

FORM PACE OWNER CONTRACT

THIS PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (“PACE”) OWNER CONTRACT including the attached exhibits (“**PACE Owner Contract**”) is made as of the _____ day of _____, _____ (“**Effective Date**”), by and between _____, Texas (“**Local Government**”), and _____ (“**Property Owner**”). Local Government and Property Owner are hereafter referred to collectively as “the parties” or individually as “party.”

RECITALS

A. The Property Assessed Clean Energy Act (“**PACE Act**”), Texas Local Government Code Chapter 399, authorizes the governing body of a local government to establish a program and designate a region within the local government’s jurisdiction within which an authorized representative of the local government may enter into written contracts with the record owners of privately owned commercial, industrial, and large multifamily residential (5 or more dwelling units) real property to impose assessments on the property to finance the cost of permanent improvements fixed to the property intended to decrease water or energy consumption or demand.

B. Local Government has established a program under the PACE Act pursuant to a resolution dated _____, adopted by the _____ (“**PACE Program**”), and has designated Texas Property Assessed Clean Energy Authority, dba Texas PACE Authority as the representative of Local Government (“**Authorized Representative**”) authorized to enter into the written contracts with the owners of such property and the providers of such financing described herein, and has designated the entire territory within the boundaries of _____, Texas jurisdiction as a region (the “**Region**”) within which the Authorized Representative and the record owners of such real property may enter into written contracts to impose assessments to repay the financing by owners of qualified improvements on the owner’s property pursuant to the PACE Program.

C. Property Owner is the sole legal and record owner of the qualified “real property,” as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act, within the Region located at _____, _____, Texas _____ - _____ (the “**Property**”) (the Property being more particularly described in the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien, attached hereto as Exhibit A).

D. Pursuant to Project Application Number _____, Property Owner has applied to Local Government to participate in the PACE Program by installing or modifying on the Property certain permanent improvements which are intended to decrease water or energy consumption or demand, and which are or will be fixed to the Property as “qualified improvements”, as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act (“**Qualified Improvements**”). The installation or modification of such Qualified Improvements on the Property shall be a “qualified project” as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act (the “**Project**”). Property Owner has requested that Local Government enter into this PACE Owner Contract pursuant to the

PACE Act and the PACE Program and has requested Local Government to impose an assessment (the “**Assessment**”) on the Property as set forth in the Notice Of Contractual Assessment Lien Pursuant To Property Assessed Clean Energy Act to be filed in the real property records of the county in which the Property is located (the “**Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien**”), to repay the financing of such Qualified Improvements. A copy of the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof. The Property, Qualified Improvements and Assessment are more fully described in the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien.

E. Financing for the Project (“**Financing**”) shall be provided to Property Owner by _____ (“**Lender**”), a qualified lender selected by Property Owner, pursuant to a written contract executed by Lender and Local Government as required by Section 399.006(c) of the PACE Act (the “**PACE Lender Contract**”). The financing includes only those costs and fees for which an assessment may be imposed under Section 399.006(e) of the PACE Act. Local Government has agreed to maintain and continue the Assessment for the benefit of Lender until the Financing, all contractual interest due to Lender (“**Contractual Interest**”), any prepayment penalty, and any penalties, interest, fees, and costs due under or authorized by the PACE Act are paid in full and to release the Assessment upon notice from Lender of such payment, or to foreclose the lien securing the Assessment for the benefit of Lender upon notice from Lender of a default in payment by Property Owner.

F. As required by Section 399.010 of the PACE Act, Property Owner represents and warrants that it has notified the holder(s) of any mortgage liens on the Property at least thirty (30) days prior to the Effective Date of this PACE Owner Contract of Property Owner’s intention to participate in the PACE Program. The written consent of each mortgage holder to the Assessment was obtained on or prior to the Effective Date of this PACE Owner Contract and is attached hereto as Exhibit B and made a part hereof.

