

**PETITION FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS FOR
SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

A PETITION TO THE CITY OF CINCINNATI, OHIO SEEKING THE IMPOSITION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO PAY THE COSTS OF VARIOUS SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AGAINST PROPERTY OWNED BY THE PETITIONER AND SPECIALLY BENEFITED THEREBY, INCLUDING A WAIVER OF ALL RIGHTS TO NOTICES, HEARINGS AND APPEALS RESPECTING THE REQUESTED SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

To: The City Manager and City Council of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio

Acabay Atrium Two L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the “Petitioner”), is the owner of 100% of the property described on **Exhibit A** attached to this Petition (the “Property”). The Petitioner will implement special energy improvement projects on the Property (the “Authorized Improvements,” as further described in **Exhibit B**).

The Board of Directors of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District, Inc. (the “Corporation”), an Ohio nonprofit corporation formed to govern the City of Cincinnati, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District (the “District”), created within the boundaries of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio (the “City”) has approved a plan (the “Program Plan”) for the purpose of developing and implementing special energy improvement projects, as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.01(I). The Program Plan is attached to this Petition as **Exhibit C**.

Pursuant to the Program Plan, the Corporation has caused special energy improvement projects to be provided from time to time. In accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and the Program Plan, the Program Plan may be amended from time to time by supplemental plans (the “Supplemental Plans”) (the Program Plan and every Supplemental Plan together constituting the “Plan”) to provide for additional special energy improvement projects, and the District may be enlarged from time to time to include additional property so long as at least one special energy improvement project is designated for each parcel of real property within the additional territory added to the District.

The Board of Directors of the Corporation has received the Supplemental Plan attached to this Petition as **Exhibit B**, including the description of the Authorized Improvements, and related materials in support of the expansion of the District to include the Property.

As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.02, the Petitioner, as the owner of the Property, being 100% of the area proposed to be added to the District and 100% of the area proposed to be assessed for the Authorized Improvements, hereby (a) petitions the City Council to (i) approve the addition of the Property to the District and (ii) approve an amendment and supplement to the Plan by the Supplemental Plan to include the Authorized Improvements and (b) request that (i) Authorized Improvements be undertaken by the District, and (ii) the total cost of

those Authorized Improvements be assessed on the Property in proportion to the special benefits that will result from the Authorized Improvements.

In connection with this Petition and in furtherance of its purposes, the Petitioner acknowledges that it has reviewed or caused to be reviewed (i) the Plan and the Supplemental Plan, (ii) the plans, specifications and profiles for the Authorized Improvements, (iii) the estimate of cost for the Authorized Improvements included in **Exhibit B** and (iv) the schedule of estimated special assessments to be levied for the Authorized Improvements also included in **Exhibit B**. The Petitioner acknowledges that the estimated special assessment for each parcel is in proportion to the benefits that may result from the financing of the Authorized Improvements.

Accordingly, the Petitioner hereby petitions for the construction of the Authorized Improvements identified in this Petition and the Supplemental Plan attached to this Petition as **Exhibit B**, as authorized under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710, and for the imposition of the special assessments identified in this Petition and authorized under Ohio Revised Code Chapters 727 and 1710 (the "Special Assessments") to pay the costs of the Authorized Improvements.

In consideration of the City's acceptance of this Petition and the imposition of the requested Special Assessments, the Petitioner consents and agrees that the Property as identified in **Exhibit A** shall be assessed for all of the costs of the Authorized Improvements, including any and all architectural, engineering, legal, insurance, consulting, energy auditing, planning, acquisition, installation, construction, survey, testing and inspection costs; the amount of any damages resulting from the Authorized Improvements and the interest on such damages amount; the costs incurred in connection with the preparation, levy and collection of the special assessments; the cost of purchasing and otherwise acquiring any real estate or interests in real estate; expenses of legal services; costs of labor and material; trustee fees and other financing costs incurred in connection with the issuance, sale, and servicing of securities to pay costs of the Authorized Improvements in anticipation of the receipt of the special assessments, capitalized interest on, and financing reserve funds for, such securities or other obligations; and any program administration fees or financing servicing fees; together with all other necessary expenditures. The Petitioner agrees to pay the Special Assessments in a timely manner whether or not the Petitioner receives annual and timely notices of the Special Assessments.

In consideration of the Authorized Improvements, the Petitioner, for itself and its grantees and other successors with respect to the Property, agrees to pay promptly all Special Assessments as they become due, and agrees that the determination by Council of the Special Assessments in accordance with the terms hereof will be final, conclusive and binding upon the Petitioner and the Property. In further consideration of the Authorized Improvements, the Petitioner covenants and agrees to disclose, upon the transfer of the Property or any portion of the Property to be assessed for the actual costs of the Authorized Improvements set forth in **Exhibit B**, in the deed to the transferee or in a separate instrument recorded with respect to the Property the existence of any outstanding Special Assessment for the Authorized Improvements and to require that transferee covenant to disclose the existence of any outstanding Special Assessment for the Authorized Improvements in any subsequent deed or in a separate instrument recorded with respect to the Property at the time of the subsequent transfer so long as the Special Assessments remain unpaid. As a condition to each subsequent transfer while the Special Assessments remain unpaid, the

Petitioner further covenants and agrees to provide expressly in the deed to any transferee or in a separate instrument recorded with respect to the Property at the time of the subsequent transfer (i) for the acquisition by the transferee of the Property subject to any outstanding Special Assessment and the transferee's assumption of responsibility for payment thereof and for waiver by the transferee of any rights that the Petitioner has waived pursuant to this Petition, and (ii) the requirement that each transferee from time to time of the Property covenant to include in the deed to any subsequent transferee or in a separate instrument recorded with respect to the Property at the time of the subsequent transfer the conditions described in clause (i) so long as the Special Assessments remain unpaid.

