
- ii. No Representation of Coverage Adequacy. By requiring insurance, NBU does not represent that coverage and limits will be adequate to protect the Professional. NBU reserves the right to review any and all of the insurance policies and/or endorsements cited in this Agreement, but has no obligation to do so. Failure to demand such evidence of full compliance with the insurance requirements set forth in this Agreement or failure to identify any insurance deficiency will not relieve the Professional from, nor be construed or deemed a waiver of, its obligation to maintain the required insurance at all times during the performance of this Agreement.
- iii. Additional Insured. All insurance coverage and self-insured retention or deductible portions, except Workers' Compensation insurance and Professional Liability insurance, if applicable, shall name, to the fullest extent permitted by law for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement, NBU, its agents, representatives, officers, directors, officials and employees as an Additional Insured (CG 2010 1001 and CG 2037 1001 or an equivalent on the general liability policy) as specified under the respective coverage sections of this Agreement.
- iv. Coverage Term. All insurance required herein shall be maintained in full force and effect until all the Services required to be performed under the terms of this Agreement are satisfactorily performed, completed and formally accepted by NBU, unless specified otherwise in this Agreement.
- v. Primary Insurance. The Professional's insurance shall be primary insurance with respect to performance of this Agreement and in the protection of NBU as an Additional Insured.
- vi. Claims Made. In the event any insurance policies required by this Agreement are written on a "claims made" basis, coverage will extend, either by keeping coverage in force or purchasing an extended reporting option, for three years after the conclusion of the term of this Agreement. Such continuing coverage will be evidenced by submission of annual certificates of insurance stating applicable coverage is in force and containing provisions as required herein for the three-year period.
- vii. Waiver. All policies (except for Professional Liability, if applicable), including Workers' Compensation insurance, will contain a waiver of rights of recovery

(subrogation) against NBU, its agents, representatives, officials, officers and employees for any claims arising out of the Services performed by the Professional. The Professional shall arrange to have such subrogation waivers incorporated into each policy via formal written endorsement thereto.

- viii. Policy Deductibles and/or Self-Insured Retentions. The policies set forth in these requirements may provide coverage that contains deductibles or self-insured retention amounts. Such deductibles or self-insured retention shall not be applicable with respect to the policy limits provided to NBU. The Professional shall be solely responsible for any such deductible or self-insured retention amount.
- ix. Use of Subcontractors. The Professional shall not use subcontractors for all or any work under this Agreement without the prior written consent of NBU in its sole discretion. If any work under this Agreement is subcontracted in any way, the Professional shall execute written agreements with its subcontractors containing the indemnification provisions set forth in this Agreement and insurance requirements set forth herein protecting NBU and the Professional. The Professional shall be responsible for executing any agreements with its subcontractors and obtaining certificates of insurance verifying the insurance requirements.
- x. Evidence of Insurance. Prior to the Effective Date of this Agreement, the Professional shall provide suitable evidence of insurance to NBU, which confirms that all required insurance policies are in full force and effect. Evidence of insurance shall be in a form acceptable to NBU. Evidence of such insurance shall be attached as Exhibit C. Confidential information such as the policy premium may be redacted from the documents evidencing each insurance policy, provided that such redactions do not alter any of the information required by this Agreement. NBU will rely upon the requested information, including, but not limited to, certificates of insurance, endorsements, schedule of forms and endorsements, or other policy language as evidence of coverage but such acceptance and reliance will not waive or alter in any way the insurance requirements or obligations of this Agreement. If any of the policies required by this Agreement expire during the life of this Agreement, it will be the Professional's responsibility to forward renewal certificates and evidence of insurance to NBU five (5) days prior to the expiration date.

(B) Required Insurance Coverage. Any of the coverage set forth below may be waived by NBU in its sole discretion, but any such waiver must be signed by an authorized representative of NBU on or before the Effective Date of this Agreement.

- i. Commercial General Liability. The Professional shall maintain "occurrence" form Commercial General Liability insurance with an unimpaired limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and a \$2,000,000 General Aggregate Limit. The policy shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, independent contractors, products, completed operations, personal injury, and property damage. The definition of insured contract cannot have any modifications as outlined in the

ISO policy form CG 0001 0413. Third party action over coverage must not be specifically excluded. To the fullest extent allowed by law, for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement, NBU, its agents, representatives, officers, officials and employees shall be cited as an Additional Insured. If any Excess insurance is utilized to fulfill the requirements of this subsection, such Excess insurance shall be “follow form” equal or broader in coverage scope than underlying insurance.

- ii. Auto Liability. The Professional shall maintain Automobile Liability insurance with a limit of \$1,000,000 combined single limit on the Professional’s owned or hired and non-owned vehicles, as applicable, assigned to or used in the performance of the Services by the Professional under this Agreement. To the fullest extent allowed by law, for claims arising out of the performance of this Agreement, NBU, its agents, representatives, officers, directors, officials and employees shall be cited as an Additional Insured. If any Excess insurance is utilized to fulfill the requirements of this subsection, such Excess insurance shall be “follow form” equal or broader in coverage scope than underlying insurance.
- iii. Professional Liability. The Professional shall maintain Professional Liability insurance covering negligent errors and omissions arising out of the Services performed by the Professional, or anyone employed by the Professional, or anyone for whose negligent acts, mistakes, errors and omissions the Professional is legally liable, with an unimpaired liability insurance limit of \$1,000,000 each claim and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate. In the event the Professional Liability insurance policy is written on a “claims made” basis, coverage shall extend for three years after the conclusion of the term of this Agreement, and the Professional shall be required to submit certificates of insurance and other requested information evidencing proper coverage is in effect as required above. Confidential information such as the policy premium or proprietary information may be redacted from the insurance information requested, provided that such redactions do not alter any of the information required by this Agreement.
- iv. Workers’ Compensation and Employer’s Liability Insurance. The Professional shall maintain Workers’ Compensation insurance to cover the Professional’s employees engaged in the performance of the Services under this Agreement and shall also maintain Employers Liability Insurance of not less than \$1,000,000 for each accident, \$1,000,000 disease for each employee and \$1,000,000 disease policy limit.

(C) Cancellation and Expiration Notice. Insurance required herein shall not expire, be canceled, or be materially changed without thirty (30) days’ prior written notice to NBU.

Section 11. Termination.

