

Town of Boonville
February 3, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
Harvey E. Smith Municipal Building

The following were in attendance at the 2/3/26 regular meeting: Mayor Pro-tem Tim Driver, Commissioners Monica Craver, Zane Green, Kristin Johnson, and Greg Wagoner. Also in attendance were Attorney James Freeman, Finance Officer/Town Clerk Kim Wells, Interim Public Works Director Jackson Craver, Police Officer Ryan Preslar, and Administrative Assistant/Zoning Officer Camryn Long. Mayor Vaughn Benton and Police Chief Jeff Hobson were absent.

- I. Call to Order and Welcome:** Mayor Pro-tem Driver called the 2/3/26 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. Conflict of Interest Issues and Approval of Agenda:** Interim Public Works Director Craver asked that the following items be added. Under New Town Business, add item B. Well Agreement, and item C. Purchase Additional Salt. Commissioner Wagoner motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Commissioner Green seconded, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
- III. Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer:** Mayor Pro-tem Driver led the Pledge of Allegiance and the prayer.
- IV. Adoption of Minutes:** Discussion followed on the 1/6 regular session minutes. Commissioner Green motioned to adopt minutes from the 12/2 closed session, 1/6 regular session (as amended) and 1/6 closed session. Commissioner Johnson seconded, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
- V. Public Comments:** None were voiced.
- VI. Old Town Business**
 - A. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Fund Projects:** Commissioner Craver updated the Board members on the ongoing projects. She stated there were some unappropriated funds available and that could be used for the Woodruff Road water storage tank upgrade. Discussion followed on the Proposal for Profession Services from TRC in the amount of \$56,300. Commissioner Wagoner motioned to approve the Woodruff Road water storage tank upgrade. Commissioner Green seconded, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
Commissioner Craver asked the Board members to meet again in the month to accept a bid. Discussion followed on a date/time for the meeting.
 - B. FEMA Project Update:** Commissioner Craver updated the Board members on the ongoing projects.
 - C. Water Testing:** Interim Public Works Director Craver informed the Board members that per the State, the homeowner is required to pay for any testing regarding the recent letter sent out by the Town.
- VII. New Town Business:**
 - A. Ratify the Consensus to Purchase 2 pallets of Ice Melt Salt from Elkin Lawn Garden and Property Management:** Discussion followed on the purchase. Commissioner Wagoner motioned to approve to consensus. Commissioner Johnson seconded, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
 - B. Well Agreement:** Interim Public Works Director Craver reviewed the proposed agreement. Discussion followed. Commissioner Craver motioned to accept the well agreement. Commissioner Johnson seconded, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
 - C. Purchase more salt:** Mayor Pro-tem Driver asked the Board members to consider purchasing additional salt. He referenced the cost and limited supply. Discussion followed. Commissioner Wagoner motioned to purchase three additional pallets of salt. Commissioner Green seconded, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.
- VIII. Reports and Announcements:**
 - A. Mayor's Report:** Mayor Benton did not provide a report. Mayor Pro-tem Driver thanked the Public Works and Police Department employees for the work performed during the recent snowstorm.
 - B. Finance Officer's Report:** Finance Officer/Town Clerk Wells reported on the recent billing cycle. Mrs. Wells stated the audit was almost finished and should be submitted to the LGC for

approval soon. She hoped to have the auditor at the next meeting to present the audit. She also reviewed the Budget vs. Actual Report for January 2026.

C. Zoning Officer's Report: Camryn Long reported on permits that had been issued and a possible rezoning of a property on US-601.

D. Public Works Director's Report: Interim Public Works Director Craver reported on Public Works Department items.

E. Police Chief's Report: Police Officer Preslar reported on the activities of the Police Department in Chief Hobson's absence including recent work on the Ford Explorer. Otherwise, the Police Department is running well.

Departmental Commissioner's Reports: Commissioner Johnson reported that the scheduled Friends of the Library meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather conditions.

Commissioner Green thanked the employees for their performance.

Commissioner Wagoner had no items to report.

Commissioner Craver had no items to report.

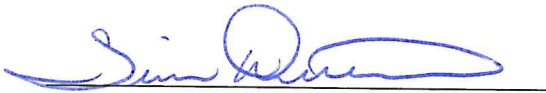
F. Committee Reports as Needed: Julie Wagoner, President of B.I.G. (Boonville Improvement Group), reported on upcoming events.

IX. Closed Session per NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6)-Personnel: Commissioner Johnson motioned to go into closed session (per NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6)). Commissioner Green seconded, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote at 7:35p.m.