The Petitioner further acknowledges and confirms that the Special Assessments set forth in this Petition and in **Exhibit B** are in proportion to, and do not exceed, the special benefits to be conferred on the Property by the financing of the Authorized Improvements. The Petitioner further consents to the levying of the Special Assessment against the Property by the Council. The Petitioner acknowledges that these Special Assessments are fair, just and equitable and being imposed at the Petitioner's specific request.

The Petitioner hereby waives notice and publication of all resolutions, legal notices and hearings provided for in the Ohio Revised Code with respect to the Authorized Improvements and the Special Assessments, particularly those in Ohio Revised Code Chapters 727 and 1710, and consent to proceeding with the Authorized Improvements. Without limiting the foregoing, the Petitioner specifically waives any notices and rights under the following Ohio Revised Code Sections:

- The right to notice of the adoption of the Resolution of Necessity under Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.13 and 727.14;
- The right to limit the amount of the Special Assessments under Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.03 and 727.06, including the right to consider the Special Assessments authorized by this Petition within the limitations contained in Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.03 and 727.06 applicable to the Special Assessments and any other special assessments properly levied now or in the future;
- The right to file an objection to the Special Assessments under Ohio Revised Code Section 727.15;
- The right to the establishment of, and any proceedings by and any notice from an Assessment Equalization Board under Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.16 and 727.17;
- The right to file any claim for damages under Ohio Revised Code Sections 727.18 through 727.22 and Ohio Revised Code Section 727.43;
- The right to notice that bids or quotations for the Authorized Improvements may exceed estimates by 15%;
- The right to seek a deferral of payments of Special Assessments under Ohio Revised Code Section 727.251; and
- The right to notice of the passage of the Assessing Ordinance under Ohio Revised Code Section 727.26.

The Petitioner, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.02(A), further agrees that the Property may be included in more than one district formed under Ohio Revised Code

Chapter 1710. The Petitioner further agrees not to take any actions, or cause to be taken any actions, to place any of the Property in an agricultural district as provided for in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 929, and if any of the Property is in an agricultural district, the Petitioner, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 929.03, hereby grants permission to collect any Special Assessments levied against such Property.

The Petitioner further agrees and consents to the Council promptly proceeding with all actions necessary to facilitate the acquisition, installation, equipment, and improvement of the Authorized Improvements and to impose the Special Assessments.

The Petitioner acknowledges that the Special Assessments set forth in this Petition and in the Exhibits to this Petition are based upon an estimate of costs, and that the final Special Assessments shall be calculated in the same manner, which, regardless of any statutory limitation on the Special Assessments, may be more or less than the respective estimated Special Assessments for the Authorized Improvements. In the event the final assessments exceed the estimated assessments, the Petitioner, without limitation of the other waivers contained in this Petition, also waives any rights it may now or in the future have to object to those assessments, any notice provided for in Ohio Revised Code Chapters 727 and 1710, and any rights of appeal provided for in such Chapters or otherwise. The Petitioner further acknowledges and represents that the respective final assessments may be levied at such time as determined by the City and regardless of whether or not any of the parts or portions of the Authorized Improvements have been completed.

The Petitioner further acknowledges that the final Special Assessments for the Authorized Improvements, when levied against the Property, will be payable in cash within thirty (30) days from the date of passage of the ordinance confirming and levying the final assessments and that if any of such assessments are not paid in cash they will be certified to the Auditor of the County, as provided by law, to be placed on the tax list and duplicate and collected as other taxes are collected. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, the Petitioner hereby waives the right to pay the final assessments for the Authorized Improvements in cash within thirty (30) days from the passage of the ordinance confirming and levying the final assessments and requests that the unpaid final assessments for the Authorized Improvements shall be payable in 50 semi-annual installments.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.03(C), the Petitioner hereby appoints as its designee to carry out the rights and responsibilities of District members under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 such representative as may be duly appointed by the Petitioner from time to time, which designation shall not expire unless and until Petitioner shall notify the Secretary of the District that said designation is no longer in effect or that Petitioner has made a new designation to replace said designation.

The Petitioner further waives any and all questions as to the constitutionality of the laws under which the Authorized Improvements shall be acquired, installed, or constructed or the proceedings relating to the acquisition, installation, or construction of the Authorized Improvements, the jurisdiction of the City acting in connection with the acquisition, installation, or construction of the Authorized Improvements, all irregularities, errors and defects, if any, procedural or otherwise, in the levying of the assessments or the undertaking of the Authorized

Improvements, and specifically waives any and all rights of appeal, including any right of appeal as provided in Ohio Revised Code Title 7, and specifically but without limitation, Ohio Revised Code Chapters 727 and 1710, as well as all such similar rights under the Constitution of the State of Ohio and the Charter of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio. The Petitioner represents that it will not contest, in a judicial or administrative proceeding, the undertaking of the Authorized Improvements, the estimated assessments, the final assessments, and any Special Assessments levied against the Property for the Authorized Improvements, or any other matters related to the foregoing.

