REPORT REQUIRED BY TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 399.009

FOR PROPOSED GALVESTON COUNTY

PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) PROGRAM

This Report is adopted by the Galveston County Commissioners Court for the Galveston County Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program (**the "Program"**) in accordance with the requirements of the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act (**the "PACE Act"**) as set forth in Texas Local Government Code Chapter 399.

Galveston County and its constituents benefit when older existing buildings are modified with new technology and equipment that increases energy efficiency and reduces water consumption. As described in this Report, Galveston County is establishing the commercial PACE Program to encourage private sector investment in energy efficiency and water conservation. The PACE Program will be offered to property owners on a strictly voluntary basis and will not require the use of any public funds or resources.

Authorized under the PACE Act enacted in 2013, the PACE program is an innovative financing program that enables private sector owners of commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential properties with five or more dwelling units to obtain low-cost, long-term loans to pay for water conservation, energy-efficiency improvements, and renewable energy retrofits. PACE loans provide up to 100% financing of all project costs, with little or no up-front out-of-pocket cost to the owner. The County has chosen, in part, to follow the administrative principles, program processes, and model documents of the uniform Texas "PACE in a Box" model program.[1]

Loans made under the Galveston PACE Program by independent lenders are secured by assessments on the property that are voluntarily imposed by local government at the request of the owner. Assessments may be amortized over the projected life of the improvements. The annual utility cost savings derived from improvements financed with PACE loans are expected to equal or exceed the amount of the annual assessment payments. In turn, these improvements can generate positive cash flow upon installation because the debt service will be less than the savings.

PACE assessments are tied to the property and follow title from one owner to the next. Each owner is responsible only for payment of the assessments accruing during its period of ownership. When the property is sold, the payment obligation for the remaining balance of the assessment is transferred automatically to the next owner. As a result, the program will help property owners overcome market barriers that often discourage investment in energy efficiency and water conservation improvements.

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[1] https://www.keepingpaceintexas.org/pace-in-a-box

1. Eligible Properties

The Galveston County PACE program is a strictly voluntary program. All private sector owners of Eligible Properties located within the County's PACE region may participate in PACE financing. The entire territory of the County is designated as the region in which the Program is available. ***"Eligible Properties"*** include commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential properties with five or more dwelling units. Government, residential[2], and undeveloped property and property undergoing development at the time of the assessment are not Eligible Properties.

2. Qualified Improvements

PACE financing may be used to pay for Qualified Improvements to Eligible Properties. ***"Qualified Improvements"*** are permanent improvements intended to decrease water or energy consumption or demand, including devices on the customer's side of the meter that use energy technology to generate electricity, provide thermal energy, or regulate temperature. Under the PACE Act, products or devices that are not permanently fixed to real property are not Qualified Improvements.

The following upgrades may constitute Qualified Improvements:

- High efficiency heating, ventilating and air conditioning ("HVAC") systems
- High efficiency chillers, boilers, and furnaces
- High efficiency water heating systems
- Energy management systems and controls
- Distributed generation systems
- High efficiency lighting system upgrades
- Building enclosure and envelope improvements
- Water conservation and wastewater recovery and reuse systems
- Combustion and burner upgrades
- Heat recovery and steam traps
- Water management systems and controls (indoor and outdoor)
- High efficiency irrigation equipment

3. Benefits of PACE to Property Owners

The PACE program will enable owners of Eligible Properties to overcome traditional barriers to capital investments in energy efficiency and water conservation improvements, such as slow returns on investment, split incentives between landlords and tenants, and uncertainty of recouping the investment.

By financing Qualified Improvements through the program, property owners may achieve utility cost savings that exceed the amount of the assessment and reduce their exposure to utility price volatility. As a result, the value of the property will be enhanced. The owner will only be

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[2] This encompasses single family residential and any multi-family properties with fewer than five units.

obligated to pay the assessment installments that accrue during its period of ownership. Property owners may also qualify for various rebate, tax credit, and incentive programs offered by utility providers and state or federal governmental authorities to encourage investments in energy efficiency and water conservation.

4. Benefits of PACE to Galveston County

The PACE Program benefits the entire County by improving our existing buildings, increasing property values, encouraging economic development, and saving energy and water, all without requiring any public funds.

Among other things, projects financed through PACE will:

- Enable property owners and occupants to save substantial amounts in utility costs,
- Reduce demand on the electricity grid,
- Mitigate greenhouse gas emissions associated with energy generation,
- Enhance the value and efficiency of existing buildings,
- Boost the local economy by creating new job opportunities and new business opportunities for contractors, engineers, commercial lenders, professionals, and equipment vendors and manufacturers;
- Increase business retention and expansion region by enabling cost effective energy and water saving updates to existing property,
- Improve productivity through optimized energy usage, and
- Support the State's water conservation plan and better enable the County to meet its water conservation goals.

Finally, through the reduction in energy consumption as a result of the PACE Program, there will be a decreased demand for power, resulting in lower emissions from power plants.

The PACE program requires minimal support from the County. It is designed to be self-sustaining and is administered by qualified third-party administrators. Furthermore, because the PACE program is not tax supported, it achieves all of the listed benefits without imposing a burden on the County's general fund.

Under the PACE Act, the establishment and operation of the program are governmental functions.[3] The 84th Texas Legislature added a provision to the PACE Act that explicitly shields from liability a local government and its employees, members of a governing body and any third party who enter into a contract with a local government to provide administrative services for a PACE program.[4] The 85th session of the Texas Legislature clarified that elected officials are afforded the same protections stablished by the 84th session of the legislature.[5]

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[3] TX Local Gov't Code §399.003(b)

[4] TX. Local Gov't Code §399.019. In the 85th legislature, HB 2654 clarified that the personal immunity provisions apply to all elected officials performing rights and duties under chapter 399 of the Local Government Code.

[5] Acts 2017, 85th Leg., R.S., Ch. 864 (H.B. 2654), Sec. 1, eff. September 1, 2017.

5. The Benefits of PACE to Lenders

PACE financing is attractive to lenders because it creates very secure investments. Like a property tax lien, the assessment lien securing the PACE financing has priority over other liens on the property. Therefore, the risk of loss from non-payment is low compared to most other types of loans. PACE assessments provide lenders with an attractive new product to assist existing and new customers in addressing an almost universal pent-up demand for needed but postponed equipment modernization. In order to protect the holders of existing mortgage loans on the property, the PACE Act requires their written consent to the PACE assessment as a condition to obtaining PACE financing.

6. The Benefits of PACE to Contractors, Engineers, and Manufacturers

The PACE Program provides an attractive source of financing for water and energy saving retrofits and upgrades, thereby encouraging property owners to make substantial investments in existing commercial and industrial buildings. As a result, PACE will unlock business opportunities for contractors, engineers, and manufacturers throughout the commercial and industrial sectors.

7. Administration of the PACE Program

The PACE Act authorizes the County to enter into a contract with a third party to provide administrative services for the PACE program and act as the representative of the County in executing the contracts with property owners and lenders (the ***"Authorized Representative"***). Galveston County has chosen to delegate administration of the PACE program to qualified third-party organizations that can administer the program at no cost to the County.