Commissioner Wagoner motioned to return to open session. Commissioner Green seconded, and the motion passed at 9:17 p.m. with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Craver motioned that Mayor Pro-tem Tim Driver be allowed to sign any paperwork in lieu of Mayor Benton. Commissioner Wagoner seconded, and the motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

X. Adjourn: Commissioner Craver motioned to recess until 2/23/26 at 3:30 p.m. Commissioner Green seconded, and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The meeting ended at 9:18 p.m.



Tim Driver, Mayor Pro-tem



Kim Wells, Finance Officer/Town Clerk



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July 22, 2024

Mr. Vaughn Benton
Mayor
Town of Boonville
110 N Carolina Ave
Boonville, NC 27011

**RE: Proposal for Professional Services
Water Storage Upgrades
Town of Boonville, NC**

Dear Mayor Benton,

On behalf of TRC, thank you for the opportunity to present our proposal to the Town of Boonville (Town) for professional engineering services for the Town's Water Storage Upgrades Project.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Town of Boonville utilizes two water storage tanks for its existing water system. The larger of the two tanks, the Woodruff Rd Tank, has several issues that need to be addressed. The most urgent concern is the fact that the 200,000-gallon tank cannot be filled beyond half-full before the Town's other tank (the Downtown Tank) begins to overflow. The apparent cause is a faulty control valve at the Woodruff Rd tank. This project would replace the existing valve with a new solenoid valve. This will allow the Town to address the ongoing storage issues which limit the Town's ability to address potential fires or high peak demands. Additionally, the Downtown Tank does not have a sufficient safety climb system for the dome ladder. This was noted in the Town's most recent tank inspection performed in 2022. The 75,000-gallon storage tank currently requires double-lanyard climbing, so upgrading the safety system will allow the Town to meet typical safety standards for the Tank.

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Services to be provided by TRC under this task order will include the following:

Task A. Engineering Design

TRC will prepare a design for the proposed Water Storage Upgrades. The design will include the following elements:

Subtask A.1 Plans and Specifications

This subtask will encompass the formulation of engineering plans and specifications to submit to NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and other applicable agencies for review and approval. Plans will include drawings of all required plans, profiles, sections, and details. Plans will be developed in accordance with applicable local, State, and Federal standards. Temporary sediment and erosion control measures will be designed, and appropriate details provided. The final design package will include bid-ready documents formatted in a manner that will allow

general contractors to price the work. Electrical design will also be included if determined necessary during preliminary design.

Subtask B.2 Bid Services

TRC will submit the construction documents to the appropriate online plan rooms and respond to contractor/subcontractor questions and requests for information as it relates to the design during the bid process. Upon request, TRC will receive the bids and conduct a bid opening. After bid openings, TRC will review the bids received for conformance with the contract documents, provide a certified bid tabulation, verify references, and make recommendation of award to the Town's Council. Following approval by the Town, TRC will notify the prospective winner of the bid of the intent to award and issue a Notice to Proceed (NTP).

Task B. Permitting

This task will include all permitting, which will be obtained based on the needs of the project. The following are assumed required for this project – NC DEQ Public Water Supply Authorization to Construct (ATC) and NC DEQ Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) Approval of Plans and Specifications. Other permits are assumed to be unnecessary for this project.

Task C. Funding Administration

This task will include contract and grant administration as required for State Reserve Project (SRP) funds. Direction will be taken from the NC DEQ regarding any forms, documents, etc. which need to be completed in addition to what would be typical in design, i.e., typical contract and bid documents. TRC will submit reimbursement requests on behalf of the Town for reimbursable project expenses, including contractor pay applications during construction and invoices from TRC.

Task D. Construction Services

Subtask E.1 Construction Administration

This task will include during/post-construction work, including coordination with the selected contractor, attending monthly progress meetings as needed, reviewing payment applications and shop drawings, change orders, field orders, attending a project close-out meeting, and providing record drawings based on redline markups provided by the contractor once construction is completed. Near completion of the project, if requested TRC will conduct a walkthrough in the presence of the Town and contractor for the purposes of compiling a punch list detailing remaining work to be completed prior to project closeout. Once punch list items have been addressed by the contractor, TRC will conduct a final site visit for project closeout at a final project closeout meeting with the Town and the contractor.

Subtask E.2 Construction Observation

Construction observation will be completed during construction. A representative from TRC will observe and document the construction progress as needed while the work is completed by the selected contractor. The construction observer will relay any issues that arise during the construction period to mitigate problems should they occur. This contract assumes a construction time of approximately three (3) months, with observations occurring once per week. Additional observation can be provided as requested as an additional expense.

III. SCHEDULE

TRC is prepared to commence with the above-described services immediately upon receipt of Work Authorization. A detailed schedule of milestones and deliverables will be developed in conjunction with the Town upon receipt of the Authorization.

