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Second Reading: dispensed

RESOLUTION 2020- 14

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM PLAN; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY, AND PERFORMANCE OF A TOWNSHIP RESIDENTIAL PACE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY TRANSACTIONS IN COOPERATION WITH THE SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND THE TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING THE TOLEDO-LUCAS PORT AUTHORITY TO APPROVE PETITIONS AND PLANS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVMENTS OR PUBLIC SERVICES SUBMITTED BY THE OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP REQUESTING THAT THEIR PROPERTY BE ADDED TO THE TERRITORY OF THE SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND ASSESSED FOR THE COSTS OF SUCH PLANS ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP AND DISPENSING WITH THE SECOND READING**

**WHEREAS**, as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710, the Ohio General Assembly has authorized property owners to include their properties within energy special improvement districts (ESIDs) upon a petition to a municipal corporation or township; and

**WHEREAS**, ESIDs are voluntary organizations of municipal corporations, townships, and property owners who undertake special energy improvement projects that benefit real property and finance those special energy improvement projects through voluntary special assessments; and

**WHEREAS**, the Blue Ash, Deer Park, Loveland, Sharonville, Springdale, Sycamore Township, Symmes Township Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., doing business under the registered trade name Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., (the District) was created under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 1702 and 1710 as an ESID and established pursuant to Resolution No. 2017-18 of the Board of Township Trustees of Sycamore Township approved on March 2, 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township has determined to develop the *Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District Residential Program Plan* as a proposed plan for public improvements and public services under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710, substantially in the form attached to and incorporated into this Resolution as **Exhibit A** (the Residential PACE Plan), and any petitions by the owners of residential real property located within the boundaries of the Township for special assessments to finance the costs of special energy improvement projects on their properties shall be considered, and, if approved, implemented, under and subject to the terms and conditions of the Residential PACE Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, the Residential PACE Plan sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Township and the District will facilitate the financing of special energy improvement projects on residential real property located within the Township and the District; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide for the efficient implementation of the Residential PACE Plan, the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, a port authority and political subdivision of the State of Ohio (the Program Port Authority), have entered into an Ohio Residential PACE Cooperative Agreement to establish acceptable program parameters and consumer protections for residential PACE financing programs in Ohio; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to provide for the efficient implementation of the Residential PACE Plan, the Township has determined to enter into a Township Residential PACE Cooperative Agreement as a cooperative agreement with the Program Port Authority (the Cooperative Agreement); and

**WHEREAS**, under the Cooperative Agreement the Township and the Program Port Authority will cooperatively agree to cause the Program Port Authority to exercise certain powers, perform certain functions, and render certain services on behalf of the Township, all as authorized under this Resolution, the Cooperative Agreement, and Ohio Revised Code Sections 4582.17(B) and 9.482; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board, as mandated by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710, must approve or disapprove the Petition within 60 days of the submission of the Petition; and

**WHEREAS**, this Board has determined to approve the Residential PACE Plan and to authorize and approve the Cooperative Agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SYCAMORE, HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO, THAT:**

**Section 1.** Each capitalized term not otherwise defined in this Resolution or by reference to another document shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Residential PACE Plan.

**Section 2.** This Board hereby approves the Residential PACE Plan now on file with the Township Fiscal Officer. Any petitions by the owners of residential real property located within the boundaries of the Township for special assessments to finance the costs of special energy improvement projects on their properties shall be considered, and, if approved, implemented, under and subject to the terms and conditions of the Residential PACE Plan.

**Section 3.** This Board hereby approves the Cooperative Agreement, substantially in the form now on file with the Township Fiscal Officer with any amendments or modifications to it as are not materially adverse to the Township, are consistent with this Resolution, and are approved by the officer or officers of the Township signing the Cooperative Agreement, all of which shall be conclusively demonstrated by the signature of the duly authorized officer or officers of the Township on the Cooperative Agreement. The Officers, together or individually, are hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Township, to execute and deliver the Cooperative Agreement,

including any amendments or modifications to the Cooperative Agreement as are not materially adverse to the Township, are consistent with this Resolution, and are approved by the officer or officers of the Township signing the Cooperative Agreement, all of which shall be conclusively demonstrated by the signature of the duly authorized officer or officers of the Township on the Cooperative Agreement. The Township is hereby authorized to perform the terms and conditions of the Cooperative Agreement, as it may be amended and in effect at any time. The Officers, together or individually, are hereby authorized, for and on behalf of the Township, to execute and deliver any additional amendments, agreements, certificates, or instruments, including any additional agreements by or among the Township, the County Auditor, the County Treasurer, the Program Port Authority, any other port authority, the District, and any other energy special improvement district, as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of the Cooperative Agreement, and the Township is hereby authorized to perform the terms and conditions of any of those amendments, agreements, certificates, or instruments.

**Section 4.** Under the Cooperative Agreement, the Township shall, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 4582.17(B) and 9.482, authorize and request the Program Port Authority to act on behalf of the Township during the term of the Cooperative Agreement to receive and approve or disapprove Petitions and Plans (as defined in the Residential PACE Plan and the Cooperative Agreement) in its reasonable discretion and subject to certain terms and conditions stated in the Residential PACE Plan, the Cooperative Agreement, and this Resolution. Upon the execution and delivery of the Cooperative Agreement by all of the parties to it, this Board hereby appoints the Program Port Authority as its delegate to, for, and on behalf of this Board, receive and approve or disapprove Petitions and Plans in its discretion and subject to certain terms and conditions stated in the Residential PACE Plan, the Cooperative Agreement, and this Resolution. The approval or disapproval of any Petitions and Plans shall constitute the legislative approval or disapproval of this Board for all purposes of law, including, without limitation, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710, and all legal consequences appertaining to a legislative authority's legislative approval or disapproval of petitions and plans for public improvements or public services under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 shall appertain to the Program Port Authority's approval or disapproval of Petitions and Plans for and on behalf of this Board.

The Program Port Authority shall not approve any Petitions and Plans unless the Petitions and Plans and the information regarding the properties, special energy improvement projects, financing terms, and other facts and terms certified within the Petitions and Plans conform and comply in all material respects with the terms and conditions of the Residential PACE Plan, which is attached to, and incorporated into, this Resolution by this reference.

**Section 5.** This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

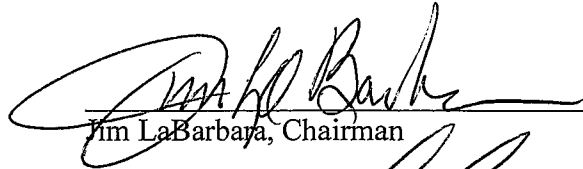
**Section 6.** The Trustees of Sycamore Township upon at least a majority vote do hereby dispense with any requirement that this resolution be read on two separate days, and hereby authorize the adoption of this resolution upon its first reading.

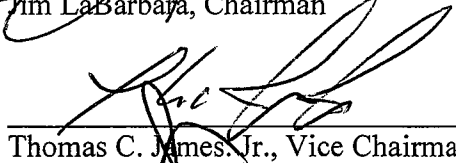
Section 7. This resolution shall take effect on the earliest date allowed by law.

**VOTE RECORD:**

Mr. James Yes      Mr. LaBarbara Yes      Mr. Weidman Yes

**PASSED** at the meeting of the Board of Trustees this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

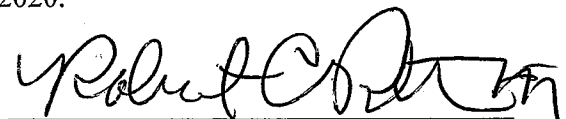
  
Jim LaBarbara, Chairman

  
Thomas C. James, Jr., Vice Chairman

  
Thomas J. Weidman, Trustee

**AUTHENTICATION**

This is to certify that this Resolution was duly passed and filed with the Sycamore Township Fiscal Officer, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

  
Robert C. Porter, III  
Sycamore Township Fiscal Officer

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Deepak K. Desai, Law Director

**EXHIBIT A**

**RESIDENTIAL PACE PLAN**

**SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
PROGRAM PLAN**

**RESIDENTIAL PLAN**

The Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District (the *District*) is a special improvement district under Chapter 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code organized for the purpose of facilitating the financing of special energy improvement projects (an *Energy Special Improvement District*). The District currently administers a property assessed clean energy (*PACE*) program for commercial properties (the *Commercial Program*). The Commercial Program is described in the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District Project Plan (the *Commercial Plan*). Under the Commercial Program, the District facilitates financing for commercial real property secured by special assessments on real property for special energy improvement projects.

Under this Residential Plan (the *Plan*), the District will facilitate the financing of certain special energy improvement projects on residential real property as more fully described in this Plan (the *Residential Program*). This Plan refers to Chapter 1710 and any and all future amendments to the Energy Special Improvement District provisions of Chapter 1710 as the "*Act*." Any specific reference to the Act or to any other law in this Plan also refers to any succeeding or amending provision of law.

Participation in the District's Residential Program is limited to property owners who have agreed to add their property to the District and who otherwise meet the Residential Program's terms and conditions. Those terms and conditions are described in this Plan, and include, without limitation, a petition, a supplemental plan, a schedule of assessments to be levied against property (*Assessment Schedule*), a description of the special energy improvement projects to be installed on the property (*Project Description*), the governing documents forming the District, and the financing documents associated with the special assessment financing undertaken through the Residential Program.

