

FINANCING AGREEMENT

This FINANCING AGREEMENT (Agreement) is entered into between the TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD (TWDB), an agency of the State of Texas, and the CITY OF FORT WORTH (Borrower). The TWDB and the Borrower may be referred to as the "Parties" in this Agreement.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the TWDB adopted Resolution No. 15-091 (Attachment A, referred to as the Resolution) on July 23, 2015, making a multi-year commitment to the Borrower for financial assistance in the amount of \$76,000,000 from the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT) administered by the TWDB; and

WHEREAS, the TWDB previously purchased the City's \$13,000,000 City of Fort Worth, Texas Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2015B, reducing the outstanding commitment to the City under the Resolution to \$63,000,000; and

WHEREAS, through this Agreement, the Borrower intends to sell to the TWDB the City's \$63,000,000 City of Fort Worth, Texas Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2017B (Borrower Bonds) for the TWDB's financial assistance from the SWIRFT, as further described in Attachment B; and

WHEREAS, the SWIRFT is funded, in part, with proceeds of the expected issuance of TWDB's revenue bonds (SWIRFT Bonds), in an estimated par amount not to exceed \$1,208,235,000, issued under authority of Texas Water Code §§ 15.472 and 15.475, and Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-d-13; and

WHEREAS, the SWIRFT Bonds are additionally secured by money made available under the terms of a bond enhancement agreement executed under authority of Texas Water Code §§ 15.434 and 15.435, and Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-d-12; and

WHEREAS, the SWIRFT is funded, in part, with money received as repayment of financial assistance provided from the SWIRFT, under Texas Water Code § 15.472, which is used to pay the principal and interest on the SWIRFT Bonds, under Texas Water Code § 15.474, and Texas Constitution, Article III, Section 49-d-13(d) and (f); and

WHEREAS, the Resolution provides that funding the commitment is contingent on a future sale of SWIRFT Bonds designated by the TWDB; and

WHEREAS, the TWDB intends to provide financial assistance from the SWIRFT to the Borrower with proceeds of SWIRFT Bonds designated by the TWDB; and

WHEREAS, the TWDB and the Borrower desire to enter into this Agreement to set forth the obligations of the Parties with respect to the TWDB providing financial assistance to the Borrower consistent with the desire of the TWDB to issue SWIRFT Bonds to provide money for the SWIRFT.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the promises and the mutual covenants contained in this Agreement, the TWDB and the Borrower agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

<u>SECTION 1. MUTUAL COMMITMENTS</u>. As further described in the Resolution, the TWDB committed to provide the Borrower and the Borrower herein commits to borrow from the TWDB an amount not to exceed \$63,000,000 from the SWIRFT to be evidenced by the issuance and delivery of Borrower Bonds to the TWDB consistent with the terms and conditions described in this Agreement, Attachment A, Attachment B, and Attachment C.

<u>SECTION 2. TRANSACTION SCHEDULE AND PRICING.</u> By execution of this Agreement, the Borrower acknowledges and represents that it has a current need for financial assistance from the TWDB and shall take all necessary steps to issue and deliver the Borrower Bonds to evidence the commitment described in Section 1. The Borrower further acknowledges and understands that the TWDB is entering into this Agreement for the sole purpose of issuing SWIRFT Bonds to fund the TWDB commitment described in the Resolution and in this Agreement.

With respect to the Borrower Bonds and the SWIRFT Bonds, the Parties agree to structure such public securities in a manner that will allow for substantially similar terms, redemption provisions, and related matters to allow the TWDB to timely pay the debt service on the SWIRFT Bonds. The foregoing notwithstanding, the TWDB consents to early redemption, or prepayment of the Borrower Bonds, as provided for in this Agreement and the Resolution. The Borrower Bonds may be prepaid by the Borrower on any date beginning on or after the first scheduled interest payment date that occurs no earlier than 10 years from the dated date of the Borrower Bonds. To confirm the terms of the Borrower Bonds and SWIRFT Bonds, the Borrower shall execute this Agreement.

In order to mutually assure the performance of the Parties under this Agreement, the Parties agree that the issuance and delivery of the SWIRFT Bonds and the issuance and delivery of the Borrower Bonds to TWDB shall occur not more than forty-nine (49) days apart as reflected in Attachment C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is the intent and expectation of the Parties that the TWDB issue and deliver its SWIRFT Bonds approximately thirty (30) days after execution of the TWDB's Bond Purchase Agreement or such date as may be mutually agreed to in Attachment C.