AGREEMENT

The parties agree as follows:

1. Imposition of Assessment. In consideration for the Financing advanced or to be advanced to Property Owner by Lender for the Project under the PACE Program pursuant to the PACE Lender Contract, Property Owner hereby requests and agrees to the imposition by Local Government of the Assessment in the principal amount of \$_____, as set forth in the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien. In the event the actual total of costs and fees for which an assessment may be imposed under the PACE Act is different from the stated amount or any other term requires correction, Local Government, Property Owner, and Lender agree to execute an amended Owner Contract and Lender Contract, as applicable, and Authorized Representative shall record an amended Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien. The Assessment includes the application and administration fees authorized by the PACE Program and Section 399.006(e) of the PACE Act. Property Owner promises and agrees to pay the Assessment, Contractual Interest thereon, any prepayment penalty, and all penalties, interest, fees, attorney’s fees, and costs due under or authorized by the PACE Act and the financing documents executed between Property Owner and Lender (the “**Financing Documents**”) described in or copies of which are attached as Exhibit C attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. Property Owner shall pay such

amount in care of or as directed by Lender, in satisfaction of the Assessment imposed pursuant to this PACE Owner Contract and the PACE Act. Accordingly, Local Government hereby imposes the Assessment on the Property to pay the Financing of the Project, Contractual Interest, any prepayment penalty, and any penalties, interest, fees and costs due under or authorized by the PACE Act and the Financing Documents, in accordance with the requirements of the PACE Program and the provisions of the PACE Act.

Maintenance and Enforcement of Assessment. In consideration for Lender's agreement to advance Financing to Property Owner for the Project pursuant to the Financing Documents, Local Government agrees to maintain and continue the Assessment on the Property for the benefit of Lender until the Assessment, Contractual Interest, any prepayment penalty, and any penalties, interest, fees, attorney's fees, and costs, due under or authorized by the PACE Act, PACE Program, and the Financing Documents are paid in full, and to release the Assessment upon notice from Lender of such payment. Local Government agrees to enforce the assessment lien against the Property at the request of Lender in the event of a default in payment by Property Owner, in accordance with the provisions set forth in paragraph 5. Authorized Representative shall deliver an annual notice of assessment to Property Owner by first-class mail or electronic mail each year until the Assessment is released. Any failure of Local Government or Authorized Representative to deliver an annual notice of assessment to Property Owner shall not affect the Assessment or Property's Owner's obligations under this PACE Owner Contract.

2. Installments. The Assessment and Contractual Interest thereon are due and payable to Lender in installments ("**Installments**"), according to the payment schedule set forth in the Financing Documents attached hereto as Exhibit C. The Assessment includes (1) an application fee paid by Property Owner to Authorized Representative at closing of the Financing, and (2) a recurring administration fee paid by Property Owner to Authorized Representative until the Assessment is released. The recurring administration fee amount shall be collected by Lender and paid to Authorized Representative not later than thirty (30) days after receipt by Lender, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by Authorized Representative. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of a delinquency in the payment of any Installment, Lender shall, upon notice to Authorized Representative, withhold payment of any administration fee due to Authorized Representative in connection with such Installment until the Installment is paid. Property Owner agrees that any such temporary withholding shall not reduce the amount of the administration fees included in the Assessment or due to Authorized Representative. The amounts due to Authorized Representative are identified in Exhibit C hereto. When the Assessment, Contractual Interest, any prepayment penalty, and any penalties, interest, fees and costs due under or authorized by the PACE Act and the Financing Documents, have been paid in full, Local Government's rights under this PACE Owner Contract shall cease and terminate, except for rights under Sections 18, 20, 21 and 22. Upon notice from Lender that all amounts due have been paid in full, Authorized Representative on behalf of local government, shall execute a release of the Assessment and this PACE Owner Contract and record the release. As required by Section 399.009(a) (8) of the PACE Act, the period during which such Installments are payable does not exceed the useful life of the Project.

3. Assignment of Right to Receive Installments or Require Enforcement of Lien. Property Owner acknowledges that Lender has the right, without the consent of Property Owner,

to assign or transfer the right to receive the Installments or require Local Government to enforce the assessment lien in the event of a default in payment, together with all corresponding obligations, provided that all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The assignment or transfer is made to a qualified lender as defined in the PACE Lender Contract;

(b) Property Owner and Authorized Representative are notified in writing of the assignment or transfer and the address to which payment of the future Installments should be mailed not less than 30 days before the next Installment is due according to the payment schedule included in the Financing Documents, and

(c) The assignee or transferee executes a written assumption agreement according to the Financing Documents of all of Lender's rights and obligations under the PACE Lender Contract related to the receipt of the Installments or the enforcement of the assessment lien and provides a copy of such assumption to Property Owner and Authorized Representative not later than 10 days after execution of the agreement.