The Petitioner acknowledges and understands that the City and the Corporation will be relying upon this Petition in taking actions pursuant to it and expending resources. This Petition therefore shall be irrevocable and shall be binding upon the Petitioner, any successors or assigns of the Petitioner, the Property, and any grantees, mortgagees, lessees, or transferees of the Property. The Petitioner acknowledges that they have had an opportunity to be represented by legal counsel in this undertaking and has knowingly waived the rights identified in this Petition.

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EXHIBIT A

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY

The real property subject to this Petition is located at the commonly used mailing address 221 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, having Hamilton County Auditor Parcel ID No. 083-0003-0036-00, and the following legal description:

PARCEL 1 (Fee):

Situated in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton and State of Ohio:

And known as including part of Inlots 61 and 63, as recorded in Deed Book E-2, Pages 62 through 66, of the Hamilton County, Ohio Records;

Lots 223, 224, 225, 226, and 227 of Hugh Moore's Subdivision of Inlot 62;

Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of D. K. Estes Estate, as recorded in Plat Book 18, Page 602 of the Common Pleas Court Records;

And part of vacated Hammond Street;

And more particularly described pursuant to a boundary survey recorded in Plat Book 243, Page 37 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Records as follows:

Beginning at the Intersection of the Southerly line of Fourth Street (66 feet wide) with the Westerly line of Sycamore Street (66 feet wide);

Thence South 15 deg. 26' East, along the Westerly line of Sycamore Street a distance of 260.34 feet;

Thence Southwestwardly on a curved line deflecting to the right with a radius of 32 feet, a distance of 28.93 feet (Chord of said curve bears South 49 deg. 05' 15" West, a distance of 27.95 feet);

Thence South 74 deg. 59' West, a distance of 104.36 feet;

Thence Southwestwardly on a curved line deflecting to the left with a radius of 46 feet, a distance of 24.49 feet (chord of said curve bears South 59 deg. 44' West, a distance of 24.20 feet);

Thence North 88 deg. 36' 51" West, a distance of 9.50 feet;

Thence Northwestwardly on a curved line deflecting to the left with a radius of 56 feet, a distance of 18.86 feet (Chord of said curve bears North 47 deg. 11' 28" West, a distance of 18.77 feet);

Thence Northwestwardly on a curved line deflecting to the left with a radius of 112 feet, a distance of 60.72 feet (Chord of said curve bears North 72 deg. 21' 56" West, a distance of 59.98 feet);

Thence North 15 deg. 32' West, a distance of 50.37 feet;

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Thence North 74 deg. 40' East, a distance of 33.68 feet;

Thence North 15 deg. 31' 45" West, a distance of 177.39 feet to the Southerly line of Fourth Street;

Thence along the Southerly line of Fourth Street, North 75 deg. 31' East, a distance of 6.00 feet and North 74 deg. 57' East, a distance of 182.92 feet to the place of beginning.

PARCEL 2 (easement):

TOGETHER WITH the easement estates and rights under a certain Deed of Easement recorded in Deed Book 4241, Page 1391, of the Hamilton County, Ohio Records.

PARCEL 3 (easement):

TOGETHER WITH the easement estates and rights under a certain Easement and Maintenance Agreement recorded in Deed Book 4327, Page 1915 of the Hamilton County Records.

PARCEL 4 (easement):

TOGETHER WITH the easement estates and rights under a certain Fourth Street Walkway Agreement and Right of Entry recorded in OR Book 6917, Page 424 of the Hamilton County Records.

PARCEL 5 (easement):

TOGETHER WITH the easement estates and rights under a certain Grant of Easement recorded in OR Book 8398, Page 1533, of the Hamilton County Records.

EXHIBIT B

CITY OF CINCINNATI, OHIO ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROGRAM PLAN

SUPPLEMENT TO PLAN FOR 221 E. FOURTH STREET PROJECT

As more fully provided by the City of Cincinnati, Ohio Special Improvement District Program Plan (together with all previously approved supplemental plans, the “Plan”), the City of Cincinnati, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District (the “District”) has undertaken the administration of a property assessed clean energy (“PACE”) program (the “Program”). The Program will provide financing secured by special assessments on real property for special energy improvement projects.

Through a Petition submitted in connection with this Supplemental Plan, the undersigned (the “Property Owner”) has requested and consented to certain special assessments by the District with respect to certain real property owned by the Property Owner and located at 221 E. Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, having Hamilton County Auditor Parcel ID No. 083-0003-0036-00 (the “Property”). A schedule for special assessments to be assessed against the Property to pay the costs of the Authorized Improvements is attached hereto as Attachment A.