<u>SECTION 3. BINDING COMMITMENT.</u> The TWDB agrees to take all necessary steps to issue the SWIRFT Bonds for the purposes described in this Agreement and in the Resolution upon receipt of this Agreement, which shall be signed and delivered by the Borrower to the Executive Administrator of the TWDB at least fourteen (14) days prior to the initiation of the pricing of the SWIRFT Bonds, as set forth in Attachment C. The Borrower acknowledges that the schedule provided in Attachment C is a best estimate by the TWDB and is subject to change. The TWDB expressly reserves the right to modify Attachment C at any time and shall provide the Borrower with an updated Attachment C as soon as practicable upon any modifications; provided that if such modification of Attachment C occurs prior to the initiation of pricing of the SWIRFT Bonds and such modification results in an earlier scheduled pricing date, no such modification of Attachment C may result in the Borrower having fewer than ten (10) days between the receipt of the modified schedule and the initiation of pricing of the SWIRFT Bonds.

SECTION 4. TERMINATION & BREACH OF AGREEMENT.

- A. The Parties agree that the Borrower may terminate this Agreement in writing at any time prior to seven (7) days before the initiation of the pricing of the SWIRFT Bonds, as set forth in Attachment C, with no penalty.
- B. The Borrower understands and agrees that the Borrower may terminate this Agreement in writing between six (6) days and four (4) days prior to the initiation of the pricing of the SWIRFT Bonds (currently estimated to occur on September 26, 2017) as set forth in Attachment C, provided the Borrower agrees to reimburse the TWDB from lawfully available funds of the Borrower for its proportional share of transaction costs incurred by the TWDB, such as, but not limited to, any fees or costs related to any rating agency, financial advisor, legal counsel, or other similar party or related costs pertaining to the SWIRFT Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$47,428.25. The Borrower shall be obligated to pay such costs to the TWDB no later than March 2, 2018.

- C. The Borrower understands and agrees that the Borrower may terminate this Agreement in writing within three (3) days prior to the initiation of the pricing of the SWIRFT Bonds as set forth in Attachment C and no later than 9:00 am Central Standard Time on the day before the TWDB Bond Pricing, provided the Borrower agrees to pay, from lawfully available funds of the Borrower, 1.0 percent of the amount of the commitment authorized in Section 1 of this Agreement to the TWDB, and additionally shall reimburse the TWDB, from lawfully available funds of the Borrower, for its proportional share of transaction costs incurred by the TWDB, such as, but not limited to, any fees or costs related to any rating agency, financial advisor, legal counsel, or other similar party or related costs pertaining to the SWIRFT Bonds. The full amount to be paid by the Borrower under this Section 4.C. shall not exceed \$677,428.25. The Borrower shall be obligated to pay such costs to the TWDB no later than March 2, 2018.
- D. Upon execution of the Bond Purchase Agreement relating to the SWIRFT Bonds, the Borrower understands and agrees that TWDB would suffer and incur severe and irreparable damages if the SWIRFT Bonds are not issued and delivered according to the terms of such Bond Purchase Agreement. Accordingly, on or after the day of the execution of the Bond Purchase Agreement, the Borrower shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement. If Borrower fails to issue the Borrower Bonds by the date specified in Attachment C, as contemplated in this Agreement, it shall be a breach of this Agreement and Borrower shall pay, from lawfully available funds of the Borrower, a "Post-pricing Termination Payment" to the TWDB within thirty (30) days after the TWDB provides written notice that such amounts are due. The Postpricing Termination Payment shall be an amount equal to 5.0 percent of the amount of the commitment authorized in Section 1 of this Agreement. The Borrower shall also reimburse the TWDB from lawfully available funds of the Borrower for its proportional share of transaction costs incurred by the TWDB, such as, but not limited to, any fees or costs related to any rating agency, financial advisor, legal counsel, underwriter's discount, or other similar party or related costs pertaining to the SWIRFT Bonds. The full amount to be paid by the Borrower under this Section 4.D. shall not exceed \$3,515,786.43. The Borrower shall be obligated to make such payment to the TWDB no later than March 2, 2018.