(A) For NBU’s Convenience. This Agreement is for the convenience of NBU and, as such, may be terminated by NBU for any reason upon thirty (30) days’ written notice by NBU to the

Professional. Upon termination for convenience, the Professional will be paid for the Services performed to the termination date less any offsets to which NBU may be entitled under the terms of this Agreement. By written notice to NBU, the Professional may suspend work if the Professional reasonably determines that working conditions at the site (outside the Professional's control) are unsafe, or in violation of applicable laws, or in the event NBU has not made timely payment in accordance with this Agreement, or for other circumstances not caused by the Professional that are materially interfering with the normal progress of the work. The Professional's suspension of work hereunder shall be without prejudice to any other remedy of the Professional at law or equity.

(B) For Cause. If either party violates any provision or fails to perform any obligation of this Agreement and such party fails to cure its nonperformance within thirty (30) days after written notice of nonperformance is given by the non-defaulting party, such party will be in default. In the event of such default, the non-defaulting party may terminate this Agreement immediately for cause and will have all remedies that are available to it at law or in equity including, without limitation, the remedy of specific performance. If the nature of the defaulting party's nonperformance is such that it cannot reasonably be cured within thirty (30) days, then the defaulting party will have such additional period of time as may be reasonably necessary under the circumstances, provided the defaulting party immediately (i) provides written notice to the non-defaulting party and (ii) commences to cure its nonperformance and thereafter diligently continues to completion the cure of its nonperformance. In no event will any such cure period exceed ninety (90) days. Only one notice of nonperformance will be required during the term of this Agreement and in the event of a second breach or violation, the nondefaulting party may immediately terminate this Agreement without notice to the defaulting party. In the event of any termination for cause by NBU, payment will be made by NBU to the Professional for the undisputed portion of its fee due as of the termination date less any offsets to which NBU may be entitled under the terms of this Agreement.

(C) Non-Collusion. The Professional represents and warrants that the Professional has not given, made, promised or paid, nor offered to give, make, promise or pay any gift, bonus, commission, money or other consideration to any person as an inducement to or in order to obtain the work to be provided to NBU under this Agreement. If NBU determines that the Professional gave, made, promised, paid or offered any gift, bonus, commission, money, or other consideration to NBU or any of its officers, agents, or employees to secure this Agreement, NBU may elect to cancel this Agreement by written notice to the Professional. The Professional further agrees that the Professional shall not accept any gift, bonus, commission, money, or other consideration from any person (other than from NBU pursuant to this Agreement) for any of the Services performed by the Professional under or related to this Agreement. If any such gift, bonus, commission, money, or other consideration is received by or offered to the Professional, the Professional shall immediately report that fact to NBU and, NBU, at its sole option, may elect to cancel this Agreement by written notice to the Professional.

(D) Agreement Subject to Appropriation. This Agreement is subject to appropriation of funds. The provisions of this Agreement for payment of funds by NBU shall be effective when funds are appropriated for purposes of this Agreement and are actually available for payment. NBU shall be the sole judge and authority in determining the availability of funds under this Agreement and

NBU shall keep the Professional fully informed as to the availability of funds for the Agreement. The obligation of NBU to make any payment pursuant to this Agreement is a current expense of NBU, payable exclusively from such annual appropriations, and is not a general obligation or indebtedness of NBU. If sufficient funds are not appropriated to pay the amounts as set forth in this Agreement during any immediately succeeding fiscal year, this Agreement shall terminate at the end of the then-current fiscal year and NBU and the Professional shall be relieved of any subsequent obligation under this Agreement.

Section 12. Miscellaneous.

(A) Independent Contractor. The Professional acknowledges that the Professional is an independent contractor of NBU and is not an employee, agent, official or representative of NBU. The Professional shall not represent, either expressly or through implication, that the Professional is an employee, agent, official or representative of NBU. Income taxes, self-employment taxes, social security taxes and the like shall be the sole responsibility of the Professional.

(B) Governing Law; Venue. This Agreement and all of the transactions contemplated herein shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas. The provisions and obligations of this Agreement are performable in Comal County, Texas such that exclusive venue for any action arising out of this Agreement shall be in Comal County, Texas.

(C) Compliance with Laws. The Professional shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, statutes, ordinances, rules and regulations, and the orders and decrees of any courts, administrative, or regulatory bodies in any matter affecting the performance of this Agreement, including, without limitation, worker's compensation laws, minimum and maximum salary and wage statutes and regulations, and licensing laws and regulations. When required, the Professional shall furnish satisfactory proof of compliance to NBU.

(D) Amendments. This Agreement may only be amended, modified, or supplemented by a written amendment signed by persons duly authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of NBU and the Professional.

(E) Provisions Required by Law. Each and every provision of law and any clause required by law to be in the Agreement shall be read and enforced as though it were included herein and, if through mistake or otherwise any such provision is not inserted, or is not correctly inserted, then upon the application of either party, the Agreement shall promptly be physically amended to make such insertion or correction.

(F) Severability. If any term or provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect under applicable law, the legality, validity or enforceability of the remaining terms or provisions of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

(G) Entire Agreement; Interpretation; Parol Evidence. This Agreement and the related Exhibits constitute the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter, and all previous

agreements, whether oral or written, entered into prior to this Agreement are hereby revoked and superseded thereby. No representations, inducements or oral agreements have been made by any of the parties except as expressly set forth in this Agreement. This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted according to its plain meaning, and no presumption shall be deemed to apply in favor of, or against the party drafting the Agreement.

(H) No Assignment. Neither party shall have the right to assign that party's interest in this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Any purported assignment in violation of this Section shall be null and void.

(I) Subcontractors. The Professional shall not transfer any portion of the work related to the Services under this Agreement to any subcontractor without the prior written consent of NBU, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. The approval or acquiescence of NBU in the subletting of any work shall not relieve the Professional of any responsibility for work done by such subcontractor. Failure to pay subcontractors in a timely manner pursuant to any subcontract shall be a material breach of this Agreement by the Professional.

(J) Waiver. No waiver by any party of any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective unless explicitly set forth in writing and signed by the party so waiving. No waiver of any breach or violation of any term of this Agreement shall be deemed or construed to constitute a waiver of any other breach or violation, whether concurrent or subsequent, and whether of the same or of a different type of breach or violation. No failure to exercise, or delay in exercising, any right, remedy, power, or privilege arising from this Agreement shall operate or be construed as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power, or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power, or privilege.