The District's governing documents include its Articles of Incorporation, Code of Regulations, resolutions duly adopted by the board of directors of the District (the *District Board*), the applicable resolutions and ordinances of the participating political subdivisions of the District, and the applicable agreements of the participating political subdivisions of the District entered into with respect to this Residential Program (collectively, the *Governing Documents*). Each participating political subdivision of the District that has authorized the Residential Program has agreed in one or more Governing Documents that the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (the *Program Port Authority*) will serve as its designee and as designee of the legislative authority of the participating political subdivision (the *Legislative Authority*), and that the Program Port Authority is authorized to take certain actions on behalf of each participating political subdivision with respect to the Residential Program. Certain consumer protection policies (the *Consumer Protection Policies*) have been authorized by the Program Port Authority with respect to special energy improvement projects authorized under this Plan. The Consumer Protection Policies may be modified from time to time in accordance with the Governing Documents. Property owners may be required to agree to, and sign, an agreement to impose special

assessments as a condition to receiving financing of special energy improvement projects facilitated by the District, and property owners that participate in the District's Residential Program may have one or more financing agreements with program administrators or third parties associated with the special assessment financing undertaken as part of the Residential Program (such agreements, and any related documents, instruments, or certificates, are collectively the *Financing Documents*). This Plan refers to this Plan, the Governing Documents, agreements between the Program Port Authority and each participating political subdivision, the Consumer Protection Policies, the Financing Documents, the petitions, the supplemental plans, the Assessment Schedules, and the Project Descriptions as the "*District Documents*."

The District Documents establish the terms and conditions of the Residential Program. The Residential Program terms and conditions may be amended from time to time as described in this Plan.

#### **ARTICLE 1. PURPOSE OF THE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM**

The Residential Program is intended to assist property owners who own residential real property within the participating political subdivisions of the District to obtain financing for certain special energy improvement projects.

Projects eligible for participation in the Residential Program (*Projects*) described in this Plan and other District Documents each must qualify as "special energy improvement projects" under Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.01(I), as such provision may be amended from time to time by any successor or replacement provision. Projects eligible for participation in the Residential Program include the items identified from time to time by the Program Port Authority at the following: [insert link to Residential Program project handbook or list of eligible measures, as the same may be amended, supplemented, or updated from time to time]. The definition of Projects eligible for participation in the Residential Program may be amended, supplemented or updated from time to time upon approval by the Program Port Authority of any additional, supplemental, or updated definition of Projects.

Obligations, including but not limited to special assessment reimbursement agreements, special assessment revenue bonds and revenue notes, and other evidences of indebtedness (collectively, the *Program Obligations*) may be issued by the District or on behalf of the District by the Program Port Authority. Program Obligations or the proceeds from the sale of the Program Obligations may be used to finance Projects located on properties within the District and any costs incurred by the District in connection with the issuance of Program Obligations. The participating political subdivisions of the District shall levy special assessments on real property included in the District. The payment of those special assessments may pay the Program Obligations and any costs of administering the Program.

Special assessment payments levied to finance Projects will be due and payable by property owners at the same time real property taxes are due. Alternatively, certain Program Obligations may require special assessments to be due and payable by property owners only to the extent that those property owners fail to pay an obligation of the property owner secured by special

assessments. In that case special assessments will only be due and payable by property owners if actually levied.

There may be other types of financing available for projects that are eligible to be financed under this Plan. None of any of the participating political subdivisions of the District, the District, the District Board, or any of the directors, officers, agents, members, independent contractors, or employees of the District or the District Board represent that the Residential Program is the best financing option available. The District and each of its participating political subdivisions shall not be responsible or liable for the installation, operation, financing, refinancing, or maintenance of Projects, and the District and each of its participating political subdivisions do not guarantee the performance of any Project financed as part of the Residential Program. Property owners will be solely responsible for the installation, operation, financing, refinancing, and maintenance of their Projects.

## **ARTICLE 2.**            **ELIGIBILITY AND APPROVAL**

To be eligible for participation in the Residential Program, a property owner must file a petition, a Supplemental Plan (as defined below), an Assessment Schedule, and a Project Description (collectively, the *Application Documents*) with the Program Port Authority. The Application Documents submitted under this Plan with respect to a Project shall constitute a petition submitted under Section 1710.02 of the Act. The petition will request that the participating political subdivision of the District in which the real property subject to the petition is located to add the property described in the petition to the District. The petition will further request that the participating political subdivision of the District in which the real property subject to the petition is located levy special assessments to be used to pay or secure Program Obligations issued or used to finance the Projects described in the Application Documents. The petition may contain conditions that must be satisfied prior to the levy of special assessments, such as availability of Project financing or execution of the Financing Documents.

By submitting Application Documents to the Program Port Authority, a property owner is submitting a petition under Section 1710.02 of the Act requesting and authorizing the levying of special assessments as an additional charge against real property, subject to any conditions contained in the petition or any reasonable conditions of the Program Port Authority necessary to cause the funding of the Project or as a result of funding the Project.

This Plan may be amended and supplemented from time to time, including, specifically, by supplements to this Plan. To be eligible for participation in the Residential Program, each property owner must file a supplement to this Plan (each a *Supplemental Plan*) with the Program Port Authority as part of the Application Documents. Each Supplemental Plan will supplement this Plan by identifying the Project to be undertaken for the real property described in the Supplemental Plan. Supplemental Plans shall include any other information as may be required by the Program Port Authority. Supplemental Plans shall conform to the requirements of the Act and any requirements in this Plan.

Each parcel of real property added to the District must have at least one Project. A property owner may file more than one set of Application Documents and may amend or withdraw any



Application Documents filed at any time before the Application Documents are approved or disapproved by the Program Port Authority. Application Documents shall conform to the requirements of the Act and any requirements in this Plan.

The participating political subdivisions of the District each have authorized the Program Port Authority to approve or disapprove, on behalf of the Legislative Authority, the Application Documents submitted under this Plan. If Application Documents submitted under this Plan comply with this Plan's terms and conditions, the Program Port Authority shall approve the Application Documents on behalf of the Legislative Authority. If Application Documents do not comply with this Plan, the Program Port Authority shall not approve the Application Documents on behalf of the Legislative Authority. The Program Port Authority's approval or disapproval of the Application Documents shall constitute the Legislative Authority's approval or disapproval of the Application Documents for all purposes of the Act.

The Legislative Authority shall levy the special assessments described in the Assessment Schedule upon approval of the Application Documents by the Program Port Authority.

### **ARTICLE 3.            ELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

In order to be eligible to participate in the Residential Program, Application Documents submitted to the Program Port Authority must identify Projects to be undertaken on the subject property in the Project Description submitted with the Application Documents. The Program Port Authority shall review the Application Documents submitted to it, and shall determine, in its reasonable discretion, whether each of the improvements described in the Application Documents constitute eligible Projects. Only Application Documents that describe eligible Projects will be approved by the Program Port Authority. No improvements other than the Projects are eligible for participation in the Residential Program.

### **ARTICLE 4.            ELIGIBLE FINANCING TERMS**

In order to be eligible to participate in the Residential Program, Application Documents submitted to the Program Port Authority must meet certain financing criteria described in the Consumer Protection Policies for the Residential Program in effect from time to time and other applicable Residential Program eligibility requirements. The Program Port Authority shall review the Application Documents submitted to it, and shall determine, in its reasonable discretion, whether all applicable eligibility requirements have been met.

### **ARTICLE 5.            FEES**

The participating political subdivisions of the District and the District Board are each authorized to charge to property owners, as costs of administering the Residential Program, any costs permitted by the Act. Program costs included as part of the cost of a Project shall be identified in one or more District Documents applicable to the Project, and such program costs may be included in the amount of special assessments levied on real property within the District.

**ARTICLE 6. RENEWABLE ENERGY REGULATIONS AND ENERGY REQUIREMENTS**

The District Board is hereby authorized to adopt rules governing renewable energy credits associated with renewable energy Projects financed with Program Obligations or the proceeds of Program Obligations. Property owners shall comply with District Board requirements related to renewable energy credits.

The District Board is hereby authorized to adopt rules governing the monetization of any energy efficiency or renewable energy attributes of any Projects financed with Program Obligations or the proceeds of Program Obligations. Property owners shall comply with District Board requirements in furtherance of the monetization of such attributes.

The District Board is hereby authorized to adopt rules governing reporting of any energy efficiency attributes of any Projects financed with Program Obligations or the proceeds of Program Obligations if such reporting is requested by an electric distribution utility pursuant to the Act. Property owners shall comply with District Board requirements in furtherance of such reporting.

**ARTICLE 7. REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ACT AND OTHER APPLICABLE LAW**

As provided in the District Documents:

(A) Additional territory may be added to the District under the Act, this Plan, and the rules established by the District Board.

(B) The District Documents may be amended or supplemented in accordance with their terms.