Lender may assign or transfer the right to receive the Installments or the right to require enforcement of the assessment lien separately. Upon written notice to Property Owner and Authorized Representative of an assignment or transfer that complies with all of the foregoing conditions, the assignor shall be released of all of the rights and obligations of the Lender under such PACE Lender Contract accruing after the effective date of the assignment that are specified in the assignment or transfer document, and all of such rights and obligations shall be assumed by and transferred to the assignee. Any attempt to assign or transfer the right to receive the Installments or require enforcement of the Assessment lien that does not comply with all of the foregoing conditions is void. Lender shall retain all of the rights and obligations of Lender under the PACE Lender Contract until such rights and obligations are assigned or transferred according to this section.

4. Lien Priority and Enforcement. Pursuant to Sections 399.014 and 399.015 of the PACE Act:

(a) Delinquent Installments shall incur penalties and interest on the principal of the Installment in the same manner and in the same amount as delinquent property taxes, pursuant to the statutes in effect at the time of default. Under current statutes, a delinquent Installment incurs a penalty of 6% of the principal amount of the Installment for the first calendar month it is delinquent plus 1% for each additional month or portion of a month the Installment remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent. However, an Installment delinquent on July 1 incurs a total penalty of 12% of the principal amount of the delinquent Installment without regard to the number of months it has been delinquent. A delinquent Installment shall also accrue interest on the principal of the Installment at the rate of 1% for each month or portion of a month that the Installment remains unpaid. Subject to paragraph 16 below, penalties, interest, fees, and costs payable under this paragraph shall be retained by Local Government to compensate it for the cost of enforcing the Assessment. Additional interest at any default rate imposed by Lender

pursuant to the Financing Documents, along with any other fees that become due pursuant to the Financing Documents, may be imposed and retained by Lender.

(b) The Assessment and any interest or penalties thereon,

(1) are a first and prior lien against the Property from the date on which the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien is recorded in the real property records of the county in which the Property is located as provided by Section 399.013 of the PACE Act, until the Assessment, interest, or penalty is paid; and

(2) such lien has the same priority status as a lien for any other ad valorem tax, pursuant to Section 399.014(a)(2) of the PACE Act.

(c) Pursuant to Section 399.014(b) of the PACE Act, the lien created by the Assessment runs with the land, and any portion of the Assessment that has not yet become due shall not be eliminated by sale or transfer of the Property, or by foreclosure of (i) a property tax lien, or (ii) the lien for a delinquent Installment of the Assessment. In the event of a sale or transfer of the Property by Property Owner, the obligation for the Assessment and the Property Owner's obligations under the Financing Documents shall be transferred to the succeeding owner without recourse to Lender, Local Government, or Authorized Representative.

(d) In the event of a default by Property Owner in payment of an Installment called for by the Financing Documents or the filing of a case under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code by or against Property Owner, the lien created by the Assessment shall be enforced by Local Government for the benefit of Lender, in the same manner according to Texas Tax Code Secs. 33.41 to 34.23 that a property tax lien against real property may be enforced by a local government, to the extent the enforcement is consistent with Section 50, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

(e) In a suit to collect a delinquent Installment of the Assessment, Local Government shall be entitled to recover costs and expenses, including attorney's fees in the amount of 15% of the total principal amount of the delinquent Installment, penalties, and interest due, in the same manner according to Texas Tax Code Sec. 33.48, as amended from time-to-time, as in a suit to collect a delinquent property tax. Lender shall be entitled to any additional sums due to it under the Financing Documents in connection with a suit to collect a delinquent Installment of the Assessment.

(f) As provided in Section 399.014 (a-1) of the PACE Act, after the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien is recorded in the real property records of the county in which the Property is located, the lien created by the Assessment may not be contested on the basis that the improvement is not a "qualified improvement" or the Project is not a "qualified project", as such terms are defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act.

5. Written Contract Required by PACE Act. This PACE Owner Contract constitutes a written contract for the Assessment between Property Owner and Local Government as required by Section 399.005 of the PACE Act. The Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien shall be recorded

in the real property records of the county in which the Property is located as public notice of the contractual Assessment, in accordance with the requirements of Section 399.013 of the PACE Act.