The Authorized Improvements applicable to the Property will include energy-efficient elevator modernization improvements, electrical upgrades, and related improvements. As required by Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.01(K), said Authorized Improvements are anticipated to reduce or support the reduction of energy consumption, allow for reduction in demand, or support the production of clean, renewable energy. A detailed description of the Authorized Improvements is attached to this Supplemental Plan as Attachment B. The Property Owner hereby acknowledges and agrees that the special benefit to be provided to the Property under this Supplemental Plan is the consummation of the financing to pay, finance, and refinance costs of the Authorized Improvements, which shall be conferred immediately upon the consummation of the financing, and that the benefits are in proportion to and do not exceed the amount of the Special Assessments to be levied to pay the costs of the financing.

The Property Owner will cause this Supplemental Plan promptly to be filed with the Board of Directors of the District and with the Clerk of the City Council of Cincinnati, Ohio.

The undersigned owner of real property to be located within the District acknowledge that the District is subject to Ohio public records laws, including Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 *et seq.* The undersigned property owner agrees to the disclosure of certain property owner information by the District to the extent required by law.

SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN—ATTACHMENT A

Schedule of Special Assessments

The Property will be subject to special assessments for the Authorized Improvements in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710.

Total assessment costs:	\$6,890,881.00
Estimated semi-annual special assessments for 25 years:	\$ 137,817.62
Number of semi-annual assessments:	50
First semi-annual installment due:	January 31, 2022

The schedule of Special Assessments for the Authorized Improvements is as follows:

Special Assessment Payment Date ¹	Special Assessment Installment Amount ²
1/31/2022	\$137,817.62
7/31/2022	137,817.62
1/31/2023	137,817.62
7/31/2023	137,817.62
1/31/2024	137,817.62
7/31/2024	137,817.62
1/31/2025	137,817.62
7/31/2025	137,817.62
1/31/2026	137,817.62
7/31/2026	137,817.62
1/31/2027	137,817.62
7/31/2027	137,817.62
1/31/2028	137,817.62
7/31/2028	137,817.62
1/31/2029	137,817.62
7/31/2029	137,817.62
1/31/2030	137,817.62
7/31/2030	137,817.62
1/31/2031	137,817.62
7/31/2031	137,817.62
1/31/2032	137,817.62
7/31/2032	137,817.62
1/31/2033	137,817.62

¹ Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 323, the Special Assessment Payment Dates identified herein are subject to adjustment under certain conditions.

² Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 727.36, the Hamilton County Auditor may charge and collect a fee in addition to the amounts listed in this Attachment A.

Special Assessment Payment Date ¹	Special Assessment Installment Amount ²
7/31/2033	137,817.62
1/31/2034	137,817.62
7/31/2034	137,817.62
1/31/2035	137,817.62
7/31/2035	137,817.62
1/31/2036	137,817.62
7/31/2036	137,817.62
1/31/2037	137,817.62
7/31/2037	137,817.62
1/31/2038	137,817.62
7/31/2038	137,817.62
1/31/2039	137,817.62
7/31/2039	137,817.62
1/31/2040	137,817.62
7/31/2040	137,817.62
1/31/2041	137,817.62
7/31/2041	137,817.62
1/31/2042	137,817.62
7/31/2042	137,817.62
1/31/2043	137,817.62
7/31/2043	137,817.62
1/31/2044	137,817.62
7/31/2044	137,817.62
1/31/2045	137,817.62
7/31/2045	137,817.62
1/31/2046	137,817.62
7/31/2046	137,817.62

SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN—ATTACHMENT B

Description of Authorized Improvements

The Authorized Improvements are expected to consist of the following energy efficiency elements:

Date: 3/22/2021

Energy Project Name: Acabay Atrium Two L.P. Parcel ID: 083-0003-0036-00 County/State: Hamilton County, OH						
	Improvement Description	Useful Life	Contractor	Improvement Cost (\$)	Baseline Energy Cost (\$)	Projected Energy Savings (\$)
1	Elevator Modernization	30	Fujitec	\$3,213,555	\$4,617 (Electric)	\$2,219 (electric)
	Elevator Modernization – Change Order	N/A	Fujitec	\$37,278.74	N/A	N/A
	Electrical upgrades, required for Elevator Modernization	N/A	Hunt Builders Corporation	\$157,678	N/A	N/A
4						
5						
6						
TOTALS:		30 yrs		\$3,408,511.74	\$4,617	\$2,219

EXHIBIT C

**CITY OF CINCINNATI, OHIO ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
PROGRAM PLAN**

[See Attached]

**CITY OF CINCINNATI, OHIO ENERGY SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
PROGRAM PLAN**

The City of Cincinnati, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District (the “District”) will administer a property assessed clean energy (“PACE”) program (the “Program”). The Program will provide financing secured by special assessments on real property for special energy improvement projects. The District authorizes and adopts this plan for the Program (as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time as provided herein, the “Plan”) to provide for the Program’s administration and to set forth the terms and conditions of participation in the Program. The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, as the initial property owner owning real property within the District, as well as in its capacity as a party with interests aligned with the City of Cincinnati (the “City”) with respect to the formation of the District, authorizes and consents to this Plan.