Authorized Representatives serve as an extension of the local government staff to provide oversight of the Program to ensure best practices and consumer protections at the lowest possible cost to the property owner in a transparent and ethical manner and to provide public education and outreach. Authorized representatives must agree to the County's administrative, underwriting and technical standards.

The Galveston County PACE Program is offered by the County and administered by Authorized Representatives of the County. Because the program is created by the County as a benefit to constituents and because the County imposes, maintains and enforces assessments on behalf of the property owners, constituents have a reasonable expectation that the program will be administered ethically and transparently. To that end, Authorized Representatives are expected to adhere to the highest ethical standards on behalf of the County, including:

a. Financial Transparency and Prohibition of Self-Dealing. The Authorized Representative (including its officers, directors, partners, employees, affiliates and

other similarly related parties, family member, or any company that the Authorized Representative owns or has a financial interest in) may not:

1. have an ownership or financial interest in any Project or any person or company involved in the project, the real property, or its owner;
2. review, approve or participate in funding any project in which it has or may have a direct or indirect interest or may derive a potential financial benefit (apart from authorized application and administration fees); or
3. receive or accept any financial benefit from any organization involved in any PACE project within the jurisdiction of the local government (other than. application and administration fees or other appropriate travel, event sponsorships, or permitted behavior under the Ethics Commission's A Guide to Ethics Law for State Officers and Employees[6]).

b. Revenue Disclosure. The authorized representative must publicly disclose the sources of all revenue exceeding $5,000 derived by it on an annual basis

c. Fee Approval and Disclosure. All fees charged or received in conjunction with administration or a PACE project under the Galveston County PACE program by the Authorized Representative (including its officers, directors, partners, employees, affiliates and other similarly related parties, family member, or any company that the Authorized Representative owns or has a financial interest in) must be approved by the local government consistent with the PACE Act[7], publicly disclosed, and reviewed annually by the local government.

d. Marketplace Distortion. The Authorized Representative (including its officers, directors, partners, employees, affiliates and other similarly related parties) shall not:

1. Provide or offer to provide any commercial services of any nature for or in connection with PACE projects located within the jurisdiction of the local government; or
2. Require property owners to obtain services from specific, favored vendors other than objective minimum standards for quality assurance that apply to all parties;

e. Compliance with Local Employee Conflicts of Interest and Disclosure Policies. The Authorized Representative Must at all times:

1. comply with the local government's employee conflicts of interest and disclosure policies; and

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6 https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/guides/Go-e.pdf

7 TX Local Gov't Code §399.008(e)

2. comply with all of the conflicts of interest and disclosure requirements applicable to local government employees under Texas Association of Counties' 2017 Short Answers to Common Questions prepared by Association Legal Department.[8]

f. Stakeholder Inclusion. The Authorized Representative will endeavor provide education, outreach and training to all potential stakeholders including underserved communities and small businesses and describe these efforts annually to the County.

Authorized Representatives will be funded by administrative fees paid by the property owners, charitable grants, or other authorized sources of revenue. Authorized Representatives will not receive compensation or reimbursement from the County.

Periodic updates to the standard form documents (described in Section 9) will be necessary as the program evolves, incorporating best practices and standardizing the PACE documents across various PACE programs. The Authorized Representatives will be tasked with maintaining the form documents and making technical and conforming updates as necessary so long as all authorized representatives and the County approve of the changes to the form documents in advance and the changes are consistent with the resolution to establish the PACE program and the Texas PACE Act.

8. Eligible Lenders

The PACE Act does not set criteria for financial institutions or investors to be PACE lenders. The County will follow best practices of other PACE programs and the Texas "PACE in a Box" model program by requiring that lenders be:

- Any federally insured depository institution such as a bank, savings bank, savings and loan association and federal or state credit union;
- Any insurance company authorized to conduct business in one or more states;
- Any registered investment company, registered business development company, or a Small Business Investment Company;
- Any publicly traded entity;
- Any private entity that:
  - Has a minimum net worth of $5 million; and
  - Has at least three years' experience in business or industrial lending or commercial real estate lending (including multifamily lending), or has a lending officer that has at least three years' experience in business or industrial lending or commercial real estate lending;
  - Can provide independent certification as to availability of funds; and

[8] https://www.county.org/member-services/legal-resources/publications/Documents/Disclosure%20of%20Certain%20Business%20Relationships.pdf

- Has the ability to carry out, either directly or through a servicer, the bookkeeping and customer service work necessary to manage the assessment accounts.

Any financially stable entity with the ability to carry out, either directly or through a servicer, the obligations of the lender under the PACE Lender Contract may participate in the Program. The property owner, not the County or the Authorized Representative, selects the lender and authorized representatives may not limit a property owner's choice of qualified lender.

The Authorized Representative will not guarantee or imply that funding will automatically be provided from a third-party lender, imply or create any endorsement of, or responsibility for, any lender; or create any type of express or implied favoritism for any eligible lender.

9. Components of the PACE Program

As required under Section 399.009 of the PACE Act, the following components describe the PACE Program:

a. Map of Region. A map of the boundaries of the region included in the program is attached to this Report as Exhibit 1. The region encompasses the entire territory within the County limits.

b. Form Contract with Owner. A form contract between County and the record owner of Eligible Property is attached as Exhibit **2**. It specifies the terms of the assessment under the PACE Program and the financing to be provided by an Eligible Lender of the property owner's choosing.

c. Form Contract with Lender. A form contract between County and an Eligible Lender chosen by a property owner is attached to this Report as Exhibit 3. It specifies the terms of financing and servicing of the debt through assessments.

d. Form Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien. A form Notice of Assessment Lien Pursuant to Property Assessed Clean Energy Act to be filed with the County Clerk for each Qualified Project is attached to this Report as Exhibit 4.

e. Qualified Improvements. The following types of projects are qualified improvements that may be subject to contractual assessments under the PACE program:

> Projects that (a) involve the installation or modification of a permanent improvement fixed to privately owned commercial, industrial or residential real property with five (5) or more dwelling units;[9] and (b) are intended to decrease energy or water consumption or demand by installing a product, device, or

[9] TX. Local Gov't Code §399.002(5).

interacting group of products or devices on the customer's side of the meter that uses energy technology to generate electricity, provide thermal energy, or regulate temperature. [10]

A sample list of potential Qualified Improvements appears in Section 2 above.

The PACE program may not be used to finance improvements to undeveloped lots or lots undergoing development at the time of the assessment, or for the purchase or installation of products or devices not permanently fixed to real property.[11]

k. Plans for Insuring Sufficient Capital.[12] Independent qualified lenders will make advances to finance Qualified Improvements. Financing documents executed between owners and lenders will specify the terms of the financing. The qualified lenders will ensure that property owners demonstrate the financial ability to fulfill the financial obligations to be repaid through contractual assessments. Authorized Representatives may list qualified lenders on their websites to help property owners identify capital providers. Such web pages must state that the list is not exclusive and the property owner may use any qualified lender.

l. No Use of Bonds or Public Funds. Galveston County does not intend to issue bonds or use any other public monies to fund PACE projects. Property owners will obtain all financing from the Eligible Lenders they choose.

m. Limit on Length of Financing. The PACE Act prohibits the assessment payment period from exceeding the useful life of the Qualified Improvement that is the basis for the assessment.[13] As part of the application process, the property owners will submit an independent third-party review prepared by a licensed engineer showing the water or energy baseline conditions and the projected water or energy savings pursuant to the Technical Standards Manual of the PACE in a Box model program.[14]

n. Application Process. The Authorized Representative will accept applications from property owners seeking to finance Qualified Improvements under the program. Each application must be accompanied by the required application fee and must include:

(1) A description of the specific Qualified Improvements to be installed or modified,

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[10] TX. Local Gov't Code §399.002(3).