6. Qualified Improvements. Property Owner agrees and warrants that all improvements purchased, constructed, or installed through the Financing obtained pursuant to this PACE Owner Contract shall be permanently affixed to the Property and shall transfer with the Property to the transferee in the event of a sale or transfer of the Property. Property Owner agrees to provide to Authorized Representative within 30 days after the completion of the Project a verification by an Independent Third Party Reviewer (“ITPR”) that the project was properly completed and is operating as intended. Property Owner agrees that Lender may retain the final advance of Financing until such verification is submitted or require Property Owner to pay liquidated damages for a failure to do so, according to paragraph 23 below.

7. Water or Energy Savings. For so long as the Assessment encumbers the Property, Property Owner agrees, on or before January 31st of each year, to report to Authorized Representative the water or energy savings realized through the Project in accordance with the reporting requirements established by Authorized Representative.

8. Construction and Definitions. This PACE Owner Contract is to be construed in accordance with and with reference to the PACE Program and PACE Act. Terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the PACE Program or the PACE Act.

9. Binding Effect. This PACE Owner Contract is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, representatives, agents, successors, and assigns.

10. Notices. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, all notices and other communications required or permitted by this PACE Owner Contract shall be in writing and delivered by first-class mail or by electronic mail with written confirmation of receipt, addressed to the other party at the address stated below the signature of such party or at such other address as such party may from time to time designate in writing to the other party, and shall be effective from the date of receipt.

11. Governing Law and Venue. This PACE Owner Contract shall in all respects be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without regard to Texas’ choice of law provisions. Venue for any disputes or suits between the parties arising from or related to this PACE Owner Contract shall be in a state court located in the Region, and the parties consent to the personal and subject matter jurisdiction of such state court.

12. Entire Agreement. This PACE Owner Contract, including its exhibits, constitutes the entire agreement between Local Government and Property Owner with respect to the subject matter hereof and may not be amended or altered in any manner except by a document in writing executed by both parties.

13. Captions. Paragraph and section titles are for convenience of reference only and shall not be of any legal effect.

14. Counterparts. This PACE Owner Contract may be executed in any number of counterparts, and each counterpart may be delivered on paper or by electronic transmission, all of which when taken together shall constitute one agreement binding on the parties, notwithstanding that all parties are not signatories to the same counterpart.

15. Interest. Interest and penalties in the event of default, as provided above, are explicitly authorized by Section 399.014(d) of the PACE Act. However, in no event will the total amount of interest on the Assessment, including statutory interest payable to Local Government and Contractual Interest payable to Lender under the Financing Documents, exceed the maximum amount or rate of nonusurious interest that may be contracted for, charged, or collected under Texas law (“**usury limit**”). If the total amount of interest payable to Local Government and Contractual Interest payable to Lender exceeds the usury limit, the interest payable to Local Government shall be reduced and any interest in excess of the usury limit shall be credited to the amount payable to Local Government or refunded. This provision overrides any conflicting provisions in this PACE Owner Contract.

16. Costs. No provision of this PACE Owner Contract shall require Local Government to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder.

17. Inspection and Audits. Local Government’s representatives may perform, or have performed, (a) audits of Property Owner’s documents, books and records, and (b) inspections of all places where Qualified Improvements are undertaken in connection with this PACE Owner Contract. Property Owner shall keep its documents, books and records available for this purpose for at least three (3) years after this PACE Owner Contract terminates. This provision does not affect the applicable statute of limitations.

18. Further Assurances. Property Owner further covenants and agrees to do, execute and deliver, or cause to be done, executed, and delivered all such further acts for implementing the intention of this PACE Owner Contract as may be reasonably necessary or required.

19. Release. PROPERTY OWNER AGREES TO AND SHALL RELEASE THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, AND LEGAL REPRESENTATIVES (COLLECTIVELY THE “RELEASED PERSONS”) FROM ALL LIABILITY FOR INJURY, DEATH, DAMAGE, OR LOSS TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY SUSTAINED IN CONNECTION WITH OR INCIDENTAL TO PERFORMANCE UNDER THIS PACE OWNER CONTRACT, EVEN IF THE INJURY, DEATH, DAMAGE, OR LOSS IS CAUSED BY THE RELEASED PERSON’S SOLE OR CONCURRENT NEGLIGENCE AND/OR THE RELEASED PERSON’S STRICT PRODUCTS LIABILITY OR STRICT STATUTORY LIABILITY, AND EVEN IF THE INJURY, DEATH, DAMAGE OR LOSS IS CAUSED BY THE RELEASED PERSON’S WRONGFUL ACTION OR INACTION.