IV. DELIVERABLES

TRC will provide the following deliverables, all in electronic format:

- Engineering Plans and Specifications
- Permit for PWS Authorization to Construct and DWI Plans and Specs Approval
- Certified Bid Tabulation and Recommendation of Award
- Record Drawings following completion of construction

FEES

The proposed fees for the above-described services are on a Lump Sum basis with the exception of Task D – Construction Services, which will be on a Time and Materials (T&M) basis, not to exceed the budgetary estimate shown below.

Fees will be billed monthly based on our efforts completed at the close of the respective billing period. We will provide a written progress report outlining the status of the project, outstanding issues, items needed, further coordination, or other items of interest to keep the project team informed of progress toward completion.

Task A – Engineering Design	\$24,150.00
Task B – Permitting	\$8,000.00
Task C – Funding Administration	\$8,050.00
Task D – Construction Services (T&M).....	\$16,100.00
TOTAL.....	<u>\$56,300.00</u>

V. CONTRACT TERMS AND PROVISIONS

All authorized services will be provided in accordance with our current *Standard Terms and Conditions* attached.

VI. ASSUMPTIONS / LIMITATIONS

This proposal is based on the following assumptions:

- Additional services, if required, will be provided by TRC on an hourly basis or a negotiated lump sum fee. A written scope of services and fee proposal will be submitted to the Town for review and consideration prior to commencement of any requested additional services.
- The parties agree that the proposed scope of services may change based on meetings and consultation with the Town or others. The parties agree that should the scope of services change, TRC will provide



the Town with a revised proposal or an addendum to this agreement for any such changes and associated costs to be paid by the Town.

- Reimbursable/direct expenses such as copying, printing, mileage, and mailing are included in the above fees.
- Hard copies of deliverables can be provided upon request.
- Permit application fees are not included in this proposal and shall be paid by the Town.
- Construction materials inspections/testing is not included.
- Electrical services and surveying, if needed, may be performed by a subconsultant to TRC.
- Geotechnical engineering is not included.

On behalf of TRC, thank you for giving us the opportunity to provide our proposal for professional engineering services. If this proposal meets with your approval, please sign the Work Authorization and return it to us. Please keep a copy of the proposal for your records. We look forward to working with you on this project. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

TRC



Ethan Gartin, PE
Project Manager



C. Tyrus Clayton, PE
Director – North Carolina

Attachments:

TRC Professional Services Agreement for a Single Project

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Work Authorization
- Attachment 2 – TRC Terms and Conditions
- Attachment 3 – TRC Billing and Equipment Rates

**Attachment 1
Work Authorization**

**Acceptance of TRC Proposal – Boonville Water Storage Upgrades
Attention: Ethan Gartin**

Acceptance

Authorization for TRC to commence work included in the above-referenced Proposal constitutes acceptance of this Agreement. TRC will begin project preparations upon receipt of the completed form below. If a purchase order is required for our invoice to be processed, that purchase order must be received in order for our team to mobilize. Acceptance is limited to the terms stated herein, and any additional or different terms are rejected unless expressly agreed to in writing by TRC.

Approved and accepted as of the date shown below:

Town of Boonville

By:

Signature

Printed Name

Title

Date

Attachment 2 TRC PROPOSAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

These Terms and Conditions are incorporated into the proposal to which these Terms and Conditions are attached (the "Proposal"). The term "TRC" herein shall mean the entity submitting the proposal. The term "Client" herein shall mean the person or entity for whom the Work will be performed.

ARTICLE 1. WORK, AGREEMENT DOCUMENTS, AND PROJECT INFORMATION

- 1.1 Work, Deliverables, Materials. TRC will perform the consulting, engineering, and/or other professional services (the "Work"), provide the work product, such as drawings, plans, specifications, reports, or other information ("Deliverables"), and/or procure the materials and/or equipment ("Materials"), as set forth in detail in the Proposal.
- 1.2 Agreement Documents. These Terms and Conditions, together with the Proposal, form the Agreement pursuant to which TRC will perform. If Client issues a purchase order or similar document authorizing the Work ("Client Authorization"), any pre-printed terms included in any Client Authorization shall be of no effect and are expressly excluded from this Agreement.
- 1.3 Interpretation. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between or among any of the Agreement Documents, these Terms and Conditions shall take precedence, followed by the Proposal, unless expressly stated otherwise herein or in the Proposal. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between or among the terms or conditions established in a Change Order or amendment and the Agreement, the terms of such Change Order or amendment will take precedence over those of the Agreement. No other terms or conditions shall be applicable to the Work.
- 1.4 Defined Terms. Some capitalized terms used in the Agreement may be defined in the Proposal. Any term defined in the Proposal will have the same meaning throughout the Agreement, and any term defined in the Agreement will have the same meaning in the Proposal.