[11] TX. Local Gov't Code §399.004.

[12] The Texas PACE Authority's website (www.texaspaceauthority.org) offers a non-exhaustive list of interested and qualified lenders to assist property owners in funding PACE projects in Texas.

[13] Chapter 399 section 399.009(a)(8)

[14] https://www.keepingpaceintexas.org/library/document-library

(2) A description of the specific real property to which the Qualified Improvements will be permanently fixed, and
(3) The total amount of financing, including any transaction costs, to be repaid through assessments.

Based on this information, the Authorized Representative may issue a preliminary letter indicating that, subject to verification of all requirements at closing, the proposed project appears to meet program requirements. Based on this preliminary letter, the property owner may initiate an independent third-party review of the project and submit the project to Eligible Lenders for approval of financing.

The property owner is expected to provide the following documentation to the Authorized Representative prior to closing of the PACE financing:

(1) A Report conducted by a qualified, independent third-party reviewer, showing water or energy baseline conditions and the projected water or energy savings, or the amount of renewable energy generated attributable to the project;
(2) Such financial information about the owner and the property as the lender chosen by the owner deems necessary to determine that the owner has demonstrated the financial ability to fulfill the financial obligations to be paid through assessments; and
(3) All other information required by the Authorized Representative pursuant to the resolutions, orders, and ordinances of Galveston County.

o. Financial Eligibility Requirements. The Authorized Representative will determine whether the owner, the property and the improvements are eligible for financing under the Program. The Eligible Lender chosen by the owner has the responsibility to determine whether the owner has demonstrated the financial ability to repay the financial obligations to be collected through contractual assessments. The demonstration of financial ability must be based on appropriate underwriting factors, including the following:

(1) verification that the person requesting to participate in the program is the legal record owner of the benefitted property,
(2) the applicant is current on mortgage and property tax payments,
(3) the applicant is not insolvent or in bankruptcy proceedings,
(4) the title of the benefitted property is not in dispute; and
(5) there is an appropriate ratio of the amount of the assessment to the assessed value of the property. Galveston County has determined that a ratio of 20% of loan to assessed value of the property is appropriate but acknowledges that in some circumstances a variance of this ratio may be appropriate. The Authorized Representative will consider appropriate factors in a variance request, including:

(a) The existing debt to assessed value of the property prior to closing the PACE financing,
(b). The estimated fair market value of the property and how the value was determined (e.g., market appraisal, desktop appraisal, insurance valuation, etc.); and
(c). The estimated post-renovation fair market value of the property (including an explanation on how this value was determined)

Galveston County has determined that to be eligible for PACE financing, the projected savings derived from the Qualified Improvement should be greater than the total cost of the PACE project and financing over the life of the assessment, i.e., the saving-to-investment ratio (SIR) should be greater than one, SIR>1. A lender or an owner may request a waiver in writing for a project with an SIR < 1. With the approval of the County, the Authorized Representative may grant a variance request after considering appropriate factors, including:

(a). Whether there are other environmental benefits such as air or water quality or resiliency benefits that are not captured in the SIR analysis;
(b) Whether the proposed Qualified Improvements generate marketable environmental credits that can be monetized;
(c). The SIR over the useful life of the equipment, rather than the term of the assessment;
(d). The impact of a variance request on any affected third parties; and
(e) Any other information the owner and lender wish to submit regarding the impact of the Qualified Improvements on the community.

p. Mortgage Holder Notice and Consent. As a condition to the execution of a contract imposing an assessment under the Program, the holder of any mortgage lien on the property must be given at least 30 days' notice of the owner's intention to participate in the Program and the owner must obtain the written consent of all mortgage holders.[15]

q. Imposition of Assessment. The Authorized Representative may enter into a written contract with the owner of a Qualified Property to impose an assessment on the owner's property to repay the financing of Qualified Improvements, only after:

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15 TX. Local Gov't Code §399.010.

(1) The property owner delivers to the Authorized Representative written consent of all mortgage lien holders;
(2) The Authorized Representative's determination that the owner and the property are eligible to participate in the program, that the proposed improvements are reasonably likely to decrease energy or water consumption or demand, and that the period of the requested assessment does not exceed the useful life of the Qualified Improvements; and
(3) The Eligible Lender notifies the Authorized Representative that the owner has demonstrated the financial ability to fulfill the financial obligations to be repaid through contractual assessments.

The Authorized Representative will file a Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien Pursuant to Property Assessed Clean Energy Act in substantially the form in Exhibit 4 in the Official Public Records of the County where the Eligible Property is located, as notice to the public of the assessment from the date of filing.

r. Collection of Assessments. The written contract between the Authorized Representative and the property owner and the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien will incorporate the terms of the financing documents executed between the property owner and the lender to repay the financing secured by the assessment. The lender will advance financing to the owner, and the terms for repayment will be such terms as agreed between the lender and the owner. Under the form lender contract attached as Exhibit 3, the lender or a designated servicer will service the debt secured by the assessment.[16]

With funds from the lender, the property owner will purchase directly the equipment and materials for the Qualified Improvement and contract directly, including through lease, power purchase agreement, or other service contract, for the installation or modification of the Qualified Improvements. Alternatively, the lender may advance progress payments to the property owner as the Qualified Improvements are installed.

The lender will collect the owner's installments to repay the debt and remit to the Authorized Representative any administrative fees due. The lender will have the right to assign or transfer the right to receive the installments of the debt secured by the assessment or to require the local government to enforce the lien securing the assessment in the event of a default, provided all of the following conditions are met:

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[16] The servicer will be responsible for maintaining payment records, account balances, and reporting to the Authorized Representative as required.