(K) Attorneys' Fees. In the event either party brings any action for any relief, declaratory or otherwise, arising out of this Agreement or on account of any breach or default hereof, the prevailing party will be entitled to receive from the other party reasonable attorneys' fees and reasonable costs and expenses, which will be deemed to have accrued on the commencement of such action.

(L) Liens. All materials or services provided under this Agreement shall be free of all liens and, if NBU requests, a formal release of all liens shall be delivered to NBU.

(M) Offset.

- i. Offset for Damages. In addition to all other remedies at law or equity, NBU may offset from any money due to the Professional any amount the Professional owes to NBU for damages resulting from breach or deficiencies in performance or breach of any obligation under this Agreement, including but not limited to all costs, expenses, fines, fees, and charges associated with obtaining performance from alternative sources, shipping, handling, materials, equipment rental, travel expenses and associated costs.

- ii. Offset for Delinquent Fees or Taxes. NBU may offset from any money due to the Professional any amount the Professional owes to NBU for delinquent fees, including any interest or penalties.

(N) Notices. Any notice or other communication required or permitted to be given under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if (i) delivered to the party at the address set forth below, (ii) deposited in the U.S. Mail, registered or certified, return receipt requested, to the address set forth below, or (iii) given to a recognized and reputable overnight delivery service, to the address set forth below:

If to NBU:

New Braunfels Utilities
Attn: Director of Electric Services
263 Main Plaza
New Braunfels, TX 78130

With copy to:

Purchasing Manager
New Braunfels Utilities
355 FM 306
New Braunfels, TX 78130

If to the Professional:

M & S Engineering, LLC
6477 FM 311
Spring Branch, Texas 78070

or at such other address, and to the attention of such other person or officer, as any party may designate by providing thirty (30) days' prior written notice of such change to the other party in the manner set forth in this Section. Notices shall be deemed received (i) when delivered to the party, (ii) three business days after being placed in the U.S. Mail, properly addressed, with sufficient postage or (iii) the following business day after being given to a recognized overnight delivery service, with the person giving the notice paying all required charges and instructing the delivery service to deliver on the following business day. If a copy of a notice is also given to a party's counsel or other recipient, the provisions above governing the date on which a notice is deemed to have been received by a party shall mean and refer to the date on which the party, and not its counsel or other recipient to which a copy of the notice may be sent, is deemed to have received the notice.

(O) Confidentiality of Records. The Professional shall establish and maintain procedures and controls that are acceptable to NBU for the purpose of ensuring that information contained in its records or obtained from NBU or from others in carrying out the Professional's obligations under

this Agreement shall not be used or disclosed by it, its agents, officers, or employees, except as required to perform the Professional's duties under this Agreement. Persons requesting such information should be referred to NBU. The Professional also agrees that any information pertaining to individual persons shall not be divulged other than to employees or officers of the Professional as needed for the performance of duties under this Agreement.

(P) Right to Audit. NBU shall have the right to examine and audit the books and records of the Professional with regard to the Services, or any subsequent changes, at any reasonable time. Such books and records shall be maintained in accordance with generally accepted principles of accounting and shall be adequate to enable determination of: (1) the substantiation and accuracy of any payments required to be made under this Agreement; and (2) compliance with the provisions of this Agreement.

(Q) Paragraph Headings; Construction. The paragraph headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience only and shall in no way enlarge or limit the scope or meaning of the various and several paragraphs hereof. Both parties have participated in the negotiation and preparation of this Agreement and this Agreement shall not be construed either more or less strongly against or for either party.

(R) Binding Effect. Except as limited herein, the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, devisees, personal and legal representatives, successors and assigns.

(S) Gender. Within this Agreement, words of any gender shall be held and construed to include any other gender, and words in the singular number shall be held and construed to include the plural, unless the context otherwise requires.

(T) Multiple Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

(U) Exhibits. Except as specified in Subsection (V) of this Section, all exhibits to this Agreement are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes wherever reference is made to the same.

(V) Conflicting Terms. In the case of any conflicts between the terms of this Agreement and the Exhibits, the statements in the body of this Agreement shall govern. The Exhibits are intended to detail the technical scope of services, fee schedule, and the term of the contract only and shall not dictate Agreement terms.

(W) Relationship of Parties. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be deemed or construed by the parties hereto or by any third party to create the relationship of principal and agent or of partnership or of joint venture or of any association whatsoever between the parties, it being expressly understood and agreed that no provision contained in this Agreement nor any act or acts of the parties hereto shall be deemed to create any relationship between the parties other than the

relationship of independent parties contracting with each other solely for the purpose of effecting the provisions of this Agreement.

(X) No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement is for the sole benefit of the parties hereto and their respective assigns and nothing herein, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon any other person or entity any legal or equitable right, benefit, or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

(Y) Non-Exclusive Contract. This Agreement is entered into with the understanding and agreement that it is for the sole convenience of NBU. NBU reserves the right to obtain like goods and services from another source when necessary.

Section 13. Force Majeure. If the performance of any covenant or obligation to be performed hereunder by any party is delayed as a result of circumstances that are beyond the reasonable control of such party (which circumstances may include, without limitation, acts of God, war, acts of civil disobedience, epidemic, pandemic, fire or other casualty, shortage of materials, adverse weather conditions (such as, by way of illustration and not of limitation, severe rain storms or below freezing temperatures, or tornados), labor action, strikes or similar acts, moratoriums or regulations or actions by governmental authorities), the time for such performance shall be extended by the amount of time of such delay, but no longer than the amount of time reasonably occasioned by the delay. In no event will any delay or failure of performance caused by any force majeure condition extend this Agreement beyond its stated Term unless both parties agree in writing to such extension in an amendment to this Agreement. The party claiming delay of performance as a result of any of the foregoing force majeure events shall deliver written notice of the commencement of any such delay resulting from such force majeure event not later than seven (7) days after the claiming party becomes aware of the same, and if the claiming party fails to so notify the other party of the occurrence of a force majeure event causing such delay and the other party shall not otherwise be aware of such force majeure event, the claiming party shall not be entitled to avail itself of the provisions for the extension of performance contained in this subsection.