The District is established pursuant to the special energy improvement district provisions of Chapter 1710 of the Ohio Revised Code. This Plan refers to Chapter 1710 and any and all future amendments to the special energy improvement district provisions of Chapter 1710 as the “Act.” Any specific statutory reference contained in this Plan shall also refer to any succeeding or amending statutory provision.

Participation in the District’s Program is limited to property owners who have agreed to add their property to the District and who otherwise meet the Program’s terms and conditions. These terms and conditions are addressed in this Plan, and include, without limitation, an application, a petition, a schedule of assessments to be made on included property (“Assessment Schedule”), and the governing documents forming the District. The District’s governing documents include its Articles of Incorporation, Code of Regulations, resolutions duly adopted by the board of directors of the District, and the applicable resolutions and ordinances of the participating political subdivision where the real property is located (collectively, the “Governing Documents”). As a condition to participation in the District and the Program, each property owner must review and agree to the Governing Documents and further must review, agree to, and execute this Plan, an application, a petition, and an Assessment Schedule. The Governing Documents, this Plan, the applications, the petitions, and the Assessment Schedules are referred to herein collectively as the “District Documents.”

The District Documents establish the terms and conditions of the Program. The Program terms and conditions may be amended from time to time as described in Part X of this Plan. **By agreeing to and executing the District Documents, each property owner consents to the terms and conditions of all District Documents.**

I. Purpose of the Program

The Program is intended to assist property owners, whether private or public, who own real property within participating political subdivisions to obtain financing for special energy

improvement projects, as that term is defined in the Act (the “Authorized Improvements”). Obligations, including but not limited to special assessment reimbursement agreements, special assessment revenue bonds and revenue notes, loan obligations or other evidences of indebtedness, or nonprofit corporation securities (collectively, the “Program Obligations”) may be issued by the District or on behalf of the District by a third party. Program Obligations or the proceeds from the sale of the Program Obligations may be used to finance Authorized Improvements that benefit properties within the District and any costs incurred by the District in connection with the issuance of Program Obligations. Participating political subdivisions shall levy special assessments on real property included in the District, the payment of which may pay the Program Obligations and the costs of administering the Program. Special assessment payments levied to finance Authorized Improvements will be due and payable by property owners at the same time real property taxes are due; provided, that certain Program Obligations may require special assessments to be due and payable by property owners only to the extent that such property owners fail to pay an obligation of the property owner secured by special assessments, such as a loan, in which case special assessments will only be due and payable by property owners if actually levied.

Nothing in this Plan shall be construed as a representation on the part of any participating political subdivision, the District, the Board, or any of the directors, officers, agents, members, independent contractors, or employees of the District or Board that the Program is the best financing option for every situation. Property owners are advised to conduct independent research to determine the best course of action.

II. The District’s Governance, Program Administrator, and Conduit Financing Entity

The District shall be governed, pursuant to the District Documents and the Act, by the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio (the “Corporation”) to govern the District.

Pursuant to the Act, other Ohio law, and the Code of Regulations of the Corporation, the Board may from time to time, and under such conditions as the Board determines, delegate any or all of the authority contained in this Plan to its sub-committee or to an agent, independent contractor, or employee of the District or the Board.

This Plan specifically contemplates that, as authorized in the Act, Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance will serve as the District’s “Program Administrator” and render program administration services to the District and the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority will serve as the District’s “Conduit Financing Entity” and render conduit financing services to the District.

The District is authorized to contract with Greater Cincinnati Energy Alliance for program administration services rendered to the District. The program administration services rendered by the Program Administrator may include, without limitation (i) pursuant to Part III of this Plan, developing and administering eligibility guidelines, creating and administering an application,

setting criteria and developing a list of pre-approved contractors, procuring resources or cooperating with property owners to procure resources, and administering referrals, (ii) pursuant to Part IV of this Plan, marketing, program design, cooperating with property owners to implement Authorized Improvements, and other administrative services, and (iii) the establishment and administration of a revolving loan facility providing financing for certain special energy improvement projects.

The District is authorized to contract with the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority for conduit financing services rendered to the District. The conduit financing services rendered by the Conduit Financing Entity may include, without limitation (i) pursuant to Part III of this Plan, financing Authorized Improvement and cooperating with property owners to obtain financing, (ii) pursuant to Part IV of this Plan, tracking and administering Program Obligations, administering special assessments, budgeting, and conducting or overseeing the audit process, (iii) assistance with marketing efforts relating to the District, and (iv) tracking compliance with respect to the Economic Inclusion Plan established by the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority.

III. Program Eligibility, Approvals, Financing, and Procurement

The Board is hereby authorized to create, administer, amend, and abolish a process by which property owners join the Program. The process by which property owners join the Program may include, without limitation, the following requirements:

- (A) Eligibility. The Board is hereby authorized to create, administer, amend, and abolish eligibility requirements for the Program. The Board is further authorized to determine, in each individual case, whether property is eligible for participation in the Program.

To be eligible for participation in the Program, each property owner must file a petition with the Board requesting to add its property to the District and requesting the levy of special assessments to be used to pay or secure Program Obligations issued or used to finance Authorized Improvements. Each parcel of real property added to the District must have at least one Authorized Improvement. The petition to add property to the District shall be considered by the District in accordance with this Plan and the other District Documents. If the District approves the petition, it shall submit the petition to the executive officer and legislative body of the participating political subdivision in which the real property is located. A property owner may file more than one petition and may amend or withdraw any petition filed at any time before the petition is approved by the legislative body of the participating political subdivision in which the real property is located. Petitions shall conform to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and any requirements of the Board.