(C) As described in this Plan, the District Board is authorized to implement and amend this Plan, any Supplemental Plan, and any other plans for Projects, public improvements, and public services, all in accordance with the Act; provided that any changes to this Plan, Supplemental Plan or other requirements effecting the Residential Program shall not apply to any property owner's whose Application Document(s) have already been approved and the District shall give the Program Port Authority reasonable prior notice of any such changes.

(D) The public improvements to be provided by the District are the Projects identified by the Program Port Authority in this Plan and each Supplemental Plan. The area where the Projects will be undertaken will be the area identified in each petition submitted under this Plan. The method of assessment shall be in proportion to the special benefits received by each property within the District as a result of Projects.

(E) Except as provided in any applicable collection agreement to which the District or the Program Port Authority, on behalf of the District, is a party, for the purpose of

levying an assessment, the District Board may combine levies for Projects, public improvements, and public services into one special assessment to be levied against each specially benefited property within the District.

**ARTICLE 8. CHANGES IN STATE AND FEDERAL LAW**

The ability to issue or use Program Obligations to finance Projects and to have special assessments levied for that purpose is subject to a variety of state and federal laws. The District shall not be obligated to implement any provision of this Plan which is contrary to state or federal law.

**ARTICLE 9. CHANGES IN THE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM'S TERMS; SEVERABILITY**

Participation in the Residential Program is subject to the District Documents' terms and conditions in effect from time to time during participation. Changes to the District Documents authorized in this Plan or in the District Documents themselves may result in modifications to the terms of the Residential Program or to property owner obligations, but no change to any District Documents may materially modify the payment obligations to which a property owner is subject for a Project that has already been funded as part of the Residential Program. If any provision of the District Documents is determined to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, that provision shall be severed from the District Documents and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

**ARTICLE 10. DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

The District and all District Documents are subject to Ohio public records laws, including Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 *et seq.*, and certain information may be exempt from disclosure based on exemptions available under those laws. The District and all District Documents may be subject to federal laws that prevent disclosure of certain information.

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# OHIO RESIDENTIAL PACE PROGRAM CONSUMER PROTECTION POLICIES

## 1. PROPERTY ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1. Property Characteristics. The subject property must satisfy the following criteria related to the characteristics of the property.
  - 1.1.1. Property Location. The subject property is located in a community in which PACE financing has been authorized.
  - 1.1.2. Property Type. The subject property qualifies as a residential property, and comprises no more than three (3) separate residential units.
  - 1.1.3. Property Taxes. The property taxes on the subject property then due and payable are paid current at the time of application.
- 1.2. Property Encumbrances. The subject property must satisfy the following criteria related to the encumbrances on the property.
  - 1.2.1. Mortgage Status. All mortgages on the subject property are paid current at the time of application.
  - 1.2.2. Notices of Default. The subject property is not subject to an active notice of default ("NOD") with respect to any mortgages on the subject property.
  - 1.2.3. Involuntary Liens. The subject property is not subject to any involuntary liens greater than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).
- 1.3. Property Value Ratios. The subject property must satisfy the following criteria related to the value of the property.
  - 1.3.1. CLTV Ratio. The combined lien-to-value ("CLTV") ratio (the ratio of all existing mortgages on the property, plus the PACE assessment, to the value of the property) does not exceed ninety-seven percent (97%).
  - 1.3.2. ATV Ratio. The assessment-to-value ("ATV") ratio (the ratio of the PACE assessment to the value of the property) does not exceed twenty percent (20%).
  - 1.3.3. Property Tax Ratio. The amount of the annual property taxes on the property, plus the PACE assessment amount, does not exceed five percent (5%) of the property value.

## 2. PROPERTY OWNER ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Credit Factors. At least one property owner must satisfy each of the following credit factors:
  - 2.1.1. Bankruptcy. Such property owner is not a debtor in any pending bankruptcy proceedings.
  - 2.1.2. Minimum Credit Score. Such property owner has a credit score greater than or equal to the minimum score set forth in the Credit Underwriting Matrix, attached hereto as

Exhibit A. The Credit Underwriting Matrix may be updated by the Program from time to time. Such property owner's credit score will determine the DTI ratio used to establish the ability to pay the PACE assessment.

2.2. Ability to Pay. The Program shall determine that the property owners have the ability to pay the PACE assessment, based on DTI ratio. The DTI ratio must be less than or equal to the applicable DTI ratio set forth in the Credit Underwriting Matrix.

2.2.1. Income. All persons who wish to have their income considered as part of the ability to pay determination must provide their income information and attest to the accuracy of such information.

2.2.2. Debt. If a person's income is considered as part of the Program's DTI evaluation, then the Program shall also take into consideration such person's debts in determining DTI.

### 3. IMPROVEMENT ELIGIBILITY

3.1 List of Eligible Improvement Types. The Program shall establish and maintain a list of eligible improvement types, to include the general eligibility specifications for each improvement type, consistent with the definition of "special energy improvement projects" as defined in Ohio Revised Code Ch. 1710, or such alternate or successor provision of law determining eligibility for property assessed clean energy (PACE) improvements under Ohio law.

3.2 Eligible Improvement Database. The Program shall establish and maintain a database of eligible improvements, and implement a process for updating the database as appropriate.

3.3 Eligibility Criteria. The Program's eligibility requirements shall be based on criteria established by federal or state agencies, including but not limited to the U.S. Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency, or other credible third-party sources.

3.4 Useful Life. The Program shall set the maximum term length for Program financing based on the estimated useful life of the improvements to be financed. The Program's determination of the estimated useful life of improvements shall be based on credible third-party sources, and the maximum term length of a PACE assessment shall not exceed the estimated useful life of the financed improvement. If multiple improvements are financed under a single PACE assessment, the maximum term length of the PACE assessment shall not exceed the estimated useful life of the improvement with the longest useful life. The Program shall not be responsible for determining or warranting the actual life of improvements, or the post-installation performance, savings or efficacy of improvements.

3.5 Permanently Affixed. The Program shall require all eligible improvements financed by the Program to be permanently affixed to the property.

#### 4. DISCLOSURES & DOCUMENTATION

4.1. Terms. The Program shall provide the property owner with a Financing Estimate disclosure form substantially similar to the Sample Financing Estimate attached, which may be modified from time to time.

4.2. Confirmation of Terms. For all Program financing applications, the Program shall perform an oral confirmation of the key terms of the PACE assessment contract with the property owner (or an authorized representative thereof). The oral confirmation shall include the following information:

- 1) The improvement being installed is being financed by a PACE assessment.
- 2) The estimated annual payment amount.
- 3) The estimated date that the first payment will be due.
- 4) The term of the financing.
- 5) That assessment payments for the Program financing will be added to the property tax bill and will cause the property tax bill to increase.
- 6) That assessment payments will be made either directly to the county or through a mortgage impound or escrow account.
- 7) That any potential utility savings are not guaranteed and will not reduce the assessment payments or the total assessment amount.

#### 5. PROPERTY OWNER SUPPORT

5.1. Telephonic Support. The Program shall maintain a dedicated telephone hotline to address inquiries from property owners regarding Program financing. The hotline shall be available to property owners during regular business hours.

5.2. Complaints. The Program shall establish and maintain procedures to manage and address complaints received from property owners.

5.3. Privacy and Data Security. The Program shall establish and maintain procedures to protect the personally identifiable information of property owners and prevent such information from being shared unless authorized by property owners or permitted under applicable law.

#### 6. MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

6.1. Prohibited Practices. The Program shall not engage in practices that are or could appear to be unfair, deceptive, abusive, and/or misleading, or that violate applicable local, state or federal laws or regulations.

- 6.2. Permitted Practices. The Program shall adhere to all legal and regulatory requirements pertaining to its advertising and marketing efforts (e.g., telemarketing). The Program shall establish and maintain marketing guidelines applicable to home improvement contractors that introduce property owners to Program financing.
- 6.3. Tax Advice. The Program shall not provide tax advice to consumers regarding Program financing, which includes making affirmative statements or claims as to the tax deductibility of the payments. Property owners are encouraged to seek the advice of an expert regarding federal, state and local tax matters related to the Program.

## 7. CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS

- 7.1. Contractor Management. The Program shall establish and maintain procedures to monitor the compliance of home improvement contractors with Program guidelines.
- 7.2. Contractor Licensing. The Program shall require all home improvement contractors to satisfy all required licensing, insurance, and bonding requirements.
- 7.3. Contractor Training. The Program shall make available training materials to home improvement contractors.
- 7.4. Remedial Action. The Program shall establish and maintain procedures to warn, suspend, or terminate home improvement contractors from the Program based on violations of Program requirements. The Executive Committee of the Cooperative Authorities shall work with the Program to communicate regarding the termination of contractors to create consistency across the marketplace.

## 8. REPORTING

- 8.1. Reporting categories. It is the policy of the Program that Program statistics reporting and estimated impact metrics in the following categories be developed and reported: (i) number of projects funded, (ii) project amounts funded, (iii) estimated amount of energy savings, (iv) estimated amount of renewable energy produced, (vi) estimated amount of greenhouse gas emissions reductions, (vii) estimated number of jobs created, and (viii) local jurisdiction of projects funded.
- 8.2. Reporting standards. It is the policy of the Program that all data collected for the quarterly metrics reports be developed and collected using standardized methodologies.

