

STANDARD UTILITY AGREEMENT ACTUAL COST – FORT BEND COUNTY

County: Fort Bend
Project No.: 735b
Road Project Letting Date: 10/31/2013

Road: Mason Road: Segment 3
Limits: From: Oyster Creek
To: Farmer Road

This Agreement by and between Fort Bend County, Texas, ("**County**"), acting by and through its duly authorized official, and Southcross Gulf Coast Transmission LTD, acting by and through its duly authorized representative, ("**Owner**"), shall be effective on the date of approval and execution by and on behalf of the **County**.

WHEREAS, the **County** has determined that it is necessary to make certain improvements to Mason Road, which said changes are generally described as follows: Roadway Expansion

WHEREAS, these proposed roadway improvements will necessitate the adjustment, removal, and/or relocation of certain facilities of **Owner** as indicated in the following statement of work: pipeline lowering and such work is described in **Owner's** Estimate (estimated at \$428,165), which is attached hereto and made a part hereof, and which is prepared in form and manner required by 23 CFR 645, Subpart A, and amendments thereto; and

WHEREAS, the **Owner**, has provided sufficient legal authority to the **County** to establish an interest in properties affected by the abovementioned roadway improvements. Said facilities are located upon such properties as indicated in the statement of work as described in Exhibit "A".

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties mutually agree as follows:

The **County will pay for** reasonable and necessary eligible costs incurred in the adjustment or relocation of **Owner's** facilities to the extent authorized under Title 23, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 645, Subpart A. The **County's** participation shall consist of one-hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the adjustment or relocation.

The **Owner** has determined that the method to be used in developing the adjustment or eligible relocation costs shall be as specified for the method checked and described hereinafter:

- ☐ (1) Actual direct and related indirect eligible costs accumulated in accordance with a work order accounting procedure prescribed by the applicable Federal or State regulatory body.
- ☒ (2) Actual direct and related indirect eligible costs accumulated in accordance with an established accounting procedure developed by the **Owner** and approved by the **County**.

Subject to the participation percentage as set out above, the **County** will, upon satisfactory completion of the adjustment or relocation, and upon receipt of a final billing prepared in the form and manner prescribed by Federal regulations, make payment in the amount of one-hundred percent (100%) of the eligible costs as shown in the final billing.

Reasonable and necessary bills for work completed herein shall be submitted to the **County** not later than ninety (90) days after completion of the work. Upon receipt of the final billing and conclusion of the audit, the **County** agrees to pay **Owner** one hundred (100%) of the eligible cost as indicated. The **County** shall make payment within 45 days of acceptance of the final billing.

In the event there is a substantial change for the statement of work contained in Exhibit "A", reimbursement is limited to the amount approved pursuant to this agreement and its attached exhibits unless written approval is obtained from the **County**. All changes shall be documented on the **Owner's** "as-built" plans supplied to the **County**. **County** shall reimburse **Owner** for any additional cost or expense resulting from any delays waiting for County's written approval.

Upon execution of this agreement by all parties, the **County** will, by written notice, authorize the **Owner** to proceed with the necessary adjustment or relocation, and the **Owner** agrees to prosecute such work diligently in accordance with the **Owner's** plans. Such plans are attached as Exhibit "B". **Owner** shall provide the **County** with forty-eight (48) hours written notice prior to proceeding with the adjustment or relocation and agrees to proceed in such a manner that will not result in avoidable delay or interference with the **County's** roadway construction. Should **Owner** by its actions cause interference or delay resulting in the imposition of damages upon the **County** by a third party, **Owner** agrees to be responsible for said damages. Such authorization to proceed shall constitute notice on the part of the **County** that the relocation has been included in an approved program as an item of right of way acquisition, that a project agreement which includes the work has or will be executed, and that the utility relocation or adjustment will be required by the final approved project agreement and plans.

The **Owner** will retain records of such eligible costs in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 645, Subpart A.

The **Owner**, by execution of this agreement, does not waive any rights to which **Owner** may legally have within the limits of the law.

This agreement is subject to cancellation by the **County** at any time up to the date that work under this agreement has been authorized. **County** shall reimburse **Owner** 100% of all reasonable and necessary cost incurred by Owner up to the date of receipt of Notice of Cancellation.

The County Auditor may conduct an audit or investigation of any entity receiving funds from the **County** directly under this contract or indirectly through a subcontract under this contract. Acceptance of funds directly under this contract or indirectly through a subcontract under this contract acts as acceptance of the authority of the County Auditor, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds.

It is also expressly understood that the **Owner** conducts the adjustment, removal, or relocation at its own risk, and that the **Owner** agrees to indemnify and hold the **County** harmless for damage to existing facilities caused by the **Owner's** conduct.

The signatories to this agreement warrant that each has the authority to enter into this agreement on behalf of the party represented.

UTILITY

Owner: Southcross Gulf Coast Transmission LTD

Executed and approved by Southcross Gulf Coast Transmission LTD for the purpose and effect of activating and/or carrying out the orders, established policies, or work programs heretofore approved and authorized by Southcross Gulf Coast Transmission LTD.

By: G. D. Kuse
Gary Kuse

Title: VP of Project Management

Date: 12/10/2013

COUNTY

Fort Bend County

Executed and approved by Fort Bend County for the purpose and effect of activating and/or carrying out the orders, established policies, or work programs heretofore approved and authorized by Fort Bend County.

By: Robert Hebert
Robert Hebert

Title: Judge, Fort Bend County

Date: 1-14-14