ARTICLE 2. COMPENSATION AND INVOICING

- 2.1 Compensation. Client shall pay the Contract Price set forth in the Proposal.
- 2.2 Invoicing. TRC will bill for its Work, and Client shall compensate TRC, as provided in the Proposal. TRC will submit monthly invoices for Work rendered and expenses incurred in the prior month.
 - (a) Time and Expense. Any Work performed on a time and expense or time and materials basis will be invoiced as follows:
 - (i) Rates shall be as set forth in the Proposal. Rates are subject to increase on an annual basis.
 - (ii) TRC will keep accurate and daily records of all labor, equipment, and materials furnished. TRC will summarize daily records on a weekly and/or monthly basis and will submit for review upon Client's written request.
 - (iii) Reimbursable Expenses:
 - Project Expenses. Expenses reasonably incurred in connection with the Work will be invoiced at 6% of Labor (includes in-house reproduction, office materials, telecommunications, standard software, postage, computer expenses, and field expendables).
 - Insurance. A charge of 2% will be applied to all invoiced amounts for the cost of TRC's insurance coverage.
 - Subcontractors. A fee of 10% will be added to the invoice cost of subcontracts managed by TRC
 - Client Requested Expenses. Outside services such as, but not limited to, outside reprographic services, materials, and equipment, will be invoiced at cost plus 10%.
 - Mileage. Personal automobile travel from portal to portal or between locations will be charged at current IRS mileage rates per mile.
 - Travel Expenses. Airfare, car rental, taxi, parking, tolls, and incidental expenses will be invoiced at cost plus 10%, with receipts provided for any expense over \$25.00.
 - Lodging and Meals. Lodging and meals will be charged either:
 - at cost plus 10%, with receipts provided for any expense over \$25.00, or
 - on a per diem basis, using the GSA per diem rates found here: <https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates>. When lodging and meals are charged on a per diem basis, a flat per diem rate will be charged and receipts will not be provided for actual lodging and meal expenses.
 - (iv) Unless otherwise stated, the Contract Price does not include any present or future federal, state, or local property, license, privilege, sales, use, excise, gross receipts or other like taxes or assessments which may be applicable to, measured by, imposed upon, or resulting from the performance of the Work.
 - (b) Lump Sum or Unit Prices. If Work is performed on a lump sum or unit price basis, TRC will invoice on the schedule provided for in the Proposal or, if no invoicing schedule is included in the Proposal, based on percentage of completion of Work or number of units completed, as applicable.
 - (c) Disputed Invoices. If Client objects to all or any portion of an invoice, it must notify TRC in writing detailing the nature of the objection within seven (7) days from the date of receipt of the invoice, and must pay any undisputed



portion of the invoice as provided in Section 2.3 below. The Parties will confer immediately after Client advises of a dispute and the Parties will make every effort to immediately resolve the disputed portion of the invoice. If the Parties fail to reach agreement at the project level on a disputed invoice within thirty (30) days of the date of the invoice, either Party has the option of proceeding in accordance with Article 15, Dispute Resolution.

2.3 Payment Terms. Except as provided in Section 2.2(c) above, Client must pay all invoices as set forth in the remittance instructions in Section 16.12 below no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the invoice.

2.4 Failure to Pay. Except as provided in Section 2.2(c) above, interest will accrue on all delinquent payments at the rate of 1.5% per month, or the highest rate permissible under applicable law, whichever is less, starting on the 31st day after the date of an invoice.

Additionally, if Client does not pay TRC within forty-five (45) days of the date of an invoice, then, upon seven (7) days' written notice to Client, TRC may suspend performance of the Work and any Deliverables until it receives payment of the amount owing. Additionally, Client will reimburse TRC for all reasonable costs incurred by TRC in collecting any overdue payments and related interest, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees, other legal costs, court costs, and collection agency fees.

2.5 Records/Audit. TRC will keep complete and accurate records in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices with respect to all amounts invoiced by TRC under this Agreement. TRC will keep such records pertaining to each invoice for two (2) years after the date of the invoice. If an audit is commenced within such two (2) year period, Client must provide TRC with advance written notice of the audit, such audit may only be performed during normal business hours, and such audit shall not extend to TRC's overhead, markups, profit/loss information, fixed rates, unit prices, prices expressed as percentages, efficiency in performing Work, or any trade secrets.

ARTICLE 3. TIME FOR PERFORMANCE

3.1 Time for Performance. TRC will use commercially reasonable efforts to perform the Work within the Contract Time stated in the Proposal to the extent consistent with the terms of this Agreement, the Standard of Care defined below, and the orderly progress of the Work.