(1) The assignment or transfer is made to an Eligible Lender, as defined above;
(2) The property owner and the Authorized Representative are notified in writing of the assignment or transfer and the address to which payment of the future installments should be mailed at least 30 days before the next installment is due according to the schedule for repayment of the debt; and
(3) The assignee or transferee executes an explicit written assumption according to the financing documents of all of the lender's obligations under the lender contract related to the receipt of the installments or the enforcement of the assessment lien.

s. Verification Review. After a Qualified Improvement is completed, the Authorized Representative will require the property owner to provide verification by a qualified independent third-party reviewer that the Qualified Improvement was properly completed and is operating as intended.[17] The verification report conclusively establishes that the improvement is a Qualified Improvement and the project is qualified under the PACE program.[18]

t. Marketing and Education Services. The Authorized Representative will provide service provider training workshops for contractors, engineers, property managers and other stakeholders, provide outreach and education for all stakeholders including presentations, conference booths and individual meetings, and provide written and electronic materials such as case studies, flyers, and webinars. Galveston County may choose to collaboratively promote energy and water conservation and economic development to facilitate marketing, outreach and education services for the PACE program.

u. Quality Assurance and Antifraud Measures. The Authorized Representative will institute quality assurance and antifraud measures for the Program. The Authorized Representative will review each PACE application for completeness and supporting documents through independent review and verification procedures. Measures will be put in place to provide safeguards, including a review of the energy and water savings baseline and certification of compliance with the technical standards manual from an independent third-party reviewer (ITPR), who must be a registered professional engineer. This review will include a site visit, report, and a letter from the ITPR certifying that he or she has no financial interest in the project. After the construction of the project is complete, an ITPR will conduct a final site inspection and determine whether the project was completed and is operating properly.

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17 TX Local Gov't Code §399.011.

18 TX Local Government Code §399.011(a-1)

v. Delinquency. Under the terms of the form lender contract attached as Exhibit 3, if a property owner fails to pay an agreed installment when due, the lender agrees to take at least the following steps to collect the delinquent installment:

(1) Mail to the owner a written notice of delinquency and demand for payment by both certified mail (return receipt requested) and first-class mail, and

(2) Mail to the owner and the holder of any mortgage lien on the property a second notice of delinquency and demand for payment by both certified mail (return receipt requested) and first-class mail, at least 30 days after the date of the first notice if the delinquency is continuing.

If the owner fails to cure the delinquency within 30 days after mailing the second notice of delinquency, the lender may notify the Authorized Representative of the owner's default. Pursuant to Texas Local Government Code Section 399.014(c), the Authorized Representative will initiate steps on behalf of the County to enforce the assessment lien in the same manner as a property tax lien against real property may be enforced, to the extent the enforcement is consistent with Section 50, Article XVI, of the Texas Constitution. Delinquent installments will incur penalties and interest in the same manner and at the same rate as delinquent property taxes, according to Texas Local Government Code Section 399.014(d), and such statutory penalties and interest will be due to the County to offset the cost of collection.

If the County files suit to enforce collection of a delinquent installment, it may also recover costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, in the same manner and at the same rate as in suit to collect a delinquent property tax. If a delinquent installment of an assessment is collected after the filing of a suit, the County will remit to the lender the net amount of the delinquent installments and contractual interest collected and remit to the Authorized Representative the amount of any administrative fees collected but will retain any statutory penalties, interest, and attorney's fees collected.

EXHIBIT 1
MAP OF GALVESTON COUNTY PACE REGION

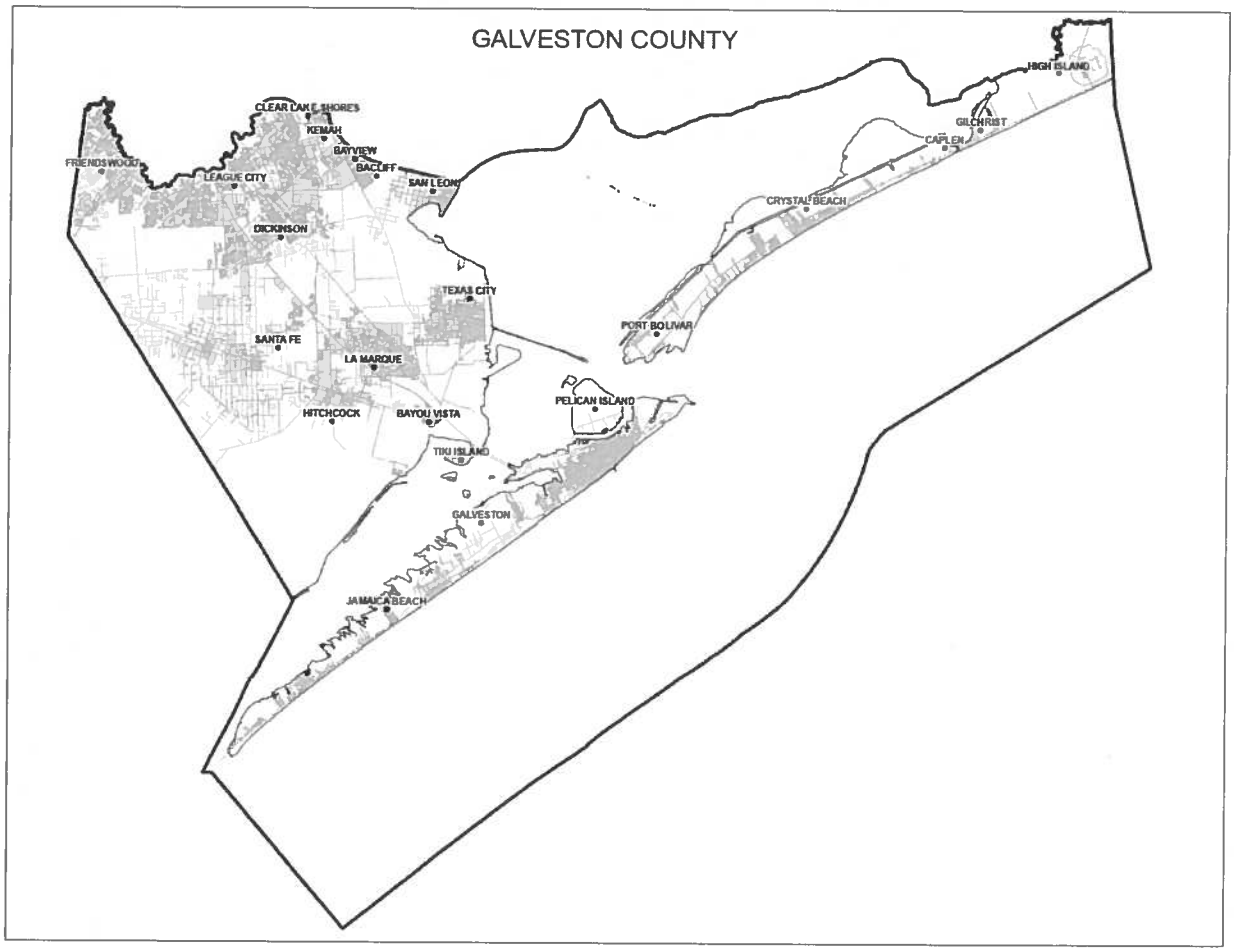


EXHIBIT 2

FORM OWNER CONTRACT

THIS PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY ("PACE") OWNER CONTRACT ("**Owner Contract**") is made as of the _____ day of _____, _____, by and between the County of Galveston, Texas ("**Local Government**"), and _____ ("**Property Owner**").

RECITALS

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

B. Local Government has established a program under the PACE Act pursuant to a resolution dated _____, adopted by the Commissioners Court (the "**PACE Program**"), and has designated _____ ("**Authorized Representative**") as the representative authorized to enter into the Assessment, Owner Contract and Lender Contract described herein, and has designated the entire territory within the County of Galveston jurisdiction as a region ("Region") within which the Authorized Representative and the record owners of such real property may enter into written contracts to impose assessments to repay the financing by owners of qualified improvements on the owner's property pursuant to the PACE Program.