To be eligible for participation in the Program, each property owner must agree to be bound by the terms of this Plan. The Plan for the District may be amended and supplemented from time to time in accordance with its terms, including,

specifically, by supplements to the Plan which identify additional Authorized Improvements within the District to be subject to the Plan or add property to the District and subject such additional property to the Plan. To be eligible for participation in the Program, each property owner must file a supplement to this Plan (the "Plan Supplement") with the Board and the clerk of the legislative body of the participating political subdivision in which the real property is located identifying the Authorized Improvements to be undertaken as part of the Plan applicable to real property within the District or to be added to the district. Plan Supplements shall include such other information as may be required by the Board. Plan Supplements shall conform to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 and any requirements of the Board.

To be eligible for participation in the Program, each property owner must agree to and must execute an Affidavit on Facts Relating to Title under Section 5301.252 of the Ohio Revised Code to be recorded with respect to the real property to be added to the District and filed with the clerk of the legislative body of the participating political subdivision in which the real property is located, which Affidavit on Facts Relating to Title shall state that the property owner has consented to include such real property in the District and that the property owner consents to, and will take all actions necessary to place upon such property, any subsequent special improvement district formed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1710 that includes such real property as long as the statutory conditions for forming the subsequent special improvement district are otherwise satisfied.

- (B) Application. The Board is hereby authorized to create, administer, amend, and abolish an application, including a pre-application, for participation in the Program. The Board further may set the terms and conditions for the application's use and evaluation.
- (C) Contractors. The Board is hereby authorized to require property owners to complete Authorized Improvements through the work of pre-approved contractors. The Board is further authorized to create criteria for the approval of contractors, including but not limited to compliance with the Economic Inclusion Plan adopted by the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority, and to determine which contractors meet the criteria and are approved. The Board may communicate which contractors have been pre-approved to property owners by any means the Board deems appropriate, and the Board shall determine whether property owners comply with its pre-approved contractor's requirements.

Nothing in this Plan or the District Documents shall be construed to be a recommendation or guarantee of reliability of pre-approved contractors by any participating political subdivision, the District, the Board, or any of the directors, officers, agents, members, independent contractors, or employees of the District or Board.

- (D) Procurement and Referrals. The Board is hereby authorized to procure supplies, services, contracts, financing, and other resources related to the completion of Authorized Improvements. The Board is further authorized to refer property owners to suppliers, service providers, contractors, lenders, and the providers of other resources related to the completion of Authorized Improvements and the administration of District activities.

Pursuant to the Act, the Board shall adopt written rules prescribing competitive bidding procedures for the District and for Authorized Improvements undertaken by the District on behalf of property owners, which competitive bidding procedures may differ from competitive bidding procedures applicable to the City or the procedures in Chapter 735 of the Ohio Revised Code and may specify conditions under which competitive bidding is not required. Except as specified in the Act and in this Plan, the District Documents shall not be construed to eliminate or alter the competitive bidding procedures applicable to the City as a participating political subdivision.

- (E) Financing. The Board is hereby authorized to finance Authorized Improvements through the use or issuance of Program Obligations. The Board may hire such legal and financial professionals as may be required to successfully finance Authorized Improvements through the use or issuance of Program Obligations.

IV. Services Plan

The Board is hereby authorized to provide ongoing services to the District, its property, and the property owners. All services provided under this Plan shall be deemed to be services provided in furtherance of Authorized Improvements provided under this Plan. Such services, without limitation, may include the following:

- (A) Program Design. The Board is hereby authorized to design comprehensive services to establish and maintain the Program's legal and programmatic framework.
- (B) Program Administration. The Board is hereby authorized to educate the public on the Program and its purposes, market the program to the public, process applications, verify aspects of the Authorized Improvements, assure the Program's overall quality and the quality of Authorized Improvements, serve customers, and assist property owners in the origination and closing processes.
- (C) Marketing. The Board is hereby authorized to market the Program and promote the District's image through means such as developing literature and brochures, conducting public relations, collecting data, managing information, cooperating with members, creating electronic and print marketing materials, and holding special events.

- (D) Authorized Improvement Implementation. The Board is hereby authorized to cooperate with property owners for the implementation of Authorized Improvements, including cooperating with property owners for the addition of property to the District and the approval of petitions and Plan Supplements by participating political subdivisions and the Board.
- (E) Tracking and Administration of Program Obligations. The Board is hereby authorized to create, administer, amend, and abolish procedures for the tracking and administration of Program Obligations issued or used to finance Authorized Improvements. Without limitation, the administration of special assessments may include reporting delinquent special assessments, following-up with delinquent property owners, and coordinating with delinquent property owners. The Board may hire such professionals as may be required to successfully track and administer Program Obligations.
- (F) Administering Special Assessments. The Board is hereby authorized to create, administer, amend, and abolish procedures for the administration of special assessments levied pursuant to the District Documents. Without limitation, the administration of special assessments may include calculating the amount of special assessments, preparing certifications of special assessments for the county auditor, billing the special assessments, and considering property owners' claims regarding the calculation or billing of special assessments. The Board may hire such professionals as may be required to successfully administer special assessments.
- (G) Budgeting. The Board shall provide for the production of an annual report describing the District's budget, services delivered, revenues received, expenditures made, and other information about the District's activities. The annual report shall be made available to the Board and to the District's members. The Board may hire such professionals as may be required to successfully account for all District finances.
- (H) Auditing. The Board is hereby authorized to provide for an audit of the District in such manner as the Board deems appropriate. The Board may hire such professionals as may be required to successfully audit the District.
- (I) Other Services. The Board is hereby authorized to provide any other services authorized by the Act.