Section 14. Dispute Resolution. In accordance with the provisions of Subchapter I, Chapter 271 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended, the parties agree that, prior to instituting any lawsuit or other proceeding arising from a dispute under this agreement, the parties shall first attempt to resolve the dispute by taking the steps described in this Section. First, the dissatisfied party shall deliver to the other party a written notice substantially describing the nature of the dispute, which notice shall request a written response to be delivered to the dissatisfied party not less than five (5) days after receipt of the notice of dispute. Second, if the response does not reasonably resolve the dispute, in the opinion of the dissatisfied party, the dissatisfied party shall give five (5) days' written notice to that effect to the other party whereupon each party shall appoint a person having authority over the activities of the respective parties who shall promptly meet, in person, in an effort to resolve the dispute. Third, if those persons cannot or do not resolve the dispute, then the parties shall each appoint a person from the highest tier of managerial responsibility within each respective party, who shall then promptly meet, in person, in an effort to resolve the dispute.

Section 15. Disclosure of Business Relationships/Affiliations; Conflict of Interest Questionnaire. The Professional represents that it is in compliance with the applicable filing and disclosure requirements of Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code, as amended.

Section 16. Information Technology

(A) Limited Access. If necessary for the fulfillment of the Agreement, NBU may provide the Professional with non-exclusive, limited access to NBU's information technology infrastructure. The Professional understands and agrees to abide by NBU policies, standards, regulations and restrictions regarding access and usage of NBU's information technology infrastructure. The Professional shall reasonably enforce such policies, standards, regulations and restrictions with all the Professional's employees, agents or any tier of subcontractor granted access in the performance of this Agreement, and shall be granted and authorize only such access as may be necessary for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of the Agreement. The Professional's employees, agents and subcontractors must receive prior, written approval from NBU before being granted access to NBU's information technology infrastructure and data and NBU, in its sole determination, shall determine accessibility and limitations thereto. The Professional agrees that the requirements of this Section shall be incorporated into all subcontractor agreements entered into by the Professional. It is further agreed that a violation of this Section shall be deemed to cause irreparable harm that justifies injunctive relief in court. A violation of this Section may result in immediate termination of this Agreement without notice.

(B) Data Confidentiality. All data, regardless of form, including originals, images and reproductions, prepared by, obtained by or transmitted to the Professional in connection with this Agreement is confidential, proprietary information owned by NBU. Except as specifically provided in this Agreement, the Professional shall not intentionally disclose data generated in the performance of the Services to any third party without the prior, written consent of NBU.

(C) Data Security. Personal identifying information, financial account information, or restricted NBU information, whether electronic format or hard copy, is confidential and must be secured and protected at all times to avoid unauthorized access. At a minimum, the Professional must encrypt or password-protect electronic files. This includes data saved to laptop computers, computerized devices or removable storage devices.

(D) Compromised Security. In the event that data collected or obtained by the Professional in connection with this Agreement is believed to have been compromised or in the event of a cybersecurity event or breach, the Professional shall notify NBU immediately. **TO THE EXTENT PERMITTED BY SECTION 271.904 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED, THE PROFESSIONAL SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD NBU HARMLESS FROM ANY CLAIMS RESULTING FROM AN ACT OF NEGLIGENCE, INTENTIONAL TORT, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY INFRINGEMENT, OR FAILURE TO PAY A SUBCONTRACTOR OR SUPPLIER COMMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT BY THE PROFESSIONAL, ITS OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, CONSULTANTS, AGENTS, ANY TIER OF SUBCONTRACTOR, OR ANY ENTITY OVER WHICH THE PROFESSIONAL EXERCISES CONTROL.**

(E) Survival. The obligations of the Professional under this Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

Section 17. Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Israel. The Professional hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly-or majority owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, does not boycott Israel and, to the extent this Agreement is a contract for goods or services, will not boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement as described in Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code, as amended. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2271.002 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable federal and State law. As used in the foregoing verification, “boycott Israel” means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes. The Professional understands “affiliate” to mean an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Professional and exists to make a profit.

Section 18. Contracts with Companies Engaged in Business with Iran, Sudan or Foreign Terrorist Organizations Prohibited. The Professional represents that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly-or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Texas Government Code, as amended, and posted on any of the following pages of such officer’s internet website:

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/sudan-list.pdf>,
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/iran-list.pdf>, or
<https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/fto-list.pdf>.

The foregoing representation is made solely to comply with Section 2252.152, Texas Government Code, as amended, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable federal or State law and excludes the Professional and each of its parent company, wholly-or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization. The Professional understands “affiliate” to mean an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Professional and exists to make a profit.

Section 19. Prohibition on Contracts with Companies in China, Iran, North Korea, or Russia. To the extent this Agreement relates to critical infrastructure in the State of Texas, the Professional represents the following:

- (A) it is not owned by or the majority of stock or other ownership interest in the Professional is not held or controlled by:
 - i. individuals who are citizens of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a country designated by the Governor of Texas as a threat to critical infrastructure under Section 2274.0103 of the Texas Government Code, as amended (“designated country”); or

- ii. a company or other entity, including a governmental entity, that is owned or controlled by citizens of or is directly controlled by the government of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country; or

(B) it is not headquartered in China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or a designated country.

The foregoing representation is made solely to comply with Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable federal or State law. As used in the foregoing verification, “critical infrastructure” means a communication infrastructure system, cybersecurity system, electric grid, hazardous waste treatment system, or water treatment facility.

Section 20. Prohibition on Contracts with Companies Boycotting Energy Companies. The Professional hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly-or majority owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott energy companies and, to the extent this Agreement is a contract for goods or services, will not boycott energy companies during the term of this Agreement as described in Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable federal and State law. As used in the foregoing verification, “boycott energy companies” has the meaning used in Section 809.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended. The Professional understands “affiliate” to mean an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Professional and exists to make a profit.

Section 21. Prohibition on Contracts with Companies that Discriminate Against Firearm and Ammunition Industries. The Professional hereby verifies that it and its parent company, wholly-or majority owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association and, to the extent this Agreement is a contract for goods or services, will not discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association during the term of this Agreement as described in Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable federal and State law. As used in the foregoing verification, “discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association” has the meaning used in Section 2274.001(3) of the Texas Government Code, as amended. The Professional understands “affiliate” to mean an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Professional and exists to make a profit.

Section 22. Texas Public Information Act. The Professional recognizes that NBU is subject to the disclosure requirements of the Texas Public Information Act (the “PIA”). As part of its obligations within this Agreement, the Professional agrees, at no additional cost to NBU, to cooperate with NBU for any particular needs or obligations arising out of the NBU’s obligations

under the PIA. This acknowledgement and obligation are in addition to and complimentary to the NBU's audit rights in Section 12(P).