C. Property Owner is the legal and record owner of the qualified "real property," as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act, within the Region located at _____, _____, Texas, _____ (the "**Property**").

D. Pursuant to Application number _____, Property Owner has applied to Local Government to participate in the PACE Program by installing or modifying on the Property certain permanent improvements which are intended to decrease water or energy consumption or demand, and which are or will be fixed to the Property as "qualified improvements", as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act (the "**Qualified Improvements**"). The installation or modification of such Qualified Improvements on the Property will be a "qualified project" as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act (the "**Project**"). Property Owner has requested that Local Government enter into this Owner Contract pursuant to the PACE Act and the PACE Program and has requested Local Government to impose an assessment (the "**Assessment**") on the Property as set forth in the Notice Of Contractual Assessment Lien Pursuant To Property Assessed Clean Energy Act to be filed in the in the Official Public Records of Galveston County, Texas (the "**Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien**"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof, to

repay the financing of such Qualified Improvements. The Property, Qualified Improvements and Assessment are more fully described in the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien.

E. The financing of such Qualified Improvements will be provided to Property Owner by _____ ("**Lender**"), a qualified lender selected by Property Owner, pursuant to a written contract executed by Lender and Local Government as required by Section 399.006(c) of the PACE Act and by the PACE Program (the "**Lender Contract**"). The financing will include only those costs and fees for which an assessment may be imposed under the PACE Act. Local Government has agreed to maintain and continue the Assessment for the benefit of Lender until such financing is repaid in full and to release the Assessment upon notice from Lender of such payment, or foreclose the lien securing the Assessment for the benefit of Lender upon notice from Lender of a default by Property Owner.

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

AGREEMENT

The parties agree as follows:

1. Imposition of Assessment. In consideration for the financing advanced or to be advanced to Property Owner by Lender for the Project under the PACE Program pursuant to the Lender Contract, Property Owner hereby requests and agrees to the imposition by Local Government of the Assessment in the amount of $_____, as set forth in the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien, including all interest, fees, penalties, costs, and other sums due under and/or authorized by the PACE Act, PACE Program and the financing documents between Property Owner and Lender (the "**Financing Documents**") which are described or listed on Exhibit C attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference. Property Owner promises and agrees to pay such amount and interest to Local Government, in care of or as directed by Lender, in satisfaction of the Assessment imposed pursuant to the Owner Contract and the PACE Act. Accordingly, Local Government hereby imposes the Assessment on the Property to secure the payment of such amount, in accordance with the requirements of the PACE Program and the provisions of the PACE Act.

2. Maintenance and Enforcement of Assessment. In consideration for Lender's agreement to advance financing to Property Owner for the Project pursuant to the Financing Documents, Local Government agrees to maintain and continue the Assessment on the Property for the benefit of Lender until the Assessment, including all interest, fees, penalties, costs, and other sums due under and/or authorized by the PACE Act, PACE Program and the Financing Documents are paid in full, and to release the Assessment upon notice from Lender of such payment. Local Government agrees to undertake reasonable efforts to enforce the Assessment against the Property for the benefit of Lender in the event of a default by Property Owner. Local Government agrees to send an annual notice of assessment to the Property Owner each year there is a PACE lien balance.

3. Installments. The Assessment, including the amount financed and contractual interest, is due and payable in installments as set forth in the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien and the Financing Documents ("**Installments**"). The Assessment shall include: (1) an application fee paid by Property Owner to Authorized Representative at loan closing, and (2) a recurring administration fee paid by Property Owner to the Authorized Representative. The recurring administration fee amount shall be collected by Lender and paid to the Authorized Representative within thirty (30) days of receipt by Lender, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Program Administrator. The amounts due to the Authorized Representative are identified in Exhibit C hereto. As required by Section 399.009(a) (8) of the PACE Act, the period during which such Installments are payable does not exceed the useful life of the Project. When the Assessment together with any prepayment premium, and/or default penalties and interest, if any, has been paid in full, Local Government's rights under this Owner Contract will cease and terminate. Upon notice from Lender that all amounts owing have been paid in full, Local Government will execute a release of the Assessment and this Owner Contract. Thereafter, the Authorized Representative will record the release.

4. Assignment of Right to Receive Installments. Lender will have the right to assign or transfer the right to receive the Installments of the financing secured by the Assessment, provided all of the following conditions are met:

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

(b) Property Owner and Authorized Representative are notified in writing of the assignment or transfer and the address to which payment of the future Installments should be mailed at least 30 days before the next Installment is due according to the payment schedule included in the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien and the Financing Documents; and

(c) The assignee or transferee, by operation of the Financing Documents or otherwise, written evidence of which shall be provided to Authorized Representative, assumes Lender's obligations under this Lender Contract.

Upon written notice to Property Owner and Authorized Representative of an assignment or transfer of the right to receive the Installments that meets all of these conditions, the assignor shall be released of all of the obligations of the Lender under such Lender Contract accruing after the date of the assignment assumed by and transferred to such assignee or transferee and all of such obligations shall be assumed by and transferred to the assignee. Any attempt to assign or transfer the right to receive the Installments that does not meet all of these conditions is void.

5. Lien Priority and Enforcement. Pursuant to Section 399.014 of the PACE Act,

(a) Delinquent Installments of the Assessment will incur interest and penalties in the same manner and in the same amount as delinquent property taxes, viz., a delinquent Installment incurs a penalty of 6% of the amount of the Installment for the first calendar month it is delinquent plus 1% for each additional month or portion of a month the Installment remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes

delinquent. However, an Installment delinquent on July 1 incurs a total penalty of 12% of the amount of the delinquent Installment without regard to the number of months it has been delinquent. A delinquent Installment will also accrue interest at the rate of 1% for each month or portion of a month that the Installment remains unpaid. Statutory penalties and statutory interest payable under this paragraph will be retained by Local Government to compensate it for the cost of enforcing the Assessment. Additional interest at any default rate imposed by Lender pursuant to the Financing Documents, along with any other fees and charges that become due pursuant to the Financing Documents may be assessed by Lender and retained by Lender.

(b) The Assessment, together with any penalties and interest thereon,

(1) is a first and prior lien against the Property from the date on which the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien is filed in the Official Public Records of Galveston County as provided by Section 399.014 of the PACE Act, until the financing secured by the Assessment and any penalties and interest are paid; and

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

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

(d) In the event of a default by Property Owner in payment of the Installments called for by the Financing Documents, the lien created by the Assessment will be enforced by Local Government in the same manner according to Texas Tax Code Secs. 33.41 to 34.23 that a property tax lien against real property may be enforced by a local government, to the extent the enforcement is consistent with Section 50, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

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

(f) After written notice of the Assessment is recorded in the real property records of the county in which the Property is located as provided under Section 399.013 of the PACE Act, the lien created by the Assessment may not be contested on the basis

that the improvement is not a "qualified improvement" or the project is not a "qualified project", as such terms are defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act.