3.2 Completion. TRC's Work will be considered complete at the earlier of: (i) the date when TRC's Deliverables are reasonably accepted by Client; or (ii) thirty (30) days after the date when the last of TRC's Deliverables are submitted for final acceptance if Client does not notify TRC in writing within such 30-day period that the Deliverables fail to conform to the requirements of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 4. ADDITIONAL AND CHANGED WORK, DELAYS

4.1 Work Added or Changed by Client. Client shall provide TRC with an equitable adjustment in compensation and time for performance for any Work added or changed by Client. Any changes or additions to the Work shall be set forth in a written document signed by both Parties ("Change Order"). TRC has no obligation to proceed with changed or additional work until the Parties execute a Change Order.

4.2 Force Majeure Events. No Party will be liable or responsible to the other Party, nor be deemed to have defaulted under this Agreement, for any failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any term of this Agreement (except for any obligations to make payments to the other Party hereunder), to the extent such failure or delay is caused by a Force Majeure Event. The term "Force Majeure Event" means any event which: (a) is not within the reasonable control of the affected Party; and (b) causes the affected Party to be delayed in performance of, or unable to perform, its obligations under this Agreement. Subject to the foregoing, Force Majeure Events include, but are not limited to: drought; fire; flood; extreme weather conditions; earthquake; lightning; epidemic; war (whether declared or undeclared); acts of terrorism, or damage resulting therefrom; acts of God or the public enemy; explosion; rebellion; riot; civil disturbance; sabotage; vandalism; actions of third parties; actions of a court or other governmental entity; actions of, or failure to act by, regulatory agencies; strikes or other concerted acts of workers; accidents in shipping or transportation; and the closing or congestion (beyond reasonably foreseeable levels) in any harbor, dock, port, canal, or other adjunct of the shipping or navigation of or within any place; or pandemic, epidemic, or governmental activity in response to such pandemic or epidemic that impacts a Party's ability to perform. The Party affected by a Force Majeure Event: (i) must promptly notify the other Party by email; (ii) is relieved from fulfilling its contractual obligations during the continuance of the Force Majeure Event to the extent the inability to perform is caused by the Force Majeure Event; (iii) as soon as reasonably possible after the Force Majeure, must fulfill or resume fulfilling its obligations hereunder; (iv) must promptly notify the other Party by email of the cessation or partial cessation of the Force Majeure Event; and (v) will be entitled to equitable compensation and an equitable adjustment of the Contract Time to neutralize the effect of the Force Majeure Event. Within a reasonable time after cessation of the Force Majeure Event, any Party claiming additional time and/or compensation must provide the other Party with supporting information to substantiate its position. If the Parties fail to reach agreement at the project level on an amendment or a Change Order within thirty (30) days of the submission of supporting information, either Party has the option of proceeding in accordance with Article 15, Dispute Resolution.

4.3 Impacts to the Work. TRC will be entitled to equitable compensation for, and an equitable adjustment of the Contract Time, to

the extent the Work is impacted by any additional or changed Work as a result of any actions or circumstances not the fault of TRC, including, but not limited to: a failure of Client to perform or cause performance of its obligations in accordance with the Agreement, including, but not limited to, failure to provide necessary access or Information (defined below); failure to provide necessary comments in connection with the development of any Deliverables (defined below); interference with or delay of any Work caused by Client, or other party for whom Client is responsible; any error, omission, or ambiguity in Information; changes in site conditions; and delays in obtaining, or the absence, suspension, termination, or failure of renewal of, any permit, license, or governmental authorization.

- 4.4 TRC Change Order Requests. Whenever TRC discovers an event or a condition has impacted its Work so as to constitute a basis for a change in compensation or schedule, TRC will notify Client by email promptly after discovery of the event or condition, advising Client of the nature of the impact and requesting a Change Order. Within a reasonable time thereafter, TRC will provide Client supporting information to substantiate TRC's position. If the Parties fail to reach agreement at the project level on a Change Order request within thirty (30) days' of TRC's submission of supporting information, either Party has the option of proceeding in accordance with Article 15, Dispute Resolution.
- 4.5 Delays by TRC. If the Work is not progressing in accordance with the project schedule due to TRC's fault, TRC will take appropriate corrective measures to recover the schedule at TRC's expense, to the extent the delays are caused by TRC's fault.