## 9. CLOSING & FUNDING

- 9.1. Completion Acknowledgment. In order to confirm that the financed improvements

are installed at the subject property, the Program shall obtain an acknowledgment from the property owner that the financed improvements have been installed. Such acknowledgment shall be obtained prior to funding.

- 9.2. Permits. The Program shall require property owners and/or home improvement contractors to obtain required permits for the installation of eligible improvements, and to provide verification thereof upon request.
- 9.3. Recording. The Program shall cause the recordation in the real property records of assessment documentation in a manner consistent with state law.

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EXHIBIT A

CREDIT UNDERWRITING MATRIX

<b>Credit Score Band*</b>	<b>Maximum Debt-to-Income (DTI) Ratio</b>
≥ 700	≤ 60%
620 - 699	≤ 55%

*\* Credit scores are to be obtained using the FICO® Score 8 or FICO® Score 9 credit scoring models or such successor scoring models approved by the Program.*

## TOWNSHIP RESIDENTIAL PACE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

THIS RESIDENTIAL PACE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (the **Agreement**) is made and entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, between the TOWNSHIP OF SYCAMORE, OHIO, a township duly organized and validly existing under the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio (the **State**) (the **Participating Political Subdivision**), the BLUE ASH, DEER PARK, LOVELAND, SHARONVILLE, SPRINGDALE, SYCAMORE TOWNSHIP, SYMMES TOWNSHIP ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC., doing business under the registered trade name Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., a nonprofit corporation and special improvement district duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State (the **ESID**), and the TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY, a port authority and a body corporate and politic (the **Program Port Authority**) duly created, organized and existing under the laws of the State (the capitalized terms used in this Agreement and not defined in the preamble and recitals have the meanings stated in **Exhibit A** to this Agreement):

A. The ESID is an energy special improvement district and nonprofit corporation duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Ohio to further the public purpose of implementing special energy improvement projects pursuant to the authority in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and Article VIII, Section 2o of the Ohio Constitution.

B. The Board of Township Trustees of the Participating Political Subdivision (**Legislative Authority**) has adopted legislation approving the inclusion of certain parcels of real property within the boundaries of the Participating Political Subdivision within the territory of the ESID, approving the Articles of Incorporation of the ESID, and approving the ESID's Residential Program Plan.

C. Under the Residential Program Plan the ESID, among other services, shall assist property owners, whether private or public, who own residential real property within each of its participating political subdivisions obtain financing for special energy improvement projects that benefit or will benefit their real property.

D. The Program Port Authority will from time to time provide financing to pay the costs of special energy improvement projects undertaken by the owners of real property within the ESID in furtherance of the public purposes set forth in Article VIII, Sections 2o, 13 and 16 of the Ohio Constitution and Sections 4582.01 through 4582.20 of the Ohio Revised Code, both inclusive.

E. In order to obtain financing for special energy improvement projects and to create special assessment revenue available to pay and repay the costs of special energy improvement projects, owners of real property to be included within the territory of the ESID will submit Petitions and Plans requesting that the Legislative Authority levy special assessments against their properties.

F. In order to provide for the efficient administration of the financing of special energy improvement projects under the Residential Program Plan, the Participating Political Subdivision has determined, in its Resolution [NUMBER], adopted on February 18, 2020 (as it

may be validly amended and in effect from time to time, the **Residential Program Legislation**), to appoint the Program Port Authority as its delegate to approve or disapprove Petitions and Plans subject to the limitations stated in the Residential Program Legislation, the Residential Program Plan, and this Agreement.

G. The Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, and the Program Port Authority each have determined that the most efficient and effective way to implement the financing, acquisition, construction, equipment, improvement, and installation of special energy improvement projects and to further the public purposes set forth above is through this Agreement, pursuant to the Act and on the terms set forth in this Agreement, with (i) the Program Port Authority acting on behalf of the Participating Political Subdivision to approve or disapprove petitions for special energy improvement projects and special assessments, (ii) the Program Port Authority acting on behalf of the Participating Political Subdivision and the ESID to finance or assist certain real property owners in obtaining financing for special energy improvement projects, (iii) the owners of real property within the ESID acting to acquire, construct, equip, improve, and install special energy improvement projects, (iv) the owners of real property within the ESID agreeing to make special assessment payments in an aggregate amount that will provide revenue sufficient to pay or repay the permitted costs of the special energy improvement projects, including associated program expenses, and (v) the Participating Political Subdivision agreeing to assign and transfer all amounts actually received by the Participating Political Subdivision to the Program Port Authority or its designee as Special Assessments to pay or repay the permitted costs of the special energy improvement projects, including associated program expenses.

H. The Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, and the Program Port Authority each have full right and lawful authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform and observe its provisions on their respective parts to be performed and observed, and have determined to enter into this Agreement to set forth their respective rights, duties, responsibilities, obligations, and contributions with respect to the implementation of special energy improvement projects on residential real property within the territory of the ESID and within the boundaries of the Participating Political Subdivision.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the mutual representations, warranties, covenants, and agreements contained in this Agreement, the Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, and the Program Port Authority agree as follows; provided, that any obligation of the Program Port Authority created by or arising out of this Agreement never shall constitute a general obligation, bonded indebtedness, or a pledge of the general credit of the Program Port Authority, or give rise to any pecuniary liability of the Program Port Authority, but any such obligation shall be payable solely out of amounts actually received by the Program Port Authority as Special Assessments, if any; provided, further, that any obligation of the Participating Political Subdivision created by or arising out of this Agreement never shall constitute a general obligation, bonded indebtedness, or a pledge of the general credit of the Participating Political Subdivision, or give rise to any pecuniary liability of the Participating Political Subdivision, but any such obligation shall be payable solely from amounts actually received by the Participating Political Subdivision as Special Assessments, if any, following settlement in respect of the same with the County Treasurer; and provided, further, that any obligation of the ESID created by or arising out of this Agreement never shall constitute a

general obligation, bonded indebtedness, or a pledge of the general credit of the ESID, or give rise to any pecuniary liability of the ESID, but any such obligation shall be payable solely from amounts actually received by the ESID as Special Assessments, if any:

## ARTICLE I: DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1. Use of Defined Terms. In addition to the words and terms defined elsewhere in this Agreement or by reference to another document, words and terms used in this Agreement with capitalized initial letters where the rules of grammar would not otherwise require capitalization shall have the meanings set forth in Exhibit A to this Agreement. Definitions shall apply equally to both the singular and plural forms of any of the words and terms. Words of any gender include the correlative words of the other gender, unless the sense indicates otherwise.

Section 1.2. Interpretation. Any reference in this Agreement to the Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, the Program Port Authority, the Program Port Authority Board, the Legislative Authority, the ESID Board or to any member or officer of any of the foregoing includes entities or officials succeeding to their respective functions, duties, or responsibilities pursuant to, or by operation of, law or lawfully performing their functions. The Program Port Authority may hire or appoint one or more agents or designees to fulfill any obligations of the Program Port Authority under this Agreement.

Any reference to a section or provision of the Constitution of the State or the Act, or to a section, provision, or chapter of the Ohio Revised Code or any other legislation or to any statute of the United States of America, includes that section, provision, or chapter as amended, modified, revised, supplemented, or superseded from time to time; provided, however, that no amendment, modification, revision, supplement, or superseding section, provision, or chapter shall be applicable solely by reason of this provision if it constitutes in any way an impairment of the rights or obligations of the Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, or the Program Port Authority under this Agreement.

Section 1.3. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Agreement are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope or intent of any of this Agreement's Articles, Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, or clauses.

## ARTICLE II: COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

Section 2.1. Cooperative Agreement Between the Participating Political Subdivision, the Program Port Authority, and the ESID. Each of the Parties has requested the assistance of the other Parties in the financing of special energy improvement projects on residential property within the territory of the ESID and the boundaries of the Participating Political Subdivision. For the reasons stated in this Agreement's Recitals—which are incorporated into this Agreement by this reference as a statement of the public purposes of this Agreement and the intended arrangements among the Parties—the Parties have agreed to cooperate for the financing of special energy improvement projects within the territory of the ESID and the boundaries of the Participating Political Subdivision upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The Parties intend this Agreement to be, and it shall be, an agreement among the Parties under Ohio Revised

Code Sections 4582.17(B) and 9.482 to cooperate in the financing, acquisition, construction, equipping, improvement, and installation of "special energy improvement projects" as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.01, and of "port authority facilities," as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 4582.01. The Parties intend this Agreement to be, and it shall be construed as, an agreement to take effective cooperative action and to safeguard the Parties' interests and an agreement whereby the Program Port Authority undertakes and is authorized by the Participating Political Subdivision to exercise the powers, perform the functions, and render the services on behalf of the Participating Political Subdivision described in this Agreement.