This provision applies if the Agreement has a stated expenditure of at least \$1 million in public funds for the purchase of goods or services by NBU or results in the expenditure of at least \$1 million in public funds for the purchase of goods or services by NBU in a fiscal year of NBU.

The Professional must (1) preserve all contracting information related to the Agreement as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to NBU for the duration of the Agreement; (2) promptly provide to NBU any contracting information related to the Agreement that is in the custody or possession of the Professional on request of NBU; and (3) on completion of the Agreement, either:

- (i) provide at no cost to NBU all contracting information related to the Agreement that is in the custody or possession of the Professional; or
- (ii) preserve the contracting information related to the Agreement as provided by the records retention requirements applicable to NBU.

The requirements of Subchapter J, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, may apply to this Agreement and the Professional agrees that the Agreement can be terminated if the Professional knowingly or intentionally fails to comply with a requirement of that subchapter.

Section 23. Electronic Signatures. Pursuant to Chapter 322 of the Texas Business and Commerce Code, as amended, the parties agree to the use of electronic signatures herein and that the use of an electronic signature, whether digital or encrypted, is intended to have the same force and effect as a manual signature. Electronic signature means any electronic sound, symbol or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed and adopted by a party with the intent to sign such record, including facsimile or e-mail electronic signatures. Each party further agrees that if it agrees to conduct a transaction by electronic means in this Agreement, it may refuse to conduct other transactions by electronic means and that such right may not be waived by this Agreement.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on this the ___ day of _____, 2023.

NBU:
NEW BRAUNFELS UTILITIES,
a Texas municipally owned utility

By: _____
Name: Ryan Kelso
Title: Interim CEO

PROFESSIONAL:
M & S ENGINEERING,
a Texas limited liability company

By: _____
Name: Jason Jones
Title: CFD

Exhibit A

Services

The Professional shall provide all labor, material, and equipment necessary to perform engineering design services for the eleven (11) NBU fiscal year 2024 to fiscal year 2026 electric distribution system capital improvement projects specified herein (the "Services"). These eleven (11) projects include (i) the Kyndwood Subdivision Master Plan; (ii) the Parkside Subdivision Master Plan; (iii) the NBU Fiber Optic Extension to Hueco Springs; (iv) Conrads Lane Road Widening Goodwin Lane to FM 1102; (v) Kohlenberg Road Widening IH-35 to FM 1101; (vi) Highway 46 Substation to Brandt Ranch Road Feeder Highway 23 (vii) IH-35 Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT") Road Widening Project FM 1103 to Friesenhahn Road; (viii) Barbarosa Road Widening Alves Lane to FM 758; (ix) Copper Ridge to FM 3009 Easement Exhibits; (x) Pole Inspections Smithson Valley; and (xi) Freiheit Substation Kowald Lane Feeder (the "CIP Projects").

The Professional shall perform the Services described herein for the CIP Projects.

1. NBU shall provide NBU's Overhead Construction Specifications, Underground Construction Specifications, and Electrical Connection Policy dated August 2018 (the "Specifications") to the Professional. The Professional shall perform the Services in accordance with these Specifications.
2. The Professional shall design for the distribution services additions and modifications in accordance with all industry codes and standards, included within the National Electrical Safety Code and the National Electrical Code.
3. The Professional shall coordinate with the City of New Braunfels, Guadalupe County, Comal County, TxDOT, and/or other Right-Of-Way ("ROW") owners to determine conflicts with NBU infrastructure, and design for mutually agreeable solutions. The Professional shall follow all standards of the ROW owner listed above.
4. The Professional shall coordinate with other utilities, including but not limited to NBU Water Systems, Schertz Water Systems, the local gas utilities, and communication entities to determine conflicts with proposed NBU infrastructure, and design for mutually agreeable solutions. For all proposed construction excavation activities, the Professional shall call Texas 811 for all line locates. The Professional shall evaluate and verify all line locates in the field.
5. The Professional shall submit the preliminary design in portable document format ("PDF") via email to the NBU Project Manager for review and comment, no more than 60 calendar days after notice to proceed.
6. The NBU Project Manager shall provide review comments related to the preliminary designs within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt from the Professional.
7. The Professional shall incorporate any comments from the preliminary design and prepare final designs.
8. The Professional's registered engineer, licensed within the State of Texas, shall approve, sign, and seal final designs. The Professional shall submit final designs to NBU in both AutoCAD

and PDF. AutoCAD files shall be georeferenced to NAD 83 State Plane, grid referenced in feet.

9. The Professional shall submit three (3) hard copies, and email a copy, in both AutoCAD and PDF of the final designs to the NBU Project Manager no later than July 31, 2026.

10. Kyndwood Subdivision Master Plan

10.1. The preliminary and estimated linear distances and unit quantities for the design of the Kyndwood Subdivision Underground Distribution are as follows:

10.2.1. 36,500' Linear Primary Distance of Primary Extension;

10.2.2. 21,500' Three-Phase 4/0 Primary, 1/3rd Neutral;

10.2.3. 15,000' Single-Phase 1/0 Primary, Full-Neutral;

10.2.4. 400x Flush-Grade Secondary Enclosures; and

10.2.5. 180x Single-Phase Padmounted Transformers.

10.2. Public ROW lighting design shall not be required for the Kyndwood Subdivision.

10.3. If the Kyndwood Subdivision requests a lighting service design from the Professional, then the Professional shall bill such associated design service work directly to the subdivision.

10.4. The Professional shall coordinate with the developer during the design phase, to confirm infrastructure placement and to provide service to auxiliary infrastructure such as street lighting, landscaping pumps, amenities, entrance monuments, etc.

10.5. Off-site overhead distribution extension 5,300' Three-Phase Overhead Electric Distribution, 795 AAC Primary / 336 ACSR Neutral.

10.6. The Professional shall coordinate with the developer to ensure off-site overhead routing is cleared for utility vehicle accessibility.

10.7. One service to a wastewater treatment facility is to be designed for, along the routing of the off-site overhead distribution line.

11. Parkside Subdivision Master Plan Design

11.1. The preliminary and estimated linear distances and unit quantities for the design of the Parkside Subdivision Master Plan are as follows:

11.2.1. 58x Single-Phase Padmounted Transformers;

11.2.2. 2,300' Three-Phase 4/0 Primary, 1/3rd Neutral;

11.2.3. 5,700' Single-Phase 1/0 Primary, Full-Neutral; and

11.2.4. 160x Flush-Grade Secondary Enclosures.