<u>SECTION 5. AMORTIZATION STRUCTURE.</u> The Borrower shall provide the TWDB a maturity schedule in the form set forth in Attachment B at the time of execution of this Agreement. A final amortization structure will be required at least fourteen (14) days before the initiation of pricing of the SWIRFT Bonds in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. The par amounts included in Attachment B may be revised at any time prior to the seventh (7th) day before the initiation of pricing of the SWIRFT Bonds with no

penalty. On or after the seventh (7th) day before the initiation of pricing of the SWIRFT Bonds, the Borrower understands and agrees that the Borrower may only modify, in writing, the interest rates included on Attachment B to include final rates as provided by the Executive Administrator in accordance with 31 Texas Administrative Code § 363.1306.

SECTION 6. CONTINGENCIES.

A. The Parties agree that the TWDB's obligation to purchase the Borrower's securities with the SWIRFT is contingent upon the TWDB receiving all legally required approvals for the issuance of the SWIRFT Bonds, and the purchase and delivery of the SWIRFT Bond proceeds by the underwriters pursuant to the Bond Purchase Agreement relating to the SWIRFT Bonds.

Accordingly, if any contingency described in the preceding paragraph above is unmet, the TWDB, upon delivery of written notice thereof to the Borrower, may extend or terminate this Agreement together with all of its obligations and duties hereunder without incurring any cost, fee, or penalty for either the TWDB or the Borrower.

- B. The Parties agree that the Borrower's obligation to issue and deliver the Borrower Bonds is contingent upon approval by the Texas Attorney General of the Borrower Bonds. The Borrower agrees to use its best efforts to obtain approval by the Texas Attorney General of the Borrower Bonds to satisfy the closing requirements set forth in Section 2 of this Agreement. To this end, the Borrower agrees as follows:
 - (1) Borrower shall timely submit the transcript of proceedings for the Borrower Bonds to the Texas Attorney General in accordance with the schedule contained in Attachment C;
 - (2) Borrower shall comply with the requirements and conditions contained in the Resolution;
 - (3) Borrower shall provide the TWDB with a copy of the preliminary approval letter from the Texas Attorney General promptly upon receipt;
 - (4) Borrower shall provide the TWDB with a copy of its responses to the preliminary approval letter concurrently with the submission of such responses to the Texas Attorney General; and

(5) Borrower shall allow TWDB to brief the Texas Attorney General on any issues noted in the preliminary approval letter and initiate or participate in conferences with the Texas Attorney General related to the approval of the Borrower Bonds.

Accordingly, if, after the Borrower employs its best efforts to obtain approval by the Texas Attorney General, and such approval cannot be obtained by the date specified in Attachment C, as a matter of law, the TWDB at its sole discretion, may terminate this Agreement and upon termination the Borrower shall pay, from any of its lawfully available funds, the Post-pricing Termination Payment and any proportional share of transaction costs, fees, and expenses incurred by the TWDB, such as, but not limited to, any fees or costs related to any rating agency, financial advisor, legal counsel, underwriter's discount, or other similar party or related costs pertaining to the SWIRFT Bonds as provided by Section 4.D. The Borrower shall be obligated to pay such costs to the TWDB no later than March 2, 2018.

SECTION 7. REDEMPTION OF OUTSTANDING DEBT. If proceeds of the \$63,000,000 in financial assistance are to be used, in whole or in part, to redeem outstanding bonds, commercial paper, or other obligations issued by the Borrower, the Borrower agrees that it will not take or fail to take any action that will cause the SWIRFT Bonds to be considered to be advance refunding bonds under Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Specifically, the Borrower agrees to redeem any such outstanding bonds, commercial paper, or other obligations within ninety (90) days of the date of delivery of the SWIRFT Bonds and to take such other action as shall be required to comply with this Section.