Upon the considerations stated above and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Program Port Authority, on behalf of the Parties, shall (i) approve or disapprove Petitions and Plans submitted by owners of real property within the boundaries of the Participating Political Subdivision and to be included within the territory of the ESID, and (ii) finance or assist in the acquisition of financing for the special energy improvement projects. In consideration of that undertaking by the Program Port Authority, the Participating Political Subdivision shall assign, transfer, set over, and pay the Special Assessments received by the Participating Political Subdivision following the settlement in respect of the same with the County Treasurer to the Program Port Authority or its designee (or, alternatively, assign the Special Assessments to the Program Port Authority or its designee and cause the County Treasurer to transfer, set over, and pay the Special Assessments directly to the Program Port Authority or its designee) pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; provided, however, that the Participating Political Subdivision's obligation to transfer the Special Assessments is limited to the Special Assessments actually received by or on behalf of the Participating Political Subdivision following the settlement in respect of the same with the County Treasurer. Such payments shall be used by the Program Port Authority to pay or repay the permitted costs of the special energy improvement projects, including associated program expenses, at the times and in the manner provided in this Agreement. The ESID hereby agrees to such assignments and transfers.

Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, any obligations of the Participating Political Subdivision under this Agreement, including the obligation to transfer the Special Assessments received by the Participating Political Subdivision to the Program Port Authority or its designee shall be a special obligation of the Participating Political Subdivision and shall be required to be made only from amounts actually received by or on behalf of the Participating Political Subdivision as Special Assessments, if any. The Participating Political Subdivision's obligations under this Agreement are not and shall not be secured by an obligation or pledge of any moneys raised by taxation. The Participating Political Subdivision's obligations under this Agreement do not and shall not represent or constitute a debt or pledge of the Participating Political Subdivision's faith and credit or taxing power, and the Program Port Authority and the ESID do not have and shall not have any right to have taxes levied by the Participating Political Subdivision for the transfer of the Special Assessments.

### ARTICLE III: APPROVAL OF PETITIONS AND PLANS; LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS; REDUCTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

#### Section 3.1. Submission of Petitions and Plans.

As provided in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and the Residential Program Plan, owners of real property located within the boundaries of the Participating Political Subdivision may from time to time submit Petitions and Plans to the Participating Political Subdivision requesting that the Participating Political Subdivision add the property to the territory of the ESID, or, if already included within the territory of the ESID, consent to additional special energy improvement projects that benefit or will benefit the property; approve special energy improvement projects that benefit or will benefit the property; and levy Special Assessments on the property to pay the permitted costs of the special energy improvement projects, including associated program expenses.

Under the Residential Program Legislation the Legislative Authority has determined to appoint the Program Port Authority as its delegate to receive any Petition and Plans submitted by the owners of residential real property located within the boundaries of the Participating Political Subdivision and to approve or disapprove those Petitions and Plans subject to the terms and conditions stated in the Residential Program Legislation, the Residential Program Plan, and this Agreement. All Petitions and Plans shall accordingly be submitted directly to the Program Port Authority through any means established by the Program Port Authority for the submission and receipt of Petitions and Plans, including, without limitation, by Electronic Means.

### Section 3.2. Approval of Petitions and Plans.

Upon receipt of any Petition and Plan, the Program Port Authority, within 60 days of receipt, shall determine whether: (i) the Petition and Plan conform in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the Residential Program Legislation, the Residential Program Plan, and this Agreement, and (ii) the information contained in the Petition and Plan regarding the owner, the property, the special energy improvement projects, the Special Assessments, the terms and conditions of financing to be made available to pay the permitted costs of the special energy improvement projects, including associated program expenses, and any other information required or permitted to be set forth in the Petition and the Plan complies in all material respects with the guidelines set forth in the Residential Program Legislation, the Residential Program Plan, and this Agreement. If, in the Program Port Authority's reasonable discretion, the Petition and Plan meet the criteria described above, the Program Port Authority promptly shall approve the Petition and Plan. If, however, in the Program Port Authority's reasonable discretion the Petition and Plan fail to meet the criteria described above, the Program Port Authority promptly shall disapprove the Petition and Plan.

If any Petition and Plan are approved, the Program Port Authority promptly shall notify the owner of the real property submitting the Petition and the Plan and the Participating Political Subdivision in writing (including by Electronic Means) of the approval. The notice to the Participating Political Subdivisions shall include: (i) a copy of the Petition, (ii) a copy of the Plan, (iii) a statement that the Program Port Authority has approved the Petition and the Plan on behalf of the Legislative Authority pursuant to the Residential Program Legislation, the Residential Program Plan, and this Agreement, and (iv) a summary stating (a) owner or owners of the property submitting the Petition and Plan, (b) the mailing address or addresses and permanent parcel identification number or numbers of the property subject to the Petition and Plan, (c) the special energy improvement projects installed or to be installed for the benefit of the property, and (d) a schedule of Special Assessments to be levied to pay the permitted costs of the

special energy improvement projects, including associated program expenses, identified in the Petition and the Plan.

If any Petition and Plan are disapproved, the Program Port Authority promptly shall notify the owner of the real property submitting the Petition and Plan and the Participating Political Subdivision in writing (including by Electronic Means) of the disapproval. The notice to each of the owner and the Participating Political Subdivision shall include a statement providing the reason(s) for disapproval.

As provided in the Residential Program Legislation, any action by the Program Port Authority pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Residential Program Legislation, the Residential Program Plan, and this Agreement in approving or disapproving any Petition and Plan shall constitute the legislative approval or disapproval of the Legislative Authority for all purposes of law, including, without limitation, Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710, and all legal consequences appertaining to the Legislative Authority's legislative approval or disapproval of Petitions and Plans under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 shall appertain to the Program Port Authority's approval or disapproval of Petitions and Plans for and on behalf of the Legislative Authority.

### Section 3.3. Levying Special Assessments; Special Assessment Fund.

As required under Ohio Revised Code Sections 1710.02(F) and 1710.06, the Participating Political Subdivision shall from time to time, but in any case no less frequently than once per calendar year, and in any event in advance of the last day on which municipal corporations may certify special assessments to the County Auditor for collection in the immediately following calendar year (the **Special Assessment Certification Deadline**), levy Special Assessments and modify or correct previously levied Special Assessments within its boundaries to pay (i) the costs of any Petitions and Plans approved by the Program Port Authority under the Residential Program Legislation, the Residential Program Plan, and this Agreement, and (ii) any amounts required by the Participating Political Subdivisions, the ESID, the County, or the Program Port Authority as associated program expenses or administrative fees with respect to such approved costs. The levy or modified or corrected levy shall be for the term and amounts requested by each owner of real property on which Special Assessments are to be levied in the related Petitions and Plans and shall not cause any Special Assessments levied on any real property to exceed the amounts of Special Assessments requested in the related Petitions and Plans, except that the levy or modified or corrected levy may include any associated program expenses or administrative fees required by the Participating Political Subdivisions, the ESID, the County, or the Program Port Authority.

The Participating Political Subdivision shall provide notice of the adoption of any legislation providing for the levy or modification or correction of the Special Assessments to the County Auditor in accordance with, and within the timing requirements provided under, Ohio Revised Code Section 319.61, and a copy of such notice shall be provided to the Program Port Authority within the same timing requirements.

The Participating Political Subdivision shall establish and maintain, for the receipt and keeping of the Special Assessments, a separate fund or funds or separate sub-fund or sub-funds

in the custody of the Participating Political Subdivision (the **Residential PACE Special Assessment Fund**). All Special Assessments shall be received to the credit of, and deposited in, the Residential PACE Special Assessment Fund and used exclusively to pay the costs of Petitions and Plans, including general costs of the Residential Program Plan. No other moneys except Special Assessments shall be received to the credit of or deposited in the Residential PACE Special Assessment Fund. Subject to any other legal requirements, the Participating Political Subdivision may credit and deposit all Special Assessments to be received under the Residential Program Plan into one fund or sub-fund representing the Residential PACE Special Assessment Fund or may credit and deposit Special Assessments to be received under the Residential Program Plan into multiple funds or sub-funds, all of which shall collectively constitute the Residential PACE Special Assessment Fund. The Participating Political Subdivision may, in lieu of establishing and maintaining the Residential PACE Special Assessment Fund and crediting, depositing, and using Special Assessments in the Residential PACE Special Assessment Fund as required by this paragraph may, in a written agreement by and among the Participating Political Subdivision, the County Treasurer, and the Program Port Authority, cause the County Treasurer to transfer, set over, and pay the Special Assessments directly to the Program Port Authority or its designee or to act as custodian of the Residential PACE Special Assessment Fund on behalf of the Participating Political Subdivision.

#### Section 3.4. Certifying Special Assessments.

The Participating Political Subdivision shall in each year, prior to the Special Assessment Certification Deadline, certify all Special Assessments levied in connection with the Residential Program Plan and schedules to be collected beginning in the next following calendar year to the County Auditor for collection in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.30, 727.33, and 319.61. All Special Assessments levied under the Residential Program Plan and this Agreement shall be certified to the County Auditor for collection and shall be collected in the manner and at the times that other real property taxes, special assessments, payments in lieu of taxes, and other governmental charges are collected by the County Auditor and the County Treasurer. Promptly upon its certification of Special Assessments to the County Auditor, the Participating Political Subdivision shall provide written notice (including by Electronic Means) to the Program Port Authority of all Special Assessments levied, noticed to the County Auditor, and certified to the County Auditor and evidence of their levying, notice, and certification.

#### Section 3.5. Modification, Reduction, Correction and Adjustment of Special Assessments Under Certain Circumstances, Including Prepayment.