6. Written Contract Required by PACE Act. This Owner Contract constitutes a written contract for the Assessment between the Property Owner and Local Government as required by Section 399.005 of the PACE Act. The Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien will be recorded in the Official Public Records of Galveston County as notice of the contractual Assessment, in accordance with the requirements of Section 399.013 of the PACE Act.

7. Qualified Improvements. Property Owner agrees that all improvements purchased, constructed and/or installed through financing obtained pursuant to this Owner Contract shall be permanently affixed to the Property and will transfer with the Property to the transferee in the event of and sale or assignment of the Property.

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

9. Construction and Definitions. This Owner Contract is to be construed in accordance with and with reference to the PACE Program and PACE Act. Terms used herein, and not otherwise defined herein, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in: (1) the PACE Program, and/or (2) the PACE Act.

10. Binding Effect. This Owner Contract inures to the benefit of Local Government and is binding upon Property Owner, its heirs, successors, and assigns.

11. Notices. All notices and other communications required or permitted by this Owner Contract shall be in writing and mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the other party at its address shown below the signature of such party or at such other address as such party may from time to time designate in writing to the other party, and shall be effective from the date of receipt.

12. Governing Law. This Owner Contract shall in all respects be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

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

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

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

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

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

18. Costs. No provisions of this Owner Contract will require Local Government to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder.

19. Construction Terms. If the Lender Contract includes requirements related to construction of the Project and disbursement of Financing, such requirements are set forth in Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Such requirements may include, among other things, (1) the disbursement schedule and (2) any holdback amount to be funded following verification of final project completion.

PROPERTY OWNER:

_____

By:_____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

_____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF _____ §

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

_____

_____(print name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

COUNTY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS

By:_____
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
Pursuant to Tex. Local Gov't Code §399.006(b)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

_____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF _____ §

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

_____

_____(print name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT LIEN
PURSUANT TO
PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY ACT

EXHIBIT B

MORTGAGE HOLDER(S) CONSENT

EXHIBIT C

FINANCING DOCUMENTS

Assessment Payment Schedule

Assessment Total:
Payment Frequency:

Payment Date	Total Payment	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Administration Fee	Remaining Balance

Financing Documents

Document Title	Parties	Date Executed

EXHIBIT D

CONSTRUCTION TERMS

[if applicable]

Date	Draw down Amount	Purpose

EXHIBIT 3
FORM LENDER CONTRACT

THIS PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY ("PACE") LENDER CONTRACT (the "**Lender Contract**") is made as of the _____ day of _____, _____, by and between the County of Galveston, Texas ("**Local Government**") and _____ ("**Lender**").

RECITALS

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

B. Local Government has established a program under the PACE Act pursuant to a resolution dated _____, adopted by the Commissioners Court (the "**PACE Program**"), and has designated _____ ("**Authorized Representative**") as the representative authorized to enter into the Assessment, Owner Contract and Lender Contract described herein, and has designated the entire territory within the County of Galveston, Texas jurisdiction as a region ("**Region**") within which the Authorized Representative and the record owners of such real property may enter into written contracts to impose assessments to repay the financing by owners of qualified improvements on the owner's property pursuant to the PACE Program.

C. Pursuant to Application number _____, _____ ("**Property Owner**") has applied to Local Government to participate in the PACE Program with respect to certain real property located at _____, _____, Texas, _____ (the "**Property**") by installing or modifying on the Property certain permanent improvements which are intended to decrease water or energy consumption or demand, and which are or will be fixed to the Property as "qualified improvements", as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act (the "**Qualified Improvements**"). The installation or modification of such Qualified Improvements on the Property will be a "qualified project" as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act (the "**Project**").

D. Property Owner and Local Government have entered into a written contract as required by Section 399.005 of the PACE Act, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof (the "**Owner Contract**"), in which Property Owner has requested that Local Government impose an assessment (the "**Assessment**") on the Property as set forth in the Notice Of Contractual Assessment Lien Pursuant To Property Assessed Clean Energy Act to be filed in the in the Official Public Records of Galveston County, Texas (the "**Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien**"), a copy of which is attached to the Owner Contract as Exhibit

A, to repay the financing of such Qualified Improvements. The Property, Qualified Improvements and Assessment are more fully described in the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien.

E. Financing for the Project (the "**Financing**") will be provided to Property Owner by Lender in accordance with financing documents which are described or listed on Exhibit B attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "**Financing Documents**"). Such Financing includes only those costs and fees for which an assessment may be imposed under the PACE Act. This Lender Contract is entered into between Local Government and Lender as required by Section 399.006(c) of the PACE Act to provide for repayment of the Financing secured by the Assessment.

F. As required by Section 399.010 of the PACE Act, Property Owner notified the holder(s) of any mortgage liens on the Property at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Owner Contract of Property Owner's intention to participate in the PACE Program. The written consent of each mortgage lien holder to the Assessment was obtained prior to the date of the Owner Contract, as shown by the copy of such consent(s) attached as Exhibit B to the Owner Contract.

AGREEMENT

The parties agree as follows:

1. Maintenance and Enforcement of Assessment. Lender agrees to provide the Financing for the Project in the total amount of $_____, according to the terms set out in the Financing Documents attached hereto as Exhibit B. In consideration for the Financing provided or to be provided by Lender for the Project, and subject to the terms and conditions of this Lender Contract, Local Government agrees to maintain and continue the Assessment for the benefit of Lender until the Financing, all contractual interest, any prepayment premium, additional penalties and interest imposed by the Lender under the Financing Documents according to the Financing Documents, and any statutory penalties, interest, attorney's fees, or costs accrued in the event of default are paid in full. Local Government will not release the Assessment until which time Lender notifies Local Government that all amounts owing have been paid in full. Local Government shall not sell, assign or transfer the Assessment or the assessment lien against the Property to any third party without the prior written consent of the Lender. Local Government agrees to enforce the assessment lien against the Property for the benefit of Lender in the event of a default by Property Owner in accordance with the provisions set forth in paragraph 6. Local Government shall have no obligation to repurchase the assessment and no liability to Lender should there be a default or an event of default in the payment thereof or should there be any other loss or expense suffered by Lender or under any other circumstances.

2. Installments. The Assessment, including the amount financed and contractual interest, is due and payable to Lender in installments as set forth in the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien and Financing Documents ("**Installments**"). The Assessment shall include: (1) an application fee paid by Property Owner to Authorized Representative at loan closing, and (2) a recurring administration fee paid by Property Owner to the Authorized Representative. The

recurring administration fee amount shall be collected by Lender and paid to the Authorized Representative within thirty (30) days of receipt by Lender, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the Program Administrator. The amounts due to the Authorized Representative are identified in Exhibit B hereto. As required by Section 399.009(a)(8) of the PACE Act, the period during which such Installments are payable does not exceed the useful life of the Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in event of default by Property Owner resulting in an Installments payment delinquency, Lender will, upon notice to Program Administrator, stay any amounts due to Program Administrator until such default has been cured and payments are received from Property Owner. Lender agrees that any stay in payments due to Program Administrator shall not reduce the total payments due to Program Administrator under the Financing Documents. When the Assessment together with any prepayment premium, and/or default penalties and interest, if any, has been paid in full, Local Government's rights under this Lender Contract will cease and terminate. Upon notice from Lender that all amounts owing have been paid in full, Local Government will execute a release of the Assessment and this Lender Contract. Thereafter, the Authorized Representative will record the release.