<u>SECTION 8. NOTICES</u>. All notices, agreements or other communications required hereunder shall be given, and shall be deemed given, when delivered in writing to the address, facsimile or email of the identified party or Parties set forth below:

	City of Fort Worth
Texas Water Development Board	Attn: Stacy Walters, Regulatory-
Development Fund Manager	Environmental Coordinator
P.O. Box 13231	200 Texas Street
Austin, Texas 78711-3231	Fort Worth, Texas 76102
Telephone: (512) 475-4584	Telephone: (817) 392-8203
Facsimile: (512) 475-2053	Facsimile: (817) 392-8195
	E-mail: stacy.walters@fortworthtexas.gov

and
City of Fort Worth
Department of Finance
200 Texas Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

<u>SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY</u>. In the event any provision of this Agreement shall be held illegal, invalid, or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate, render unenforceable, or otherwise affect any other provisions hereof.

<u>SECTION 10.</u> <u>AMENDMENTS, SUPPLEMENTS, AND MODIFICATIONS</u>. Other than the changes allowed under Section 3 and Section 5, this Agreement may be amended, supplemented, or modified only in a writing executed by duly authorized respresentatives of the Parties.

<u>SECTION 11.</u> <u>APPLICABLE LAW</u>. This Agreement and any amendments shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas.

<u>SECTION 12. STATE AUDIT</u>. By executing this Agreement and delivering the Borrower Bonds, the Borrower accepts the authority of the Texas State Auditor's Office to conduct audits and investigations in connection with all state funds received pursuant to this Agreement. The Borrower shall comply with any directive from the Texas State Auditor and shall cooperate in any such investigation or audit. The Borrower agrees to provide the Texas State Auditor with access to any information the Texas State Auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. The Borrower also agrees to include a provision in any contract or subcontract related to this Agreement that requires the contractor and the subcontractor to submit to audits and investigations by the Texas State Auditor's Office in connection with any state funds received pursuant to the contract or subcontract.

<u>SECTION 13. FORCE MAJEURE</u>. Either party may be excused from performance under this contract for any period when performance is prevented as the result of an act of God, strike, war, civil disturbance, epidemic, or court order, provided that the party experiencing the event of Force Majeure has prudently and promptly acted to take any and all steps that are within the party's control to ensure performance and to shorten the duration of the event of Force Majeure. The party suffering an event of Force Majeure shall provide notice of the event to the other party as soon as practicable but not later than five business days after the event. Subject to this provision, such nonperformance shall not be deemed a breach or a ground for termination.

<u>SECTION 14. EFFECTIVE DATE</u>. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date of the last

signature below.

<u>SECTION 15. BINDING AGREEMENT</u>. The execution of this Agreement has been authorized by the governing bodies of both Parties. The respective commitments of the TWDB and the Borrower set forth above shall be binding upon the TWDB and the Borrower upon both Parties' execution of this Agreement.

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EXECUTED in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original.

CITY OF FORT WORTH

By: _____ Name: David Cooke Title: City Manager

Date: _____

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF _____

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the ___ day of _____, 2017, by ______in his/her capacity as _____, on behalf of

(SEAL)

Notary Public, State of Texas

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

By: _____ Name: Jeff Walker Title: Executive Administrator Date: _____

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

This instrument was acknowledged before me on the ___ day of _____, 2017, by Jeff Walker in his capacity as Executive Administrator of the Texas Water Development Board, an agency of the State of Texas, on behalf of said agency.

(SEAL)

Notary Public, State of Texas

ATTACHMENT A

TWDB RESOLUTION NO. 15-091

A RESOLUTION OF THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE CITY OF FORT WORTH IN THE FORM OF A MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENT FROM THE STATE WATER IMPLEMENTATION REVENUE FUND FOR TEXAS THROUGH THE PROPOSED PURCHASE OF \$76,000,000 CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS, PROPOSED SERIES 2015B AND PROPOSED SERIES 2017

(15-091)

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Worth, located in Tarrant County, Texas, (City) has filed an application for financial assistance in the amount of \$76,000,000 from the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas (SWIRFT), to finance the planning and construction of certain water supply project(s) identified as Project No. 51014; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) in the form of a multi-year commitment through the TWDB's proposed purchase of \$76,000,000 City of Fort Worth, Texas Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Proposed Series 2015B and Proposed Series 2017 (together with all authorizing documents (Obligations)), all as is more specifically set forth in the application and in recommendations of the Executive Administrator's staff; and

WHEREAS, the City has offered a pledge of net systems revenue as sufficient security for the repayment of the Obligations; and