V. Fees

Program Costs. The Board is hereby authorized to charge to property owners, as costs of administering the Program, any costs permitted by the Act. Such costs may include, without limitation, the following:

- (A) The cost of creating and operating the District, including creating and operating City of Cincinnati, Energy Special Improvement District, Inc., hiring employees and professional services, contracting for insurance, and purchasing or leasing office space or office equipment;
- (B) The cost of planning, designing, and implementing Authorized Improvements or services under this Plan, including payment of architectural, engineering, legal, appraisal, insurance, consulting, energy auditing, and planning fees and expenses, and, for services under this Plan, the management, protection, and maintenance costs of public or private facilities;
- (C) Any court costs incurred by the District in implementing this Plan or any Plan Supplements;
- (D) Any damages resulting from implementing the public improvements or public services plan;
- (E) The costs of issuing, monitoring, paying interest on, and redeeming or refunding Program Obligations issued or used to finance Authorized Improvements or services under this Plan; and
- (F) The costs associated with the sale, lease, lease with an option to purchase, conveyance of other interests in, or other contracts for the acquisition, construction, maintenance, repair, furnishing, equipping, operation, or improvement of the District's territory, or between the District and any owner of property in the District on which an Authorized Improvement has been acquired, installed, equipped, or improved.

Pursuant to the Act, such Program costs may be included in the special assessments levied on real property within the District.

Application Fee. The Board is hereby authorized to set and charge an application fee for Program services provided by the District. The application fee may be non-refundable. The application fee may be credited to the cost of Authorized Improvements if the application is approved and an Authorized Improvement is made to the property for which application was made.

VI. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Regulations and Requirements

Energy Efficiency Reporting Requirements. Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.061 requires the Board to submit a quarterly report to each electric distribution utility ("EDU") with a District Authorized Improvement within the EDU's certified territory. The quarterly report submitted to the EDU must include the total number and a description of each new and ongoing District Authorized Improvement that produces energy efficiency savings or reduction in demand and other additional information that the EDU needs to obtain credit under Ohio Revised Code

Section 4928.66 for energy efficiency savings or reduction in demand from such projects. The Board is hereby authorized to submit quarterly reports due required under Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.061. Property owners shall comply with Board requirements for information gathering and reporting to ensure Board compliance with Ohio Revised Code Section 1710.061.

Energy Efficiency Credits. The Board is hereby authorized to adopt rules governing energy efficiency credits associated with Authorized Improvements financed with Program Obligations or the proceeds of Program Obligations. Property owners shall comply with Board requirements in furtherance of energy efficiency credit programs.

Renewable Energy Credits. The Board is hereby authorized to adopt rules governing renewable energy credits associated with Authorized Improvements financed with Program Obligations or the proceeds of Program Obligations. Property owners shall comply with Board requirements in furtherance of renewable energy credit programs.

Monetizing Other Energy Efficiency or Renewable Energy Attributes. The Board is hereby authorized to adopt rules governing the monetization of any energy efficiency or renewable energy attributes of any Authorized Improvements financed with Program Obligations or the proceeds of Program Obligations. Property owners shall comply with Board requirements in furtherance of the monetization of such attributes.

VII. Statutory Requirements

As provided in the District Documents:

- (A) Additional territory may be added to the District in accordance with the Act and the rules established by the Board pursuant to Part III of this Plan.
- (B) The District Documents may be amended or supplemented in accordance with their terms.
- (C) As described in this Plan, the Board is authorized to implement and amend this Plan, any Supplemental Plan, and any other plans for Authorized Improvements, public improvements, and public services, all in accordance with the Act.
- (D) The public improvements to be provided by the District are the Authorized Improvements identified in each petition and Plan Supplement. The area where the Authorized Improvements will be undertaken will be the area identified in each petition requesting formation of the District or requesting addition of real property to the District. The method of assessment shall be in proportion to the special benefits received by each property owner within the District as a result of Authorized Improvements.

- (E) For the purpose of levying an assessment, the Board may combine levies for Authorized Improvements and public services into one special assessment to be levied against each specially benefited property in the District.