11.2. 2,600' Three-Phase Bulk Distribution 795 AAC Primary / 336 ACSR Neutral. The Professional shall coordinate with the developer to ensure drainage infrastructure does not conflict with distribution primary overhead.

11.3. Public ROW lighting design shall not be required for the Parkside Subdivision.

- 11.4. If the Parkside Subdivision requests a lighting service design from the Professional, the Professional shall bill associated design service work directly to the subdivision.
 - 11.5. The Professional shall coordinate with the developer during the design phase, to confirm infrastructure placement and to provide service to auxiliary infrastructure such as street lighting, landscaping pumps, amenities, entrance monuments, etc.
12. NBU Fiber Optic Extension to Hueco Springs Substation
- 12.1. The preliminary and estimated linear distances and unit quantities for the design of the fiber optic extension are as follows:
 - 12.2.1. 8,000' Linear Distance;
 - 12.2.2. 10,000' Fiber Optic Cable, 24 count
 - 12.2. The Professional shall obtain 1x Union Pacific Railroad ("UPRR") Permit application.
 - 12.3. The Professional shall obtain 1x TxDOT Permit applications.
 - 12.4. The Professional shall coordinate with the Hueco Springs Substation project to design for the entrance into the substation. Design for the underground conduit within the substation is to reside with the Hueco Springs Substation project, not the Professional.
 - 12.5. The Professional shall coordinate with Gruene Water Reclamation Facility ("WRF") NBU representatives for planning work and access within the Gruene WRF.
 - 12.6. The Professional shall perform surveying work to verify new infrastructure remains within existing easements and established road ROWs.
13. Conrads Lane Road Widening Goodwin Lane to FM 1102
- 13.1. The preliminary and estimated linear distances and unit quantities for the design of the Conrads Lane road widening are as follows:
 - 13.2.1. 5,100' Linear Distance;
 - 13.2.2. 5,100' Three-Phase Overhead Electric Distribution, 795 AAC Primary / 336 ACSR Neutral;
 - 13.2. The Professional shall obtain 1x Union Pacific Railroad ("UPRR") Permit application.
 - 13.3. The Professional shall coordinate with Lower Colorado River Authority ("LCRA") Transmission Service Corporation regarding crossing the transmission line, ensuring proper vertical clearances are maintained.
 - 13.4. The Professional shall perform surveying work to verify new infrastructure remains within existing easements and established road ROWs.
 - 13.5. The Professional shall obtain metes & bounds for the new proposed easement adjacent to UPRR to Schwab Road.
 - 13.6. The Professional shall coordinate with City of New Braunfels ("CONB"), and/or the CONB's project engineer, to ensure CONB facilities are not in conflict with NBU facilities.

- 13.7. The Professional shall send the preliminary and final designs to all identified third party communication entities. If they have any minor comments or additions, those upgrades are to be included in the project.
 - 13.8. The Professional design shall include 2x Three-Phase Gang Operated Switch Installations.
14. Kohlenberg Road Widening IH-35 to FM 1101
- 14.1. The preliminary and estimated linear distances and unit quantities for the design of the Conrads Lane road widening are as follows:
 - 14.2.1. 5,100' Linear Distance;
 - 14.2.2. 5,100' Three-Phase Overhead Electric Distribution, 795 AAC Primary / 336 ACSR Neutral;
 - 14.2. The Professional shall perform surveying work to verify new infrastructure remains within existing easements and established road ROWs.
 - 14.3. The Professional shall coordinate with CONB, and/or the CONB's project engineer, to ensure CONB facilities are not in conflict with NBU facilities.
 - 14.4. The Professional shall send the preliminary and final designs to all identified third party Communication Entities. If they have any minor comments or additions, those upgrades are to be included in the project.
 - 14.5. The Professional design shall include 1x Three-Phase Gang Operated Switch Installation.
15. Hwy. 46 Substation to Brandt Ranch Road, Feeder HW23
- 15.1. The preliminary and estimated linear distances and unit quantities for the design of the Highway 23 feeder are:
 - 15.2.1. 12,500' Linear Distance;
 - 15.2.2. 12,000' Three-Phase Overhead Electric Distribution, 795 AAC Primary / 336 ACSR Neutral; and
 - 15.2.3. 500' 1000MCM Underground, within 4x4" PVC Conduit
 - 15.2. The Professional shall obtain 1x TxDOT Permit applications.
 - 15.3. The Professional shall perform surveying work to verify new infrastructure remains within existing easements and established road ROWs.
 - 15.4. The Professional design shall include 1x Three-Phase Gang Operated Switch Installation.
 - 15.5. The Professional shall create a new specification for an aerial double circuit design, using metal poles and composite crossarms.
 - 15.6. The Professional shall check pole loading on a per pole basis to arrive at the required pole strength.
16. IH-35 TxDOT Widening FM 1103 to Friesenhahn Road

- 16.1. The preliminary and estimated linear distances and unit quantities for the design of the IH-35 road widening are as follows:
 - 16.2.1. 6,200' Linear Distance;
 - 16.2.2. 6,200' Three-Phase Overhead Electric Distribution, 795 AAC Primary / 336 ACSR Neutral; and
 - 16.2. The Professional shall obtain 1x TxDOT Permit applications.
 - 16.3. The Professional shall coordinate, create, and aid NBU in submitting a reimbursement package to TxDOT for any and all reimbursable expenses.
 - 16.4. The Professional shall coordinate with materials vendors to ensure all materials requested and ultimately received comply with the "Buy America" requirement of TxDOT reimbursement.
 - 16.5. The Professional shall perform surveying work to verify new infrastructure remains within existing easements and established road ROWs.
 - 16.6. The Professional shall obtain metes & bounds for the up to three proposed easement adjacent to IH-35, at the intersection of IH-35 and Country Club Boulevard.
 - 16.7. The Professional design shall include 2x Three-Phase Gang Operated Switch Installation.
 - 16.8. The Professional shall coordinate the IH-35 road widening with the IDV Schertz industrial project located at IH-35 and Friesenhahn Road.
17. Barbarosa Road Widening Alves Lane to FM 758
- 17.1. The preliminary and estimated linear distances and unit quantities for the design of the IH-35 road widening are as follows:
 - 17.2.1. 8,000' Linear Distance;
 - 17.2.2. 6,200' Three-Phase Overhead Electric Distribution, 795 AAC Primary / 336 ACSR Neutral; and
 - 17.2. The Professional shall coordinate, create, and aid NBU in submitting a reimbursement package to TxDOT for any and all expenses.
 - 17.3. The Professional shall perform surveying work to verify new infrastructure remains within existing easements and established road ROWs.
 - 17.4. The Professional shall obtain metes & bounds for the up to three proposed easements adjacent to Barbarosa Road.
 - 17.5. The Professional shall coordinate with CONB, and/or CONB's project engineer, to ensure CONB facilities are not in conflict with NBU facilities.
 - 17.6. The Professional shall send the preliminary and final designs to all identified third party communication entities. If they have any minor comments or additions, those upgrades are to be included in the project.
 - 17.7. The Professional design shall include 1x Three-Phase Gang Operated Switch Installation.