3. Assignment of Right to Receive Installments. Lender will have the right to assign or transfer the right to receive the Installments of the Assessment, provided all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The assignment or transfer is made to a qualified lender, which may be one of the following:

(1) Any federally insured depository institution such as a bank, savings bank, savings and loan association and federal or state credit union;

(2) Any insurance company authorized to conduct business in one or more states;

(3) Any registered investment company, registered business development company, or a Small Business Administration small business investment company;

(4) Any publicly traded entity; or

(5) Any private entity that:

(i) Has a minimum net worth of $5 million;

(ii) Has at least three years' experience in business or industrial lending or commercial real estate lending (including multifamily lending), or has a lending officer that has at least three years' experience in business or industrial lending or commercial real estate lending;

(iii) Can provide independent certification as to availability of funds; and

(iv) Has the ability to carry out, either directly or through a servicer, the bookkeeping and customer service work necessary to manage the assessment accounts

(6) A financially stable entity with the ability to carry out, either directly or through a servicer, the bookkeeping and customer service work necessary to manage the assessment accounts.

(b) Property Owner and Authorized Representative are notified in writing of the assignment or transfer and the address to which payment of the future Installments should be mailed at least 30 days before the next Installment is due according to the payment schedule included in the Financing Documents; and

(c) The assignee or transferee, by operation of the Financing Documents or otherwise, written evidence of which shall be provided to Authorized Representative, assumes Lender's obligations under this Lender Contract.

Upon written notice to Property Owner and Authorized Representative of an assignment or transfer of the right to receive the Installments that meets all of these conditions, the assignor shall be released of all of the obligations of the Lender under this Lender Contract accruing after the date of the assignment and all of such obligations shall be assumed by and transferred to the assignee. Any attempt to assign or transfer the right to receive the Installments of the Assessment that does not meet all of these conditions is void.

4. Financing Responsibility. Lender assumes full responsibility for determining the financial ability of the Property Owner to repay the Financing and for advancing the funds as set forth in the Financing Documents and performing Lender's obligations and responsibilities thereunder.

5. Lien Priority and Enforcement. As provided in the Owner Contract and Section 399.014 of the PACE Act:

(a) Delinquent Installments of the Assessment incur interest and penalties in the same manner and in the same amount as delinquent property taxes, viz., a delinquent Installment incurs a penalty of 6% of the amount of the Installment for the first calendar month it is delinquent plus 1% for each additional month or portion of a month the Installment remains unpaid prior to July 1 of the year in which it becomes delinquent. However, an Installment delinquent on July 1 incurs a total penalty of 12% of the amount of the delinquent Installment without regard to the number of months it has been delinquent. A delinquent Installment also accrues interest at the rate of 1% for each month or portion of a month the Installment remains unpaid. Statutory penalties and statutory interest payable under this paragraph will be retained by Local Government to compensate it for the cost of enforcing the Assessment. Additional interest at any default rate imposed by Lender pursuant to the Financing Documents, along with any other fees

and charges that become due pursuant to the Financing Documents may be assessed by Lender and retained by Lender.

(b) The Assessment, together with any penalties and interest thereon,

(1) is a first and prior lien against the Property from the date on which the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien is filed in the Official Public Records of Galveston County, Texas, as provided by Section 399.014 of the PACE Act, until the Assessment and any penalties and interest are paid; and

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

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

(d) In the event of a default by Property Owner in payment of the Installments called for by the Financing Documents, the lien created by the Assessment will be enforced by Local Government in the same manner according to Texas Tax Code Secs. 33.41 to 34.23 that a property tax lien against real property may be enforced by a local government, to the extent the enforcement is consistent with Section 50, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

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

(f) After written notice of the Assessment is recorded in the real property records of the county in which the Property is located as provided under Section 399.013 of the PACE Act, the lien created by the Assessment may not be contested on the basis that the improvement is not a "qualified improvement" or the project is not a "qualified project", as such terms are defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act.

6. Servicing and Enforcement of Assessment.

(a) Servicing. The Assessment payments will be billed, collected, received, and disbursed in accordance with the procedures set out in the Financing Documents. Lender will be responsible for all servicing duties other than those specifically undertaken by Local Government in this Lender Contract. Local Government agrees to

send an annual notice of assessment to the Property Owner each year there is a PACE lien balance.

(b) Remittances. Each of the parties covenants and agrees to promptly remit to the other party any payments incorrectly received by such party with respect to the Assessment after the execution of this Lender Contract.

(c) Default and Enforcement. In the event of a default in payment of any installment of the Assessment as specified in the Financing Documents, Lender agrees to take at least the following steps to collect the delinquent Installment:

(1) Mail a written notice of delinquency and demand for payment to the Property Owner by both certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail; and

(2) Mail a second notice of delinquency to the Property Owner by both certified mail, return receipt requested, and first class mail at least 30 days after the date of the first notice if the delinquency is continuing.

If the Property Owner fails to cure the delinquency within 30 days after the mailing of the second notice of delinquency, the Lender or its designated servicer may notify the Authorized Representative who will certify to the Local Government in writing of a default by the Property Owner, and upon receipt of such certification and after doing its own due diligence, Local Government will enforce the assessment lien for the benefit of Lender pursuant to Tex. Local Gov't Code Sec. 399.014(c), in the same manner as a property tax lien against real property may be enforced, to the extent the enforcement is consistent with Section 50, Article XVI, Texas Constitution.

(d) Final Payment and Release. When the Assessment has been satisfied and paid in full, together with all interest and prepayment premiums, if any, provided under the Financing Documents and all costs, fees, penalties, and interest applicable under the PACE Act and payable to Lender or Local Government, Local Government's rights under the Owner Contract will cease and terminate. Upon notice from Lender that all amounts owing have been paid in full, Local Government will execute a release of the Assessment and the Owner Contract. Thereafter, the Authorized Representative will record the Release.

(e) Limitations on Local Government's Actions. Without the prior written consent of Lender, Local Government will not enter into any amendment or modification of or deviation from the Owner Contract. Local Government will not institute any legal action with respect to the Owner Contract, the Assessment, or the assessment lien without the prior written request of Lender.

(f) Limitations of Local Government's Obligations. Local Government undertakes to perform only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Lender Contract, and no implied duties on the part of Local Government are to be read into this Lender Contract. Local Government will not be deemed to have a fiduciary or other

similar relationship with Lender. Local Government may request written instructions for action from Lender and refrain from taking action until it receives satisfactory written instructions. Local Government will have no liability to any person for following such instructions, regardless of whether they are to act or refrain from acting.

(g) Costs. No provisions of this Lender Contract will require Local Government to expend or risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties hereunder.