Following any event pursuant to which Special Assessments are to be modified, reduced, corrected or adjusted under the terms and conditions of agreements for financing the costs of special energy improvement projects or any related Petitions or Plans, the Program Port Authority shall notify the Participating Political Subdivision of a modification, reduction, correction or adjustment in the amount of the Special Assessments so that following the modification, reduction, correction or adjustment the amount of Special Assessments remaining to be collected shall equal the amounts, if any, to be paid or remaining to be paid pursuant to the terms and conditions of agreements or any related Petitions or Plans for financing the permitted costs of the special energy improvement projects, including associated program expenses and administrative fees, for which the Special Assessments are levied or to be levied; provided,



however, that any modification, reduction, correction or adjustment shall not cause any Special Assessments levied on any real property to exceed the Special Assessments necessary to fund the permitted costs of the Project requested in the Petition and Plan for that real property except that the levy or modified, reduced, corrected or adjusted levy may include any associated program expenses or administrative fees required by the Participating Political Subdivisions, the ESID, the County, or the Program Port Authority. Upon its receipt of such notification from the Program Port Authority, the Participating Political Subdivision shall cause the Special Assessments levied on, and to be collected against, the property to be modified, reduced, corrected or adjusted so that the Special Assessments remaining to be collected shall equal the amount identified in the notification from the Program Port Authority to the Participating Political Subdivision.

The Parties agree that Special Assessments, subject to the terms and conditions of agreements for financing the costs of special energy improvement projects for which the Special Assessments are levied, may be prepaid by an owner of property against which Special Assessments are levied. In the event of a prepayment of Special Assessments, the Participating Political Subdivision shall transfer prepaid Special Assessment amounts to the Program Port Authority or its designee promptly upon the Participating Political Subdivision's receipt of those amounts.

Except as specifically provided in this Agreement to the contrary, no other action pursuant to any provision of this Agreement shall abate in any way the payment of the special assessments by the owners of property or the transfer of the Special Assessments by the Participating Political Subdivision to Program Port Authority or its designee.

#### ARTICLE IV: ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

##### Section 4.1. Special Assessments; Transfer of Special Assessments.

- (a) Assignment of Special Assessments. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Participating Political Subdivision shall account for each Special Assessment governed by this Agreement separately in accordance with the Participating Political Subdivision's customary accounting and fiscal practices in effect from time to time, and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations. The Participating Political Subdivision hereby assigns to the Program Port Authority all of its right, title and interest in and to, and grants to the Program Port Authority a security interest in: (i) the Special Assessments received by the Participating Political Subdivision under this Agreement, (ii) the Residential PACE Special Assessment Fund and any special assessment funds or accounts established for the special energy improvement projects of the ESID under the Residential Program Plan with respect to, and to the extent of, the Special Assessments which have been assigned to the Program Port Authority under this Agreement, and (iii) any other property, including, without limitation, the proceeds of enforcement of the lien of any delinquent Special Assessments, including any penalties and interest, received or to be received from the Participating Political Subdivision related to any Special Assessments levied in

connection with the Residential Program Plan and this Agreement (collectively, items (i) to (iii) being referred to as **Program Revenues**).

- (b) Transfer of Special Assessments. Promptly following, but not later than 14 calendar days, after receipt from the County Treasurer of any final settlement under Ohio Revised Code Section 321.24 or otherwise relating to Program Revenues, the Participating Political Subdivision shall deliver all such Program Revenues to the Program Port Authority or its designee. The Participating Political Subdivision shall deliver the Program Revenues to the Program Port Authority or its designee pursuant to payment instructions provided by the Program Port Authority to the Participating Political Subdivision from time to time. With each transfer of Program Revenues under this Agreement the Participating Political Subdivision shall deliver to the Program Port Authority a detailed settlement statement stating the amounts received as Program Revenues, identifying each of the properties to which those amounts relate and the amounts relating to each such property, and any delinquencies in the amounts received as Special Assessments of which the Participating Political Subdivision has actual knowledge.
- (c) Collection of Delinquent Special Assessments. The Participating Political Subdivision hereby authorizes the Program Port Authority to take any and all actions in the name of, for, and on behalf of, the Participating Political Subdivision to collect delinquent Special Assessments levied by the Participating Political Subdivision pursuant to the Special Assessment Act and to cause the lien securing the delinquent Special Assessments to be enforced through prompt and timely foreclosure proceedings, including, but not necessarily limited to, filing and prosecution of mandamus or other appropriate proceedings to induce the County Prosecutor, the County Auditor, and the County Treasurer, as necessary, to institute prompt and timely foreclosure proceedings. The proceeds of the enforcement of any such lien shall be deposited and used under the terms and conditions this Agreement.

Section 4.2. Obligations Unconditional; Place of Payments. The Participating Political Subdivision's obligation to transfer the Program Revenues to the Program Port Authority or its designee under Section 4.1 of this Agreement shall be absolute and unconditional (to the extent permitted by law), and the Participating Political Subdivision shall make such transfers without abatement, diminution, or deduction regardless of any cause or circumstance whatsoever, including, without limitation, any defense, set-off, recoupment, or counterclaim which the Participating Political Subdivision may have or assert against the Program Port Authority, the designee of the Program Port Authority, the ESID, the owners of real property on which the Special Assessments are levied, or any other Person; but the Participating Political Subdivision's obligation to transfer the Program Revenues is limited in all cases to amounts actually received by or on behalf of the Participating Political Subdivision as Program Revenues.

Section 4.3. Appropriation by the Participating Political Subdivision; No Further Obligations. The Participating Political Subdivision, to the extent required by law, shall annually appropriate the amounts received as Program Revenues under the Residential Program Plan and

this Agreement to pay the Participating Political Subdivision's obligations under this Agreement. Upon the Participating Political Subdivision's receipt of each approved Petition and Plan from the Program Port Authority under this Agreement, all of the amounts received or to be received by the Participating Political Subdivision as Program Revenues shall be deemed to have been appropriated to pay the Participating Political Subdivision's obligations under this Agreement. During the years during which this Agreement is in effect, the Participating Political Subdivision shall take such further actions as may be necessary or desirable in order to appropriate the transfer of the amounts actually received by the Participating Political Subdivision as Program Revenues in such amounts and at such times as will be sufficient to enable the Participating Political Subdivision to satisfy its obligations under this Agreement; but the Participating Political Subdivision shall not be responsible for the costs and expenses of any collection or enforcement actions, except to the extent of any amounts actually received by the Participating Political Subdivision as Program Revenues. The Participating Political Subdivision has no obligation to use or apply to the payment of the Program Revenues any funds or revenue from any source other than the moneys actually received by the Participating Political Subdivision as Program Revenues; but nothing in this Agreement shall be deemed to prohibit the Participating Political Subdivision from using, to the extent that it is authorized to do so, any other resources for the fulfillment of any of this Agreement's terms, conditions, or obligations.

Section 4.4. ESID Assignment of Interest in Special Assessments. To secure the transfer of amounts received as Program Revenues by the Participating Political Subdivision to the Program Port Authority or its designee, and in accordance with the Special Assessment Act, the ESID hereby assigns, transfers, sets over, and shall pay any and all right, title, and interest in and to amounts actually received by or on behalf of the Participating Political Subdivision as Program Revenues that it may have to the Program Port Authority or its designee. The ESID does not assign, transfer, set over, or pay any of its right, title, or interest in or to any Special Assessments or portions of any Special Assessments actually received by or on behalf of the Participating Political Subdivision which, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, any Petition and Plan, or any agreement for financing the costs of special energy improvement projects are payable to the ESID, with all such right, title, and interest being retained by the ESID.

#### ARTICLE V: REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Section 5.1. The Program Port Authority's Representations. The Program Port Authority represents and warrants as of the date of this Agreement and warrants for the term of this Agreement that:

- (a) It is a port authority, and a body corporate and politic, duly created and organized, and validly existing under the Act and the other applicable laws of the State.
- (b) It is not in violation of or in conflict with any provisions of the laws of the State or of the United States of America applicable to the Program Port Authority that would impair its ability to carry out its obligations under this Agreement.
- (c) It is legally empowered to execute, deliver, and perform this Agreement and to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. To the Program Port Authority's knowledge, that execution, delivery, and performance

does not and will not violate or conflict with any provision of law applicable to the Program Port Authority, and does not and will not conflict with, or result in a default under, any agreement or instrument to which the Program Port Authority is a party or by which it is bound.

- (d) It, by proper action, has duly authorized, executed, and delivered this Agreement, and the Program Port Authority has taken any and all steps necessary to establish this Agreement and the Program Port Authority's obligations under this Agreement as valid and binding obligations of the Program Port Authority, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
- (e) There is no litigation pending, or to its knowledge threatened, against or by the Program Port Authority in which an unfavorable ruling or decision would materially adversely affect the Program Port Authority's ability to carry out its obligations under this Agreement.