18. Copper Ridge to FM 3009 Easement Exhibits

- 18.1. The preliminary and estimated linear distances and unit quantities for the design of the project are as follows:
 - 18.2.1. 16,000' Linear Distance;
- 18.2. The Professional shall obtain metes & bounds for the new proposed easement adjacent from Copper Ridge to FM 3009. Thirteen (13) easement metes & bounds exhibits are anticipated. Easements shall generally be 20' wide.
- 18.3. The Professional will work with NBU to obtain any required rights-of-entry to access the properties.
- 18.4. The Professional shall contact all affected private property owners prior to accessing their property.
- 18.5. NBU shall support the Professional by drafting a letter of correspondence introducing the project and requesting access rights from all affected private property owners.

19. Pole Inspections Smithson Valley

- 19.1. The preliminary and estimated linear distances and unit quantities for the design of the Smithson Valley Pole Inspection project are as follows:
 - 19.2.1. 155,500' Linear Distance;
 - 19.2.2. 750 Utility Poles
- 19.2. Any utility poles or overhead transformers deemed to require replacement, typically rated 4 or 5 on a 1-5 scale, shall be specified for replacement.
- 19.3. The Professional shall check for pole integrity, particularly at ground line, looking for any material degradation and/or pole rot.
- 19.4. The Professional shall specify Class 2 wood poles to replace any existing three-phase poles and/or for any utility poles replaced along Smithson Valley Road or Stoney Ridge Road.
- 19.5. Any transformer sizing shall be determined by NBU engineering staff.
- 19.6. The Professional shall create a pole transfer table for NBU engineering staff to send to third party communication entities for their transfer needs. Guadalupe Valley Telephone Corporation ("GVTC") is likely to be the dominant communication entities in the region but the Professional shall be required to ensure communication to the appropriate third party communications entity.

20. Freiheit Substation Kowald Lane Feeder, FR13

- 20.1. The preliminary and estimated linear distances and unit quantities for the design of the Trinity well-field are as follows:
 - 20.2.1. 3,000' Linear Distance primary infrastructure;
 - 20.2.2. 1,000' pulling 1000MCM cable through existing conduit.

- 20.2.3. 2,000' new UD civil work, utilizing directional boring as much as possible to minimize surface excavation. General conduit size and material shall be 4x 4" High-Density Polyethylene ("HDPE").
 - 20.2.4. Adjust existing FR13 underground feeder exit to the FR32 feeder position, which frees the FR13 position for the new feeder.
 - 20.2.5. 3x Padmounted Switchgear Design Diagrams.
- 20.2. The Professional shall coordinate with up to three property owners by phone call or in person informing them of NBU's planned capital project.

The Services shall be completed by July 31, 2026.

Exhibit B

Compensation

NBU shall pay the Professional for the Services rendered under this Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$1,607,590.00. The following rate and pricing schedules have been included for informational purposes only.

ENGINEERING COSTS			
LABOR STAFF CLASSIFICATION	HOURLY RATE \$/HR	HRS	SUB-TOTAL
TECHNICIAN III	\$70.00	325	\$22,750.00
PROJECT TECHNICIAN II	\$85.00	195	\$16,575.00
PROJECT TECHNICIAN IV	\$95.00	3570	\$339,150.00
PROJECT TECHNICIAN V	\$100.00	318	\$31,800.00
SENIOR TECHNICIAN I	\$105.00	335	\$35,175.00
SENIOR TECHNICIAN III	\$115.00	4280	\$492,200.00
TECHNICAL SPECIALIST I	\$125.00	315	\$39,375.00
PROJECT ENGINEER III	\$150.00	170	\$25,500.00
CAD OPERATOR II	\$75.00	4125	\$309,375.00
SENIOR CAD OPERATOR II	\$85.00	1595	\$135,575.00
SENIOR ENGINEER 1/RPLS 1	\$165.00	895	\$147,675.00
ADMINISTRATIVE III	\$80.00	155.5	\$12,440.00
TOTAL NOT TO EXCEED ENGINEERING COST			\$1,607,590.00

2023 Engineering Rate Schedule (for informational purposes only)

Labor Classification	Base Rate
Technician I	\$ 60.00
Technician II	\$ 65.00
Technician III	\$ 70.00
Technician IV	\$ 75.00
Project Technician I	\$ 80.00
Project Technician II	\$ 85.00
Project Technician III	\$ 90.00
Project Technician IV	\$ 95.00
Project Technician V	\$100.00
Senior Technician I	\$105.00
Senior Technician II	\$110.00
Senior Technician III	\$115.00
Senior Technician IV	\$120.00
Project Manager I	\$150.00
Project Manager II	\$160.00
Project Manager III	\$170.00
Project Manager IV	\$180.00
Project Manager V	\$190.00
Project Engineer I	\$135.00
Project Engineer II	\$145.00
Project Engineer III	\$150.00
Project Engineer IV	\$155.00
Project Engineer V	\$160.00
Administrative I	\$ 65.00
Administrative II	\$ 75.00
Administrative III	\$ 80.00

Labor Classification	Base Rate
Technical Specialist I	\$125.00
Technical Specialist II	\$135.00
Technical Specialist III	\$145.00
Technical Specialist IV	\$155.00
Graduate Engineer/SIT I	\$100.00
Graduate Engineer/SIT II	\$110.00
Graduate Engineer/SIT III	\$120.00
Graduate Engineer/SIT IV	\$ 130.00
CAD Operator I	\$ 70.00
CAD Operator II	\$ 75.00
Senior CAD Operator I	\$ 80.00
Senior CAD Operator II	\$ 85.00
Senior Engineer I/RPLS I	\$165.00
Senior Engineer II/RPLS II	\$170.00
Senior Engineer III/RPLS III	\$175.00
Senior Engineer IV/RPLS IV	\$180.00
Senior Engineer V/RPLS V	\$185.00
Principal Engineer I	\$190.00
Principal Engineer II	\$ 200.00
Principal Engineer III	\$ 210.00
1 Man Survey Crew	\$110.00
2 Man Survey Crew	\$155.00
3 Man Survey Crew	\$175.00
Software Level 1 ¹	\$10.00
Software Level 11 ²	\$ 20.00

¹ Includes AutoCAD, MicroStation, L-Pile, SAG10 and other common licensed software packages

² Includes PLS-CADD, Bentley Systems, e-tap and other premium licensed software packages

³ Rates are inclusive of all surveying equipment, including stakes, marking paints, and other consumable items required. Special request items such as T-posts, 36" Laths, concrete monuments, etc. will be billed on a cost plus 15% basis.