ARTICLE 5. CLIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 Client Information. Client will furnish to TRC all existing studies, reports, surveys, inspections, Project Site evaluations, data, and other information available or that becomes available to Client and pertinent to TRC's performance of the Work ("**Information**"), authorize TRC to obtain additional Information as required; and furnish the services of others where necessary for the performance of the Work. TRC will be entitled to use and rely on the completeness and accuracy of all such Information.
- 5.2 Access. Where necessary for performance of the Work, Client will arrange for TRC access to any site or property.
- 5.3 Subsurface Investigations. If the Work involves subsurface investigation, excavation, or drilling, Client must provide TRC with assistance in locating underground structures or utilities in the vicinity of any such activities. If despite commercially appropriate practices neither Client nor TRC can confirm the location of such underground structures or utilities, Client agrees that TRC is not responsible for any costs associated with, and accepts all liability and costs associated with, the repair, replacement, or restoration of any damage caused by the performance of the Work.
- 5.4 Communication. Client will designate an authorized representative who will be responsible for communications and consultation with TRC and who will have the authority to make decisions necessary for TRC to perform its Work.

ARTICLE 6. TRC'S OBLIGATIONS AND WARRANTY

- 6.1 Standard of Care. TRC will perform the Work consistent with the professional skill and care ordinarily provided by the same type of professional, for a project of similar size, scope, and complexity during the time which the Work is provided, and in a similar locality, under similar circumstances ("**Standard of Care**"). Reasonable people may disagree on matters involving professional judgment and, accordingly, a difference of opinion on a question of professional judgment will not excuse Client from paying for Work rendered.
- 6.2 Warranty for Materials. In the event TRC procures Materials pursuant to this Agreement, TRC warrants to Client that the Materials will be new and free of defects in workmanship ("**Warranty**").
- 6.3 Remedies. If TRC's Work fails to meet the Standard of Care ("**Nonconforming Work**"), or if any Materials fail to meet the Warranty ("**Defective Materials**"), and if Client provides written notice to TRC of such failure no later than one (1) year after completion of the Work ("**Correction Period**"), at TRC's option TRC will within a reasonable time after receipt of written notice: (a) re-perform the Non-conforming Work; (b) repair or replace the Defective Materials; or (c) refund the amount of compensation paid to TRC for such Non-conforming Work and/or Defective Materials. Client will provide TRC access to the Project Site so TRC can perform its obligations under this Section 6.3.
- 6.4 Warranty Limitation. THE STANDARD OF CARE IS NOT A WARRANTY OR GUARANTEE, AND TRC HAS NO SUCH OBLIGATION, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, WITH RESPECT TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE INTERPRETED TO REQUIRE TRC TO PERFORM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO ANY HIGHER STANDARD OR HAVE ANY OBLIGATION IN THE PERFORMANCE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN EXCESS OF WHAT IS REQUIRED BY THE STANDARD OF CARE, AND THIS SECTION WILL CONTROL OVER ANY CONTRARY PROVISION. OTHER THAN THE EXPRESS WARRANTIES CONTAINED HEREIN, TRC DISCLAIMS ALL WARRANTIES, WHETHER STATUTORY, EXPRESS, OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ALL WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, AND ALL WARRANTIES ARISING FROM COURSE OF DEALING OR USAGE IN TRADE. SUBJECT TO TRC'S LIABILITY UNDER SECTION 9.2, CLIENT'S EXCLUSIVE REMEDIES AND TRC'S ONLY OBLIGATIONS ARISING OUT OF A CLAIM FOR NONCONFORMING WORK AND/OR DEFECTIVE MATERIALS FOLLOWING SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION OF THE WORK WILL BE THOSE STATED IN THIS ARTICLE 6.
- 6.5 Licenses. TRC will obtain in TRC's name the known licenses, permits, or other approvals from any governmental agency or regulatory body that are necessary for TRC to perform the Work.

- 6.6 Resources. TRC will obtain all tools, equipment, materials, software, and licenses that are necessary for TRC to perform the Work.
- 6.7 Employees. TRC will employ, discharge, pay, control, and direct its employees. TRC will employ only skilled professionals for Work requiring special qualifications.
- 6.8 Inspections. If the Work includes inspections during or after construction based upon TRC-prepared drawings or specifications, notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, consistent with the Standard of Care, TRC will visit the Project Site at intervals appropriate to the state of the contractor's operations, or as specifically provided in TRC's Work, (1) to become generally familiar with and to keep Client informed about the progress and quality of the portion of the construction work completed, (2) to endeavor to guard Client against defects and deficiencies in the construction work, and (3) to determine in general if the construction work is being performed in a manner indicating that, when fully completed, will be in accordance with the applicable contract documents, but the sole responsibility for compliance with drawings and specifications will be with the entity performing the construction. TRC shall not have control of, nor be in charge of, nor shall be responsible for, the means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, construction, or safety precautions and programs in connection with any construction work, as these are solely the construction contractor's rights and responsibilities. Furthermore, TRC shall not be responsible for the failure of Client, or any party under contract with Client, including, but not limited to, any architect, engineer, consultant, contractor, or subcontractor, to carry out their respective responsibilities in accordance with their legal and contractual obligations.
- 6.9 Communication. TRC will designate an authorized representative who will be responsible for communications and consultation with Client and who will have the authority to make decisions necessary for TRC to perform its Work. TRC will advise Client at regular intervals of the status of the Work.