Section 5.2. The Participating Political Subdivision's Representations and Warranties.  
The Participating Political Subdivision represents and warrants as of the date of this Agreement and warrants for the term of this Agreement that:

- (a) It is a township, duly organized, and validly existing under the Constitution and applicable laws of the State.
- (b) It is not in violation of, or in conflict with, any provisions of the laws of the State or of the United States of America applicable to the Participating Political Subdivision that would impair its ability to carry out its obligations contained in this Agreement.
- (c) It is legally empowered to execute, deliver, and perform this Agreement and to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. That execution, delivery and performance does not and will not violate or conflict with any provision of law applicable to the Participating Political Subdivision and does not and will not conflict with, or result in a default under, any agreement or instrument to which the Participating Political Subdivision is a party or by which it is bound.
- (d) It, by proper action, has duly authorized, executed, and delivered this Agreement, and the Participating Political Subdivision has taken all steps necessary to establish this Agreement and the Participating Political Subdivision's obligations under this Agreement as valid and binding obligations of the Participating Political Subdivision, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
- (e) There is no litigation pending, or to its knowledge threatened, against or by the Participating Political Subdivision in which an unfavorable ruling or decision would materially adversely affect the Participating Political Subdivision's ability to carry out its obligations under this Agreement.

- (f) The assignment under Section 4.1(a) is a valid and binding obligation of the Participating Political Subdivision with respect to the Special Assessments actually received by the Participating Political Subdivision in connection with this Agreement.

Section 5.3. The ESID's Representations and Warranties. The ESID represents and warrants as of the date of this Agreement and warrants for the term of this Agreement that:

- (a) It is a nonprofit corporation and special improvement district, duly organized, and validly existing under the Constitution and applicable laws of the State.
- (b) It is not in violation of or in conflict with any provisions of the laws of the State or of the United States of America applicable to the ESID that would impair its ability to carry out its obligations contained in this Agreement.
- (c) It is legally empowered to execute, deliver, and perform this Agreement and to enter into and carry out the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. To the ESID's knowledge, that execution, delivery, and performance does not and will not violate or conflict with any provision of law applicable to the ESID and does not and will not conflict with, or result in a default under, any agreement or instrument to which the ESID is a party or by which it is bound.
- (d) It, by proper action, has duly authorized, executed, and delivered this Agreement, and the ESID has taken and all steps necessary to establish this Agreement and the ESID's obligations under this Agreement as valid and binding obligations of the ESID, enforceable in accordance with their terms.
- (e) There is no litigation pending, or to its knowledge threatened, against or by the ESID in which an unfavorable ruling or decision would materially adversely affect the ESID's ability to carry out its obligations under this Agreement.

#### ARTICLE VI: EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 6.1. Events of Default. If any of the following shall occur, such occurrence shall be an "Event of Default" under this Agreement:

- (a) The Participating Political Subdivision shall fail to levy Special Assessments within its boundaries to pay for the costs of any Petitions and Plans approved by the Program Port Authority under the Residential Program Legislation, the Residential Program Plan, and this Agreement within the time specified in this Agreement; or
- (b) The Participating Political Subdivision shall fail to transfer, or cause the transfer of, any of the Special Assessments to the Program Port Authority or its designee within the time specified in this Agreement; or
- (c) The Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, or the Program Port Authority shall fail to observe and perform any other agreement, term, or condition

contained in this Agreement, and that failure shall continue for 60 days after written notice of the failure shall have been given to the Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, or the Program Port Authority, as applicable, by any other Party to this Agreement, or for such longer period to which the notifying Party may agree in writing; except that if the failure is other than the payment of money, and is of a nature that it can be corrected but not within the applicable period, that failure shall not constitute an Event of Default so long as the Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, or the Program Port Authority, as applicable, institutes curative action within the applicable period and diligently pursues that action to completion;

The declaration of an Event of Default above and the exercise of remedies upon any declaration of an Event of Default shall be subject to any applicable limitations of federal bankruptcy law affecting or precluding that declaration or exercise during the pendency of, or immediately following, any bankruptcy, liquidation, or reorganization proceedings.

Section 6.2. Remedies on Default. Whenever an Event of Default shall have happened and be subsisting, any one or more of the following remedial steps may be taken:

- (a) The aggrieved Party or Parties may, on reasonable notice and at reasonable times, have access to, inspect and examine such information of the defaulting Party or Parties pertaining directly and specifically to the Event of Default; or
- (b) The aggrieved Party or Parties may pursue all remedies now or later existing at law or in equity to collect all amounts due and to become due under this Agreement or to enforce the performance and observance of any other obligation or agreement of the defaulting Party or Parties under this Agreement, including enforcement under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 2731 of duties resulting from an office, trust, or station upon the other Parties; provided, however, that nothing in this Agreement is intended to or shall give to the Parties, and they shall not have, the right to accelerate or otherwise declare due and payable any payments of Special Assessments not otherwise then due and payable; and provided, further, that the Parties' damages under this Agreement (if any) shall be limited to the amount of the Special Assessments actually received by the Participating Political Subdivision following settlement with the County Treasurer, it being agreed that no other funds or property of the Participating Political Subdivision shall be implicated or in any way affected by this Agreement.

Section 6.3. No Remedy Exclusive. No remedy conferred upon or reserved to the Parties by this Agreement is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under this Agreement, or now or later existing at law, in equity, or by statute. No delay or omission to exercise any right or power accruing upon any default shall impair that right or power or be construed to be a waiver of that right or power, but any such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the Parties to exercise any remedy reserved to them under this Agreement, it shall not be necessary

to give any notice, other than any notice required by law or for which express provision is made in this Agreement.

Section 6.4. No Waiver. No failure by any Party to insist upon the strict performance by the other Parties of any provision of this Agreement shall constitute a waiver of that Party's right to strict performance; and no express waiver shall be deemed to apply to any other existing or subsequent right to remedy the failure by the Parties to observe or comply with any provision of this Agreement.

Section 6.5. Notice of Default. Any Party to this Agreement shall notify every other Party to this Agreement promptly if it becomes aware of the occurrence of any Event of Default or of any fact, condition, or event which, with the giving of notice, passage of time, or both, would become an Event of Default.

## ARTICLE VII: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 7.1. Term of Agreement. This Agreement shall be and remain in full force and effect from the date of execution and delivery until such time as the Parties shall mutually agree in a writing signed by each of the Parties to terminate this Agreement. Any attempted termination of this agreement that shall not be in writing and signed by each of the Parties to this Agreement shall be void. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Party may, by 180 days' prior written notice to the other Parties, prospectively terminate this Agreement (which shall mean that this Agreement shall cease to be effective with respect to all Special Assessments for which the Program Port Authority has not approved a Petition by the 180<sup>th</sup> day following the other Parties' receipt of such notice); provided, that this sentence shall in no way limit or waive the Participating Political Subdivision's continuing obligations with respect to any Special Assessments for any applications for financing that have been approved by the Program Port Authority or any of its capital providers prior to such date all of which shall continue as binding obligations of the Participating Political Subdivision until the Special Assessments have been paid in full.

Section 7.2. Litigation Notice. Each Party shall give all other Parties prompt notice of any action, suit, or proceeding by or against the notifying party, at law or in equity, or before any governmental instrumentality or agency, of which the notifying party has notice and which, if adversely determined would impair materially the right or ability of the Parties to finance the special energy improvement projects. The notifying Party's prompt notice shall be accompanied by its written statement describing the details of the action, suit, or proceeding and any responsive actions with respect to the action, suit, or proceeding taken or proposed to be taken by the applicable Party. The Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, and the Program Port Authority shall use their best efforts to qualify any information so received for any applicable exemptions from Ohio public records laws and shall, to the extent permitted by law, not disclose any information so received.

Section 7.3. Notices. All notices, certificates, requests, or other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing (including Electronic Means) and shall be deemed to be sufficiently given when (i) mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the appropriate Notice Address, or (ii) provided by Electronic Means. Any Party, by notice

given under this Agreement to the others, may designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates, requests, or other communications shall be sent.

Section 7.4. Extent of Covenants; No Personal Liability. All covenants, obligations, and agreements of the Parties contained in this Agreement shall be effective to the extent authorized and permitted by applicable law, the performance of which shall be duties resulting from an office, trust, or station. No covenant, obligation, or agreement shall be deemed to be a covenant, obligation, or agreement of any present or future member, officer, agent, or employee of the Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, the Program Port Authority, the Legislative Authority, the ESID Board, or the Program Port Authority Board in other than his or her official capacity; and none of the members of the Legislative Authority, the ESID Board the Program Port Authority, or any official executing this Agreement shall be liable personally on this Agreement or be subject to any personal liability or accountability by reason of the covenants, obligations, or agreements of the Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, or the Program Port Authority contained in this Agreement.

Section 7.5. Binding Effect. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and shall be binding in accordance with its terms upon, the Parties. This Agreement shall not be assigned by any Party except: (i) as may be necessary in the Program Port Authority's sole discretion to enforce or secure payment of the Special Assessments, (ii) as may be approved in writing signed by each of the Parties to this Agreement, or (iii) as may be necessary, in the Program Port Authority's sole discretion, to secure financing for special energy improvement projects to be provided in consideration of Special Assessments under this Agreement. Any attempt to assign this Agreement except as provided in the previous sentence shall be null and void. This Agreement may be enforced only by the Parties, their permitted assignees, and others, who may, by law, stand in their respective places. This Agreement is the complete agreement of the Parties and supersedes all previous understandings and agreements relating to the subject matter of this Agreement.