⁴ Overtime Rates shall be 1.35 times the base rate.

2023 Reimbursable & Miscellaneous Pricing (for informational purposes only)

The following reimbursable schedule is in effect for the 2023 calendar year. The Professional shall communicate any changes to NBU prior to the beginning of the next calendar year.

Deliverable/Printing Pricing Schedule

Description	Cost
Small job books (1" to 1 1/2" binder)	\$25.00
Medium job books (2" to 2 1/2" binder)	\$45.00
Large job books (3" and above binder)	\$65.00
Plots - "C" size (18x 24) Black & White	\$1.50 / Page
Plots - "C" size (18x 24) Color	\$2.50 / Page
Plots - "D" size (22X34) Black & White	\$2.50 / Page
Plots - "D" size (22X34) Color	\$3.50 / Page

*Any additional reimbursable items shall be billed at cost plus 15%.

Shipping

All shipping of drawings, job books, and other deliverables will be invoiced based on actual cost plus 15%.

Additional Equipment

For site specific requirements that do not allow for access via 4x4 trucks, the Professional will provide use of various all-terrain vehicles to facilitate field work. Reimbursement for usage of such equipment will be billed at the following rates:

Equipment	Rate
4-Wheeler	\$100/day
Utility Vehicle (Mule)	\$150/day
LiDAR Drone	\$750/day

Travel Reimbursement Rates

Travel is neither anticipated nor included within this Agreement.

Exhibit C

Evidence of Insurance

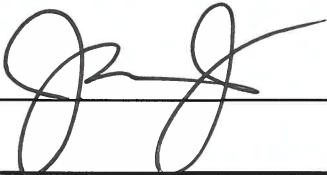
FIREARM VERIFICATION FORM

I, Jason Jones, the undersigned representative of M & S Engineering, LLC (the "Company") do hereby declare, represent, and verify that the Company, under the provisions of Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, as amended:

- 1. does not have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association; and
- 2. will not discriminate during the term of the contract against a firearm entity or firearm trade association.

Pursuant to Chapter 2274 and Section 809.001 of the Texas Government Code:

- 1. "Discriminate against a firearm entity or firearm trade association" means, with respect to the entity or association, to: (i) refuse to engage in the trade of any goods or services with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; (ii) refrain from continuing an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association; or (iii) terminate an existing business relationship with the entity or association based solely on its status as a firearm entity or firearm trade association.
- 2. "Company" means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

Date 7/20/23 Signature 

EXCLUSION FROM CHAPTER 2274 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

I, _____, the undersigned representative of _____ (the "Company") do hereby declare, represent, and verify that the Company is excluded from Chapter 2274 because the contract in question:

- will be between a governmental entity and a company with fewer than 10 full-time employees,
- will have a value of less than \$100,000 that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity;
- will be between a governmental entity and a sole proprietor; or
- is an exempt contract under Section 2274.003 of the Texas Government Code.

Please check exceptions, if any, that apply to the potential contract between New Braunfels Utilities and the Company.

Date Signature

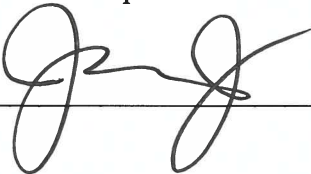
**PROHIBITION OF ENERGY COMPANY BOYCOTT
VERIFICATION FORM**

I, Jason Jones, the undersigned representative of M&S Engineering, LLC (the "Company") do hereby declare, represent, and verify that the Company, under the provisions of Chapter 2274 of the Texas Government Code, as amended:

1. does not boycott energy companies currently; and
2. will not boycott energy companies during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Chapter 2274 and Section 809.001 of the Texas Government Code:

1. "Boycott energy company" means, without an ordinary business purpose, refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations with a company because the company: (A) engages in the exploration, production, utilization, transportation, sale, or manufacturing of fossil fuel-based energy and does not commit or pledge to meet environmental standards beyond applicable federal and state law; or (B) does business with a company described by Paragraph (A).
2. "Company" means a for-profit organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

Date 7/20/23 Signature 

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I, _____, the undersigned representative of _____ (the "Company") do hereby declare, represent, and verify that the Company is excluded from Chapter 2274 because the contract in question:

- will be between a governmental entity and a company with fewer than 10 full-time employees;
- will have a value of less than \$100,000 that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity; or
- will be between a governmental entity and a sole proprietor.

Please check exceptions, if any, that apply to the potential contract between New Braunfels Utilities and the Company.

Date _____ Signature _____

ISRAEL VERIFICATION FORM

I, Jason Jones, the undersigned representative of M&S Engineering LLC (the "Company") do hereby declare, represent, and verify that the Company, under the provisions of Chapter 2271 of the Texas Government Code, as amended:

- 1. does not boycott Israel currently; and
- 2. will not boycott Israel during the term of the contract.

Pursuant to Section 2271.001 of the Texas Government Code:

- 1. "Boycott Israel" means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes; and
- 2. "Company" means a for-profit sole proprietorship, organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, or limited liability company, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company, or affiliate of those entities or business associations that exist to make a profit.

Date

7/20/23

Signature



EXCLUSION FROM CHAPTER 2271 OF THE TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE

I, _____, the undersigned representative of _____ (the "Company") do hereby declare, represent, and verify that the Company is excluded from Chapter 2271 because the contract in question:

- will be between a governmental entity and a company with fewer than 10 full-time employees;
- will have a value of less than \$100,000 that is to be paid wholly or partly from public funds of the governmental entity; or
- will be between a governmental entity and a sole proprietor.

Please check exceptions, if any, that apply to the potential contract between New Braunfels Utilities and the Company.

Date

Signature