VIII. Changes in State and Federal Law

The ability to issue or use Program Obligations to finance Authorized Improvements is subject to a variety of state and federal laws. If these laws change after property owners have applied to the District for financing, the District may be unable to fulfill its obligations under this Plan. **The District shall not be obligated to implement any provision of this Plan which is contrary to state or federal law. The District shall not be liable for any inability to finance Authorized Improvements as a result of state and federal law or any changes in state and federal law which reduce or eliminate the effectiveness of financing Authorized Improvements through the District's Program.**

IX. Releases and Indemnification

The District has been created with the approval of the City of Cincinnati, Ohio, as a participating political subdivision, for the purposes of implementing this Plan and administering the Program. The District and any participating political subdivision shall be neither responsible nor liable for the installation, operation, financing, refinancing, or maintenance of Authorized Improvements. Property owners will be solely responsible for the installation, operation, financing, refinancing, and maintenance of the Authorized Improvements. Participation in the Program does not in any way obligate the District or any participating political subdivision to ensure the viability of Authorized Improvements. Owners of assessed real property must pay the special assessments regardless of whether the Authorized Improvements are properly installed or operate as expected.

By agreeing to and executing this Plan, each owner of real property included in the District (other than any political subdivision that owns real property included in the District) agrees to release, defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the District and the participating political subdivisions, including their directors, officers, members, agents, independent contractors, and employees, from and against any claims, actions, demands, costs, damages or lawsuits, arising out of or connected with participation in the Program. Any political subdivision that owns real property included in the District agrees to release and hold harmless the District and the participating political subdivisions, including their directors, officers, members, agents, independent contractors, and employees, from and against any claims, actions, demands, costs, damages or lawsuits, arising out of or connected with the political subdivision's participation in the Program in its capacity as a property owner.

X. Changes in the Program Terms; Severability

Participation in the Program is subject to the District Document terms and conditions in effect from time to time during participation. The District reserves the right to change this Plan and the

terms and conditions of the District Documents at any time without notice. No such change will affect a property owner's obligation to pay special assessments as set forth in the District Documents.

If any provision of the District Documents is determined to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, that provision shall be severed from these District Documents and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

XI. Disclosure of Property Owner Information

The District and any participating political subdivision may disclose information of the District to any agent of the District or to third parties when such disclosure is essential either to the conduct of the District's business or to provide services to property owners, including but not limited to where such disclosure is necessary to (i) comply with the law (ii) enable the District and participating political subdivisions and their agents to provide services or otherwise perform their duties, and (iii) obtain and provide credit reporting information. In order to receive funding for the Program and to enable communication regarding the State of Ohio's energy programs, property owners' names and contact information may be disclosed to their current electric utilities. Property owners' names, contact information, and utility usage data further may be disclosed to the District and its agents for the purpose of conducting surveys and evaluating the Program. The District shall not disclose personal information to third parties for telemarketing, e-mail, or direct mail solicitation unless required to by law or court order.

Each owner of real property located within the District acknowledges that the District is subject to Ohio public records laws, including Ohio Revised Code Section 149.43 *et seq.* Each property owner that executes this Plan agrees to the disclosure of certain property owner information as stated in this Part.

BY EXECUTING THIS PLAN, THE PROPERTY OWNER IDENTIFIED BELOW HEREBY AUTHORIZES AND CONSENTS TO THIS PLAN AND AGREES TO PERFORM THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE PROPERTY OWNER CONTAINED IN THIS PLAN.

Date: July 23, 2014

**Property Owner:
PORT OF GREATER CINCINNATI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Authorized Signatory



Laura Brunner, as
President and Chief Executive Officer

Address for notices to Property Owner:

Port of Greater Cincinnati Development
Authority

299 East Sixth Street, Suite 2A

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Description of Real Property Subject to this Plan:

The real property subject to this Plan is located at the commonly used mailing address 1682 Seymour Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237. The front footage of the real property subject to this Plan is 233.00 feet, and its area is 0.418 acres. The Hamilton County Auditor Parcel ID for the real property subject to this Plan is 117-0007-0064-00. The following is the legal description for the real property subject to this Plan:

Parcel One

Situated in the City of Cincinnati, County of Hamilton, State of Ohio in Section 6, Township 3, Fractional Range 2, Millcreek Township and being Lot #1 of Shonae Subdivision, Block A, as recorded in Plat Book 105, Page 44, Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's records.

Parcel Two

[Property Owner Consent to Plan]

The following described real estate situated in Section 6, Town 3, Fractional Range 2, Miami Purchase, in the City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio, being part of Lot 2, Part 1, Block "B", Shonae Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 120, Pages 49 and 50 of the Hamilton County, Ohio records.

Beginning in the Northwest corner of Block "A", Shonae Subdivision as recorded in Plat Book 105, Page 44 of the Hamilton County, Ohio Recorder's office;

Thence North 1 deg. 15' East, a distance of 21.75 feet; thence South 88 deg. 45' East, a distance of 146.46 feet to the Westerly line of Shona Drive; thence Southwardly along the Westerly line of Shona Drive on a curved line deflecting to the right with a radius of 220 feet a distance of 23.16 feet, chord of said curve bears South 21 deg. 16' 35" West, a distance of 23.14 feet to the Northeast corner of said Block "A", Shonae Subdivision, thence North 68 deg. 45' West, a distance of 138.53 feet to the place of beginning.

These parcels are not to be conveyed separately without prior approval of the governmental authority having jurisdiction.

[Property Owner Consent to Plan]