7. Lender's Warranties and Representations. With respect to this Lender Contract, Lender hereby warrants and represents that on the date on which Lender executes this Lender Contract:

(a) Lender is a qualified lender under the PACE Program, as defined in paragraph 3(a) above, and is fully qualified under the PACE Program to enter into this Lender Contract and the Financing Documents;

(b) Lender has independently and without reliance upon Local Government conducted its own credit evaluation, reviewed such information as it has deemed adequate and appropriate, and made its own analysis of the Owner Contract, the Project, and Property Owner's financial ability to perform the financial obligations set out in the Financing Documents; and

(c) Lender has not relied upon any investigation or analysis conducted by, advice or communication from, or any warranty or representation by Local Government or any agent or employee of Local Government, express or implied, concerning the financial condition of the Property Owner or the tax or economic benefits of an investment in the Assessment.

8. Written Contract Required by the PACE Act. This Lender Contract constitutes a written contract between Local Government and Lender, as required under Section 399.006 (c) of the PACE Act.

9. Construction and Definitions. This Lender Contract is to be construed in accordance with and with reference to the PACE Program and PACE Act. Terms used herein, and not otherwise defined herein, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in: (1) the Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien, (2) the Owner Contract, (3) the PACE Program, and/or (4) the PACE Act.

10. Binding Effect. This Lender Contract is binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, representatives, successors, and assigns.

11. Notices. All notices and other communications required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed to the other party at the address stated below the signature of such party or at such other address as such party may from time to time designate in writing to the other party, and shall be effective from the date of receipt.

12. Governing Law. This Lender Contract shall in all respects be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

13. Entire Agreement. This Lender Contract constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and shall not be amended or altered in any manner except by a document in writing executed by both parties.

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

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

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

17. Certification. Local Government certifies that the PACE Program has been duly adopted and is in full force and effect on the date of this Lender Contract. Property Owner has represented to Lender and Local Government that the Project is a "qualified project" as defined in the PACE Program and Section 399.002 of the PACE Act. The Assessment has been imposed on the Property as a lien in accordance with the PACE Owner Contract and the PACE Act. Local Government has not assigned or transferred any interest in the Assessment or the PACE Owner Contract.

18. Construction Terms. If this Lender Contract includes requirements related to construction of the Project and disbursement of Financing, such requirements are set forth in Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Such requirements may include, among other things, (1) the disbursement schedule and (2) any holdback amount to be funded following verification of final project completion.

LENDER:

_____

By:_____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF _____ §

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

_____

_____(print name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:

COUNTY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS

By:_____
AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
Pursuant to Tex. Local Gov't Code §399.006(b)

Name: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS §

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

_____

_____(print name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

EXHIBIT A

OWNER CONTRACT

EXHIBIT B

FINANCING DOCUMENTS

Assessment Payment Schedule

Assessment Total:
Payment Frequency:

Payment Date	Total Payment	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Administration Fee	Remaining Balance

Financing Documents

Document Title	Parties	Date Executed

EXHIBIT C

CONSTRUCTION TERMS

[if applicable]

Date	Draw down Amount	Purpose

EXHIBIT 4

NOTICE OF CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT LIEN PURSUANT TO PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY ACT

STATE OF TEXAS §
§
COUNTY OF GALVESTON §

RECITALS

A. The Property Assessed Clean Energy Act ("**PACE Act**"), Texas Local Government Code Chapter 399, authorizes the governing body of a local government to establish a program and designate a region within the local government's jurisdiction within which an authorized representative of the local government may enter into written contracts with the record owners of commercial, industrial, agricultural, and large multifamily residential (5 or more dwelling units) real property to impose assessments on the property to finance the cost of permanent improvements fixed to the property intended to decrease water or energy consumption or demand. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, all terms used herein have the same meanings ascribed to them in the PACE Act.

B. Galveston County, Texas ("**Local Government**") has established a program under the PACE Act pursuant to a resolution dated _____, adopted by the Commissioners Court (the "**PACE Program**"), and has designated _____ ("**Authorized Representative**") as the representative authorized to enter into and enforce the Assessment, Owner Contract and Lender Contract described herein, and has designated the entire territory within the county of Galveston jurisdiction as a region ("**Region**") within which the Authorized Representative and the record owners of such real property may enter into written contracts to impose assessments to repay the financing by owners of qualified improvements on the owner's property pursuant to the PACE Program.

C. _____ ("**Property Owner**") is the legal and record owner of the qualified "real property," as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act, within the Region located at _____, _____, Texas, _____ and more fully described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (the "**Property**").

D. Property Owner has applied to Local Government to participate in the PACE Program by installing or modifying on the Property certain permanent improvements described in Exhibit B attached hereto and made a part hereof, which are intended to decrease water or energy consumption or demand, and which are or will be fixed to the Property as "qualified improvements", as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act (the "**Qualified Improvements**"). The installation or modification of such Qualified Improvements on the Property will be a "qualified project" as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act (the **Qualified Project**"). Property Owner has entered into a written contract (the "**Owner Contract**") with Local Government pursuant to the PACE Act and the PACE Program and has

requested Local Government to impose an assessment on the Property to repay the financing of such Qualified Improvements.

E. The financing of such Qualified Improvements will be provided to Property Owner by _____ ("**Lender**"), a qualified lender selected by Property Owner, pursuant to a written contract executed by Lender and Local Government as required by Section 399.006(c) of the PACE Act and by the PACE Program (the "**Lender Contract**"). Lender will be responsible for all servicing duties other than those specifically undertaken by Local Government in the Lender Contract.

THEREFORE, Local Government hereby gives notice to the public pursuant to Section 399.013 of the PACE Act that it has imposed an assessment on the Property in the amount of $_____, as set forth on Exhibit C attached hereto, which together with all interest, fees, penalties, costs and other sums due under and/or authorized by the PACE Act, PACE Program and the financing documents between Property Owner and Lender (the "**Financing Documents**") is herein referred to as the "**Assessment**".

Pursuant to Section 399.014 of the PACE Act,

1. The Assessment, including interest and any penalties, costs, or fees accrued thereon,

   (i) is a first and prior lien on the Property from the date that this Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien is recorded in the Official Public Records of Galveston, Texas, until such Assessment, interest, penalties, costs, and fees are paid in full; and

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

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

3. After this Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien is recorded in the real property records of the county in which the Property is located as provided under Section 399.013 of the PACE Act, the lien created by the Assessment may not be contested on the basis that the improvement is not a Qualified Improvement or the project is not a Qualified Project.

EXECUTED on _____, _____.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:
GALVESTON COUNTY, TEXAS

By:

Name: _____

Title: _____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
Pursuant to Tex. Local Gov't Code §399.006(b)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF _____ §

This Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien pursuant to Property Assessed Clean Energy Act was acknowledged before me on _____, _____ by _____, _____, on behalf of _____, Texas.

_____

_____ (print name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

EXHIBIT A

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT B

QUALIFIED IMPROVEMENTS

EXHIBIT C

ASSESSMENT

Assessment Payment Schedule

Assessment Total:
Payment Frequency:
Interest Rate:

Payment Date	Total Payment	Principal Paid	Interest Paid	Administration Fee	Remaining Balance

INDEXING INSTRUCTION:

Grantor: _____, Property Owner
Grantees: _____, Local Government
_____, Lender

After recording, return to- _____
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