20. Indemnification. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT ALLOWED BY LAW, PROPERTY OWNER SHALL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD LOCAL GOVERNMENT, ITS AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE AFFILIATES,

EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS (EACH SUCH PERSON HEREIN REFERRED TO AS AN “INDEMNITEE”) ABSOLUTELY HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITIES, LOSSES, DAMAGES, OBLIGATIONS OR RELATED EXPENSES INCURRED BY OR IMPOSED UPON OR ALLEGED TO BE DUE OF INDEMNITEE IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION OR DELIVERY OF THIS PACE OWNER CONTRACT, THE NOTICE OF CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT LIEN, THE FINANCING DOCUMENTS, AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENT OR ANY OTHER AGREEMENT OR INSTRUMENT CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY, THE PERFORMANCE BY THE PARTIES HERETO OF THEIR RESPECTIVE OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER OR THEREUNDER, THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY, OR, IN THE CASE OF ANY INDEMNITEE, THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS PACE OWNER CONTRACT AND ANY OTHER AGREEMENTS RELATED TO THE PROJECT.

21. No Personal Liability. Pursuant to Section 399.019 of the PACE Act, the Property Owner acknowledges that the members of the governing body and employees of the Local Government, and board members, executives, employees, and contractors of the Authorized Representative are not personally liable as a result of exercising any rights or responsibilities under the PACE Program or any agreement in furtherance of the PACE Program.

22. Construction Terms. The Financing Documents executed by Lender and Property Owner must include a requirement that Lender shall withhold _____% of the Financing until verification that the Project was properly completed and is operating as intended is provided to Authorized Representative by an Independent Third Party Reviewer (“ITPR”), or Property Owner shall pay liquidated damages to Lender of \$_____ per day for every day after 30 days following completion of the Project that such verification of completion is not provided. If verification of completion is not provided by Property Owner within 30 days after completion of the Project, such verification shall be submitted by Lender. If the PACE Lender Contract includes requirements related to the construction of the Project and disbursement of Financing, such requirements are set forth in Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Such requirements may include, among other things, (1) the disbursement schedule and (2) any holdback amount to be funded following verification of final project completion.

PROPERTY OWNER:

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF _____ §

COUNTY OF _____ §

This PACE Owner Contract pursuant to Property Assessed Clean Energy Act was acknowledged before me on _____, _____ by _____, _____, on behalf of _____.

_____ (print name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF _____

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

By: TEXAS PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY AUTHORITY
dba TEXAS PACE AUTHORITY
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
Pursuant to Tex. Local Gov't Code §399.006(b)

By: _____

Name: CHARLENE HEYDINGER

Title: PRESIDENT

Address: PO BOX 200368
AUSTIN, TX 78720-0368

Email Address: admin@texaspaceauthority.org

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF _____ §

This PACE Owner Contract pursuant to Property Assessed Clean Energy Act was acknowledged before me on _____, 20__ by Charlene Heydinger, President, Texas Property Assessed Clean Energy Authority, dba Texas PACE Authority, a Texas nonprofit corporation, on behalf of said corporation and as Authorized Representative for the Local Government.

(print name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

PACE OWNER CONTRACT EXHIBIT A
NOTICE OF CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT LIEN
PURSUANT TO
PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY ACT

SAMPLE

PACE OWNER CONTRACT EXHIBIT B

MORTGAGE HOLDER(S) CONSENT

SAMPLE

PACE OWNER CONTRACT EXHIBIT D

CONSTRUCTION TERMS

Retainage or Liquidated Damages:

Lender shall retain _____% of the Financing until a report of completion by a qualified Independent Third Party Reviewer (“ITPR”) is provided to Authorized Representative.

OR

Property Owner shall pay liquidated damages to Lender of \$_____ per day for every day after 30 days following completion of the Project that such a report of completion is not provided. Lender shall then provide the report of completion to Authorized Representative.

Additional Construction Terms

Date	Draw down Amount	Purpose