ARTICLE 7. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 7.1 Confidentiality Agreement. The Party receiving Confidential Information may include that Party's Representatives ("Recipient"). The term "Representatives" means a Party's affiliates and their respective employees, agents, and advisors. Recipient is not permitted to reveal Confidential Information (defined in Section 7.2 below) to any third party without written consent from an authorized representative of the Party disclosing the Confidential Information ("Discloser"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Client acknowledges that TRC's review of Client's Confidential Information will inevitably enhance TRC's knowledge and understanding of Client's business in a way that cannot be separated from TRC's other knowledge, and Client agrees that this Agreement shall not restrict TRC in connection with the purchase, sale, or consideration of, or decisions related to, other investments.
- 7.2 Confidential Information. The term "Confidential Information" includes: (i) all non-public information, materials, or products developed pursuant to this Agreement; and (ii) information about a Party's or its Representatives' business affairs, employees, finances, services, intellectual property, trade secrets, and other sensitive, marketing, or proprietary information, whether disclosed orally or in written, electronic, or other form or media. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, Confidential Information shall not include the following: (i) information which at the time of disclosure is or becomes publicly available other than as a result of a disclosure by an act or omission of Recipient; (ii) information which is or becomes available to Recipient on a nonconfidential basis from a source (other than from Discloser) which is not prohibited from disclosing such information pursuant to a legal, contractual or fiduciary obligation to Discloser; (iii) information which was already known to Recipient; or (iv) information which is independently developed by Recipient.
- 7.3 Legal Obligation to Disclose. If Recipient is required by applicable law, regulation, or legal process to disclose any of the Confidential Information, Recipient will notify Discloser promptly so Discloser may (i) seek a protective order or other appropriate remedy, (ii) take action to assure confidential handling of such information, and/or (iii) in its sole discretion, waive compliance with the terms of this Agreement. In the event such protective order or other remedy is not obtained, or Discloser waives compliance with the terms hereof, Recipient (i) may so disclose only that portion of the Confidential Information which it is legally required to disclose and shall, upon request, reasonably assist Discloser with Discloser's efforts to obtain reliable assurance that confidential treatment will be afforded such Confidential Information, and (ii) shall not be liable for such disclosure. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Client acknowledges that one or more of TRC's affiliates is a registered investment adviser and that TRC may be subject to routine examinations, investigations, regulatory sweeps, or other regulatory inquiries by applicable regulatory and self-regulatory authorities. Client agrees that TRC may make such disclosures as may be requested by any such authority (or examiner thereof) and will not be required to comply with the process described in this paragraph; provided that if the request by such authority (or examiner thereof) is specifically targeted at Client, TRC will notify Client (to the extent not prohibited by such authority or examiner or by applicable rule, regulation, or law) as promptly as practicable following such request.
- 7.4 Remedy. Each Party agrees the actual or threatened disclosure or use of any Confidential Information, other than as permitted under this Agreement, will cause irreparable harm to Discloser, and Discloser will be entitled, without prejudice or limit to any other remedy, to obtain injunctive relief to prevent such unauthorized use or disclosure.

- 7.5 Communications with Third Parties. To the extent the Work requires TRC to communicate with any third party including, but not limited to, owners of the Project Site or other locations, former employees, current employees, or government authorities, TRC shall so inform Client. For all such communications, Client releases TRC from claims of breach of confidentiality, waiver of privilege, or otherwise associated with any such communications.

ARTICLE 8. INSURANCE

- 8.1 Required Insurance Coverage. TRC will obtain and maintain insurance of the types and amounts set forth herein. The insurance will be in effect before Work commences, and will remain in effect until completion of the Work. TRC will require any subcontractors to obtain and maintain coverages appropriate to their scope of work. TRC will have the following insurance coverage:
- (a) Worker's Compensation Insurance and Employer's Liability Insurance as required by the law of the state in which the Project is located, but Employer's Liability coverage will be in the amount of \$1,000,000 each accident;
 - (c) Automobile Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 combined single limit per accident;
 - (d) Commercial General Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 each occurrence, \$2,000,000 general aggregate, and \$2,000,000 products-completed operations aggregate; and,
 - (e) Professional Liability Insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 each claim and \$2,000,000 annual aggregate.
- 8.2 Certificates of Insurance. Prior to commencing Work, TRC will furnish Client with certificate(s) of insurance evidencing compliance with the insurance requirements herein. Renewal certificates will be provided to Client upon the expiration of any required insurance policies. No policy will be cancelled or not renewed without thirty (30) days' prior written notice to Client.