WHEREAS, the commitment is approved for funding under the TWDB's pre-design funding option, and initial and future releases of funds are subject to 31 TAC § 363.1307; and

WHEREAS, interest rate subsidies are available to the City at the following levels: 35.5% for loans of a term of 20 years, 27% for loans of a term of 25 years, and 22% for loans of a term of 30 years. The interest rate subsidy applicable to each proposed series will be set through each financing agreement executed between the TWDB and the City, pursuant to this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the TWDB has carefully considered all matters required by law and in particular whether the project as set forth in the application meets the criteria provided by Texas Water Code § 15.434(b); and

WHEREAS, the TWDB hereby finds:

 that the application and assistance applied for meet the requirements of Texas Water Code, Chapter 15, Subchapters G and H and 31 TAC Chapter 363, Subchapters A and M;

- that the project is a recommended water management strategy in the State Water Plan adopted pursuant to Texas Water Code § 16.051, in accordance with Texas Water Code § 15.474(a);
- 3. that a water conservation plan, if required by Texas Water Code § 11.1271, has been submitted and implemented in accordance with 31 TAC § 363.1309(b)(1);
- 4. that the City satisfactorily completed any request by the Executive Administrator or a regional planning group for information relevant to the project, including a water infrastructure financing survey under Texas Water Code § 16.053(q), in accordance with 31 TAC § 363.1309(b)(2);
- 5. that the current water audit, if required by Texas Water Code § 16.0121, has been completed by the City and filed with the TWDB in accordance with 31 TAC § 358.6;
- 6. that the City has acknowledged its legal obligation to comply with any applicable requirements of federal law relating to contracting with disadvantaged business enterprises, and any applicable state law relating to contracting with historically underutilized businesses, in accordance with Texas Water Code § 15.435(h) and 31 TAC § 363.1309(b)(3); and
- 7. that the Executive Administrator issued a favorable environmental determination on June 30, 2015, such findings being subject to the standard emergency discovery conditions for threatened and endangered species and cultural resources in the Project contract documents. The TWDB concurs with the environmental finding issued by the Executive Administrator.

NOW THEREFORE, based on these findings, the TWDB resolves as follows:

A commitment is made by the TWDB to City of Fort Worth for financial assistance in the amount of \$76,000,000 from the State Water Implementation Revenue Fund for Texas, to be evidenced by the TWDB's proposed purchase of City of Fort Worth, Texas Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds as follows:

- a) \$13,000,000 City of Fort Worth, Texas Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds Proposed Series 2015B, to expire on December 31, 2015; and
- b) \$63,000,000 of City of Fort Worth, Texas Water and Sewer System Revenue Bonds Proposed Series 2017, to expire on December 31, 2017.

Such commitment is conditioned as follows:

Standard Conditions:

1. this commitment is contingent on a future sale of bonds by the TWDB or on the availability of funds on hand;

- 2. this commitment is contingent upon the issuance of a written approving opinion of the Attorney General of the State of Texas stating that all of the requirements of the laws under which said Obligations were issued have been complied with; that said Obligations were issued in conformity with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas; and that said Obligations are valid and binding obligations of the City;
- 3. this commitment is contingent upon the City's continued compliance with all applicable laws, rules, policies and guidance as these may be amended from time to time to adapt to a change in law, in circumstances, or any other legal requirement;
- 4. this commitment is contingent upon the City executing a separate financing agreement, approved as to form and substance by the Executive Administrator, and submitting that executed agreement to the TWDB consistent with the terms and conditions described in the financing agreement;
- 5. the City shall use a paying agent/registrar in accordance with 31 TAC Section 363.42(c)(2), and shall require the paying agent/registrar to provide a copy, to the TWDB and to the TWDB's designated Trustee, of all receipts documenting debt service payments;

The Following Conditions Must Be Included in the Obligations:

- 6. the Obligations must provide that the Obligations can be called for early redemption only in inverse order of maturity, and on any date beginning on or after the first interest payment date which is 10 years from the dated date of the Obligations, at a redemption price of par, together with accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption;
- 7. the Obligations must include a provision wherein the City, or an obligated person for whom financial or operating data is presented to the TWDB in the application for financial assistance either individually or in combination with other issuers of the City's Obligations or obligated persons, will, at a minimum, regardless of the amount of the Obligations, covenant to comply with requirements for continuing disclosure on an ongoing basis substantially in the manner required by Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in 17 CFR § 240.15c2-12 (Rule 15c2-12) and determined as if the TWDB were a Participating Underwriter within the meaning of such rule, such continuing disclosure undertaking being for the benefit of the TWDB and the beneficial owners of the City's Obligations, if the TWDB sells or otherwise transfers such Obligations, and the beneficial owners of the TWDB's bonds if the City is an obligated person with respect to such bonds under SEC Rule 15c2-12;
- 8. the Obligations must contain a provision requiring the City to levy a tax and/or maintain and collect sufficient rates and charges to produce system revenues in an amount necessary to meet the debt service requirements of all outstanding obligations and to maintain the funds established and required by the Obligations;
- 9. the Obligations must include a provision requiring the City to use any loan proceeds from the Obligations that are determined to be surplus proceeds remaining after completion of

the project for the following purposes as approved by the Executive Administrator: (1) deposit into the Interest and Sinking Fund or other debt service account for the payment of interest or principal on the Obligations owned by the TWDB; or (2) eligible costs for the project as authorized by the Executive Administrator;

- 10. the Obligations must contain a provision that the TWDB may exercise all remedies available to it in law or equity, and any provision of the Obligations that restricts or limits the TWDB's full exercise of these remedies shall be of no force and effect;
- 11. loan proceeds are public funds and, as such, the Obligations must include a provision requiring that these proceeds shall be held at a designated state depository institution or other properly chartered and authorized institution in accordance with the Public Funds Investment Act, Government Code, Chapter 2256, and the Public Funds Collateral Act, Government Code, Chapter 2257;
- 12. loan proceeds shall not be used by the City when sampling, testing, removing or disposing of contaminated soils and/or media at the project site. The Obligations shall include an environmental indemnification provision wherein the City agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and protect the TWDB from any and all claims, causes of action or damages to the person or property of third parties arising from the sampling, analysis, transport, storage, treatment, recycling and disposition of any contaminated sewage sludge, contaminated sediments and/or contaminated media that may be generated by the City, its contractors, consultants, agents, officials and employees as a result of activities relating to the project to the extent permitted by law;
- 13. the Obligations must include a provision stating that the City shall report to the TWDB the amounts of project funds, if any, that were used to compensate historically underutilized businesses that worked on the project, in accordance with 31 TAC § 363.1312;
- 14. the Obligations must contain a provision that the TWDB will purchase the Obligations, acting through the TWDB's designated Trustee, and the Obligations shall be registered in the name of Cede & Co. and closed in book-entry form in accordance with 31 TAC Section 363.42(c)(1);
- 15. the Obligations must include a provision prohibiting the City from using the proceeds of this loan in a manner that would cause the Obligations to become "private activity bonds" within the meaning of § 141 of the Internal Revenue Code as amended (Code) and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder (Regulations);
- 16. the Obligations must provide that no portion of the proceeds of the loan will be used, directly or indirectly, in a manner that would cause the Obligations to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of § 148(a) of the Code and Regulations, including to acquire or to replace funds which were used, directly or indirectly, to acquire Nonpurpose Investments (as defined in the Code and Regulations) which produce a yield materially

higher than the yield on the TWDB's bonds that are issued to provide financing for the loan (Source Series Bonds), other than Nonpurpose Investments acquired with:

- a. proceeds of the TWDB's Source Series Bonds invested for a reasonable temporary period of up to three (3) years after the issue date of the Source Series Bonds until such proceeds are needed for the facilities to be financed;
- b. amounts invested in a bona fide debt service fund, within the meaning of § 1.148-1(b) of the Regulations; and
- c. amounts deposited in any reasonably required reserve or replacement fund to the extent such amounts do not exceed the least of maximum annual debt service on the Obligations, 125% of average annual debt service on the Obligations, or 10 percent of the stated principal amount (or, in the case of a discount, the issue price) of the Obligations;
- 17. the Obligations must include a provision requiring the City take all necessary steps to comply with the requirement that certain amounts earned on the investment of gross proceeds of the Obligations be rebated to the federal government in order to satisfy the requirements of § 148 of the Code. The Obligations must provide that the City will:
 - a. account for all Gross Proceeds, as defined in the Code and Regulations, (including all receipts, expenditures and investments thereof) on its books of account separately and apart from all other funds (and receipts, expenditures and investments thereof) and retain all records of such accounting for at least six years after the final Computation Date. The City may, however, to the extent permitted by law, commingle Gross Proceeds of its loan with other money of the City, provided that the City separately accounts for each receipt and expenditure of such Gross Proceeds and the obligations acquired therewith;
 - b. calculate the Rebate Amount, as defined in the Code and Regulations, with respect to its loan, not less frequently than each Computation Date, in accordance with rules set forth in § 148(f) of the Code, § 1.148-3 of the Regulations, and the rulings thereunder. The City shall maintain a copy of such calculations for at least six years after the final Computation Date;
 - c. as additional consideration for the making of the loan, and in order to induce the making of the loan by measures designed to ensure the excludability of the interest on the TWDB's Source Series Bonds from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income tax purposes, pay to the United States the amount described in paragraph (b) above within 30 days after each Computation Date;
 - d. exercise reasonable diligence to assure that no errors are made in the calculations required by paragraph (b) and, if such error is made, to discover and promptly to correct such error within a reasonable amount of time

thereafter, including payment to the United States of any interest and any penalty required by the Regulations;

- 18. the Obligations must include a provision prohibiting the City from taking any action that would cause the interest on the Obligations to be includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes;
- 19. the Obligations must provide that the City will not cause or permit the Obligations to be treated as "federally guaranteed" obligations within the meaning of § 149(b) of the Code;
- 20. the Obligations must provide that neither the City nor a related party thereto will acquire any of the TWDB's Source Series Bonds in an amount related to the amount of the Obligations to be acquired from the City by the TWDB;

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- 21. the Obligations must require the accumulation of a reserve fund from Bond Proceeds at closing equal to the greater of 50% of the average annual debt service requirements of the parity obligations then outstanding or 37.5% of the annual debt service requirements of the parity obligations to be outstanding in the fiscal year during which the annual debt service requirements are scheduled to be the greatest, to the extent such parity obligations are to be secured by the reserve fund;
- 22. if the City has existing revenue obligations with the same pledge of security as the proposed Obligations that will remain outstanding after any loan(s) made by the TWDB pursuant to this commitment, the Obligations must contain a provision providing that the lien or liens securing the Obligations issued to the TWDB shall be at least on a parity with lien or liens securing such outstanding obligations;
- 23. the Obligations must contain a provision providing that additional parity obligations may only be incurred if a certified public accountant certifies that, in their opinion, during either the last completed fiscal year or any 12 consecutive calendar month period ending not more than ninety (90) days preceding the date of the additional parity obligations, the net system revenues were at least (a) 1.25 times the average annual debt service requirements and (b) 1.10 times the annual debt service requirements of the parity obligations to be outstanding in the fiscal year during which such annual debt service requirements are scheduled to be the greatest, after giving effect to the additional parity obligations;

Conditions to Close or for Release of Funds:

24. prior to closing, the City shall submit documentation evidencing the adoption and implementation of sufficient system rates and charges or, if applicable, the levy of an interest and sinking tax rate sufficient for the repayment of all system debt service requirements;

- 25. prior to closing, if applicable, and if not previously provided with the application, the City shall submit executed contracts for engineering, and, if applicable, financial advisor and bond counsel contracts, for the project that are satisfactory to the Executive Administrator. Fees to be reimbursed under the contracts must be reasonable in relation to the services performed, reflected in the contract, and acceptable to the Executive Administrator;
- 26. prior to closing, when any portion of financial assistance is to be held in escrow or in trust, the City shall execute an escrow agreement or trust agreement, approved as to form and substance by the Executive Administrator, and shall submit that executed agreement to the TWDB;
- 27. prior to release of funds for construction, the City must provide the TWDB with evidence that the necessary acquisitions of land, leases, easements, and rights-of-way have been completed, or that the City has the legal authority necessary to complete the acquisitions;
- 28. prior to release of funds for construction for specific project elements, the environmental review must be completed and a favorable environmental finding must have been issued;
- 29. prior to closing, the City's bond counsel must prepare a written opinion that states that the interest on the Obligations is excludable from gross income or is exempt from federal income taxation. Bond counsel may rely on covenants and representations of the City when rendering this opinion;
- 30. prior to closing, the City's bond counsel must prepare a written opinion that also states that the Obligations are not "private activity bonds." Bond counsel may rely on covenants and representations of the City when rendering this opinion;
- 31. the transcript must include a No Arbitrage Certificate or similar Federal Tax Certificate setting forth the City's reasonable expectations regarding the use, expenditure and investment of the proceeds of the Obligations;
- 32. the transcript must include evidence that the information reporting requirements of § 149(e) of the Code will be satisfied. This requirement may be satisfied by filing an IRS Form 8038 with the Internal Revenue Service. In addition, the applicable completed IRS Form 8038 or other evidence that the information reporting requirements of § 149(e) have been satisfied must be provided to the Executive Administrator within fourteen (14) days of closing. The Executive Administrator may withhold the release of funds for failure to comply;