Section 7.6. Amendments and Supplements. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, this Agreement may not be amended, changed, modified, altered, or terminated except by unanimous written agreement signed by each of the Parties. Any attempt to amend, change, modify, alter, or terminate this Agreement except by unanimous written agreement signed by each of the Parties, or as otherwise provided in this Agreement, shall be void.

Section 7.7. Execution Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterpart and in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which together shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 7.8. Severability. If any provision of this Agreement, or any covenant, obligation, or agreement contained in this Agreement is determined by a court to be invalid or unenforceable, that determination shall not affect any other provision, covenant, obligation, or agreement, each of which shall be construed and enforced as if the invalid or unenforceable portion were not contained in this Agreement. That invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any valid and enforceable application of the provision, covenant, obligation, or agreement, and



each such provision, covenant, obligation, or agreement shall be deemed to be effective, operative, made, entered into, or taken in the manner and to the full extent permitted by law.

Section 7.9. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, and the Program Port Authority have each caused this Agreement to be duly executed in their respective names, all as of the date first written above.

TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT  
AUTHORITY, as the Program Port Authority

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

TOWNSHIP OF SYCAMORE, HAMILTON  
COUNTY, OHIO

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature Page to Township Residential PACE Cooperative Agreement]

BLUE ASH, DEER PARK, LOVELAND,  
SHARONVILLE, SPRINGDALE, SYCAMORE  
TOWNSHIP, SYMMES TOWNSHIP ENERGY  
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC., D/B/A:

SUBURBAN COMMUNITIES ENERGY  
SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, INC.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature Page to Township Residential PACE Cooperative Agreement]

PROGRAM PORT AUTHORITY FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFICATE

The undersigned fiscal officer of the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority hereby certifies that the moneys required to meet the obligations of the Program Port Authority during the year 20\_\_ under the foregoing Residential PACE Cooperative Agreement have been lawfully appropriated by the Board of Directors of the Program Port Authority for such purposes and are in the treasury of the Program Port Authority or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund, free from any previous encumbrances. This Certificate is given in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.41 and 5705.44.

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Assistant Secretary and Fiscal Officer  
Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

PARTICIPATING POLITICAL SUBDIVISION FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFICATE

The undersigned fiscal officer of the Participating Political Subdivision hereby certifies that the moneys required to meet the obligations of the Participating Political Subdivision during the year 20\_\_ under the foregoing Residential PACE Cooperative Agreement (\$0.00) are "other revenue in the process of collection" under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(E), and are therefore deemed to have been lawfully appropriated by the Legislative Authority of the Participating Political Subdivision for such purposes and in the treasury of the Participating Political Subdivision or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund, free from any previous encumbrances. This Certificate is given in compliance with Ohio Revised Code Sections 5705.41 and 5705.44.

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Fiscal Officer  
Township of Sycamore, Hamilton County, Ohio

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

[Participating Political Subdivision Fiscal Officer Certificate—Township Residential PACE  
Cooperative Agreement]

**EXHIBIT A**

**DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Agreement, the following words have the following meanings:

*Act* means Ohio Revised Code Sections 4582.01 through 4582.20, both inclusive, as enacted and amended at the time, and includes Article VIII, Sections 13 and 16 of the Ohio Constitution and any other applicable law pertaining to expenditures for economic development and housing, as the same may be amended, modified, revised, supplemented, or superseded from time to time.

*Agreement* means this Township Residential PACE Cooperative Agreement, dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019, among the Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, and the Program Port Authority, as it may be validly amended and in effect from time to time.

*County* means the County of Hamilton, Ohio.

*County Auditor* means the Auditor of the County or any officer exercising the powers and functions of a county auditor under law, including under a county charter.

*County Prosecutor* means the Prosecuting Attorney of the County or any officer exercising the powers and functions of a county prosecuting attorney under law, including under a county charter.

*County Treasurer* means the Treasurer of the County or any officer exercising the powers and functions of a county treasurer under law, including under a county charter.

*Electronic Means* means any electronic communications methods agreed upon by the Parties as available for use in connection this Agreement, and initially includes, without limitation, e-mail, facsimile transmission, and secure electronic transmission containing applicable authorization codes, passwords, and authentication keys.

*ESID* means the Blue Ash, Deer Park, Loveland, Sharonville, Springdale, Sycamore Township, Symmes Township Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., doing business as the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., a nonprofit corporation and special improvement district organized under the laws of the State of Ohio.

*ESID Board* means the Board of Directors of the ESID.

*Legislation Levying Assessments* means any resolution or ordinance passed, enacted, or adopted by the Participating Political Subdivision pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710, Ohio Revised Code Section 727.25, or both, or pursuant to any municipal charter, with respect to levying Special Assessments on residential real property within the ESID under the Residential Program Plan.

**Legislation to Proceed** means any resolution or ordinance passed, enacted, or adopted by the Participating Political Subdivision pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and Ohio Revised Code Section 727.23 with respect to levying Special Assessments on residential real property within the ESID under the Residential Program Plan.

**Legislative Authority** means the Board of Township Trustees of the Participating Political Subdivision.

**Notice Address** means:

(a) As to the Program Port Authority: Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority  
One Maritime Plaza, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toledo, Ohio 43604  
Attention: President

With a Copy To: J. Caleb Bell, Esq.  
Bricker & Eckler LLP  
100 S. Third Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

(b) As to the Participating Political Subdivision: Township of Sycamore,  
Hamilton County, Ohio  
8540 Kenwood Rd.  
Sycamore Township, Ohio 45236  
Attention: Administrator

(c) As to the ESID: Suburban Communities Energy  
Special Improvement District, Inc.  
c/o Greater Cincinnati Energy  
Alliance  
700 Walnut, #506  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
Attention: Joshua Hertzner

With a Copy To: J. Caleb Bell, Esq.  
Bricker & Eckler LLP  
100 S. Third Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Participating Political Subdivision** means the Township of Sycamore, Hamilton County, Ohio, a township and political subdivision duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State.

**Parties** means, collectively, the Participating Political Subdivision, the ESID, and the Program Port Authority.



**Party** means, individually, any of the Parties.

**Petition** means any petition submitted by the owner of real property located within the boundaries of the Participating Political Subdivision requesting that the Participating Political Subdivision add the property to the territory of the ESID or, if already included within the territory of the ESID, consent to additional special energy improvement projects that benefit or will benefit the property; approve special energy improvement projects that benefit or will benefit the property; and levy special assessments on the property to pay the permitted costs of the special energy improvement projects, including associated program expenses.

**Person** or words importing persons mean firms, associations, partnerships (including without limitation, general, limited, and limited liability partnerships), limited liability companies, joint ventures, societies, estates, trusts, corporations, public or governmental bodies, political subdivisions, other legal entities, and natural persons.

**Plan** means any plan for public improvements or plan for public services, including supplemental plans for public improvements or supplemental plans for public services, submitted in connection with a Petition.

**Program Port Authority** means the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, a port authority and body corporate and politic duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the State.

**Program Port Authority Board** means the Board of Directors of the Program Port Authority.

**Residential Program Legislation** means the Legislative Authority's Resolution No. [NUMBER] adopted on February 18, 2020, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated into this Agreement as **Exhibit B**, as it may be validly amended and in effect from time to time.

**Residential Program Plan** means the Suburban Communities Energy Special Improvement District Residential Program Plan adopted by the Participating Political Subdivision by its Residential Program Legislation, a copy of which is attached to and incorporated into this Agreement as **Exhibit C**, as it may be validly amended and in effect from time to time.

**Resolution of Necessity** means any resolution or ordinance passed, enacted, or adopted by the Participating Political Subdivision pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and Ohio Revised Code Section 727.12 with respect to levying Special Assessments on residential real property within the ESID under the Residential Program Plan.

**Special Assessment Act** means, collectively, Ohio Revised Code Section 727.01 *et seq.*, Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.01 *et seq.*, Ohio Revised Code Section 323.01 *et seq.*, Ohio Revised Code Section 319.01 *et seq.*, Ohio Revised Code Section 5721.01 *et seq.*, and related laws, the Residential Program Legislation, and each and every Resolution of Necessity, Legislation to Proceed, or Legislation Levying Assessments, if any, passed, enacted, or adopted by the Legislative Authority of the Participating Political Subdivision with respect to levying

Special Assessments on residential real property within the ESID under the Residential Program Plan.

*Special Assessment Certification Deadline* means the last day of any calendar year on which municipal corporations may certify special assessments to the County Auditor for collection in the immediately succeeding calendar year.

*Special Assessments* means amounts representing or collected in respect of special assessments (including any delinquent special assessments, interest, penalties, and proceeds from enforcement of the lien of any special assessments) levied on real property: (i) that is included within the territory of the ESID, (ii) on or for which special energy improvement projects have been or will be implemented, and (iii) that is subject to the terms and conditions of the Residential Program Plan.

*State* means the State of Ohio.

**EXHIBIT B**

**RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM LEGISLATION**

[See Attached]

**EXHIBIT C**

**RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM PLAN**

[See Attached]