PROVIDED, however, the commitment is subject to the following special condition:

Special Condition:

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33. the City must comply with the standard emergency discovery conditions for threatened and endangered species and cultural resources, as more fully specified in the final environmental finding of the Executive Administrator.

APPROVED and ordered of record this, the 23rd day of July, 2015.

TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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DATE SIGNED: _________

ATTEST:

Kevin Patteson Executive Administrator

ATTACHMENT B

DESCRIPTION OF BORROWER BONDS

Title of Barrower Bonds:	Water & Sewer System Revenue Bonds, Series 2017B
Project Name:	Advanced Metering Infrastructure
Project Number:	51014
Aggregate Principal Amount of	
Barrower Bonds:	\$63,000,000
Anticipated Closing Date:	11/21/2017
Dated Date:	11/1/2017
First Principal Payment Date:	2/15/2018
First Interest Payment Date:	2/15/2018

Maturity Schedule

Maturity	Principal Amount
2/15/2018	\$ 3,480,000
2/15/2019	3,955,000
2/15/2020	3,980,000
2/15/2021	4,015,000
2/15/2022	4,050,000
2/15/2023	4,085,000
2/15/2024	4,130,000
2/15/2025	4,180,000
2/15/2026	4,230,000
2/15/2027	4,290,000
2/15/2028	4,355,000
2/15/2029	4,430,000
2/15/2030	4,515,000
2/15/2031	4,605,000
2/15/2032	4,700,000



ATTACHMENT C

FINANCING SCHEDULE

DATE	ACTION
07/20/2017	TWDB approval of commitments
09/04/2017	Labor Day Holiday
09/11/2017	Financing agreement – last day to execute (14 days prior to initiation of pricing)
09/11/2017	Financing agreement (Sec. 4A) -last day political subdivisions can terminate
09/18/2017	without penalty (7 days prior to initiation of pricing)
09/18/2017	Financing agreement (Sec. 5) -last day political subdivisions can modify maturity schedule. (7 days prior to initiation of pricing)
	Financing agreement (Sec. 4B) -last day political subdivisions can terminate
09/21/2017	with costs of issuance (4 days prior to initiation of pricing)
09/25/2017	Financing agreement (Sec. 4C) -before 9:00 a.m. political subdivisions can terminate with costs of issuance and 1% penalty (1 day prior to pricing).
09/25/2017	TWDB bond pricing initiation (pre-pricing begins)
09/26/2017	TWDB bond pricing
10/05/2017*	TWDB approves interest rates available to political subdivisions
various	Political subdivisions adopt bond resolutions and/or board participation agreements
	Political subdivisions submit transcripts to Texas Attorney General in
various	preparation of closing
10/09/2017	Columbus Day Holiday (TWDB open)
10/12/2017	TWDB bond closing (political subdivisions must close within 49 days)
10/13 to	
11/30/2017	Closings on political subdivision obligations
11/10/2017	Veteran's Day Holiday
11/23/2017	Thanksgiving Holiday
11/24/2017	Thanksgiving Holiday
11/30/2017	Last day to close on political subdivision obligations
	Financing agreement (Sec. 4D and Sec. 6) penalty applied to any political subdivision failing to issue debt. Start of post-pricing termination payment
12/01/2017	period (includes costs of issuance and 5% penalty)
03/02/2018	Last due date for post-pricing termination payments

*- Preliminary subject to change