ARTICLE 9. INDEMNITY

- 9.1 Definitions.
- (a) "**TRC Group**" means TRC and its subcontractors of all tiers, and each of their parent, subsidiary, and affiliated companies, and all their officers, directors, and employees.
 - (b) "**Client Group**" means Client and its parent, subsidiary, and affiliated companies, and all their officers, directors, and employees.
 - (c) "**Losses**" means any and all damages, costs, or expenses, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, expert fees, and expenses and costs of litigation.
 - (d) "**Claims**" means all third party claims, lawsuits, demands, or actions.
- 9.2 TRC'S INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS.
- (a) TRC WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS CLIENT GROUP FROM ANY AND ALL LOSSES ARISING OUT OF CLAIMS TO THE EXTENT SUCH CLAIMS ARE CAUSED BY TRC'S NEGLIGENT ACTS, ERRORS, OR OMISSIONS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.
 - (b) WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CLAIMS ARISING UNDER SECTION 9.2(a), TRC WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS CLIENT GROUP FROM LOSSES, AND WILL DEFEND CLIENT GROUP FROM CLAIMS, DUE TO BODILY INJURY, DISEASE, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE TO THE EXTENT SUCH BODILY INJURY, DISEASE, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE IS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OF TRC IN THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS WORK.
- 9.3 CLIENT'S INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS. CLIENT WILL INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS TRC GROUP FROM LOSSES ARISING OUT OF CLAIMS DUE TO BODILY INJURY, DISEASE, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE TO THE EXTENT SUCH BODILY INJURY, DISEASE, DEATH, OR PROPERTY DAMAGE IS CAUSED BY THE NEGLIGENCE OR INTENTIONAL MISCONDUCT OF CLIENT IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS AGREEMENT. ADDITIONALLY, NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY HEREIN, IN THE EVENT TRC PERFORMS INTRUSIVE GROUND EXPLORATIONS OR INVESTIGATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, EXCAVATION, DRILLING, BORING, OR PROBING ("SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION") AS PART OF THE WORK, CLIENT WILL INDEMNIFY TRC GROUP FROM AND AGAINST LOSSES RESULTING FROM, OR ARISING OUT OF, CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES TO SUBSURFACE OR UNDERGROUND UTILITIES OR STRUCTURES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, GAS, TELEPHONE, ELECTRIC, WATER, OR SEWER UTILITIES, WHOSE LOCATIONS WERE NOT DESIGNATED OR IDENTIFIED TO TRC PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY SUBSURFACE INVESTIGATION.
- 9.4 RISK OF LOSS TO THE WORK. ADDITIONALLY, NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY CONTAINED HEREIN, IT IS UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED THAT CLIENT BEARS ALL RISK OF LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO THE WORK AND THE FACILITIES WHICH ARE THE SUBJECT OF THE WORK INCLUDING ALL MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE INCORPORATED THEREIN, AND CLIENT HEREBY RELEASES AND SHALL DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD TRC GROUP HARMLESS FROM ANY SUCH LOSS OR DAMAGE, HOWEVER SUCH LOSS OR DAMAGE SHALL OCCUR.
- 9.5 CONDITIONS PRECEDENT. EACH PARTY AGREES THAT AS A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO ITS OBLIGATIONS TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS, THE INDEMNIFIED PARTY MUST GIVE PROMPT WRITTEN NOTICE TO THE INDEMNIFYING PARTY OF ANY CLAIM COVERED BY ARTICLES 9 OR 10, OR ANY OTHER INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE IN THIS AGREEMENT. AS AN ADDITIONAL CONDITION PRECEDENT, FOR ANY CLAIM OTHER THAN A CLAIM ARISING OUT OF TRC'S ALLEGED PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE, THE INDEMNIFIED PARTY MUST ALLOW THE INDEMNIFYING PARTY TO REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF EVERY INDEMNITEE IN DEFENDING AND SETTLING SUCH CLAIM. IN THE EVENT ANY INDEMNITEE FAILS OR REFUSES TO TENDER THE DEFENSE OF ANY SUCH CLAIM TO THE INDEMNIFYING PARTY, SUCH PARTY'S DEFENSE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND INDEMNITY OBLIGATIONS RELATED TO THAT CLAIM WILL BE NULL AND

VOID.

- 9.6 **APPORTIONMENT OF ATTORNEYS' FEES.** NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY HEREIN, AFTER RESOLUTION OF A CLAIM UNDER ARTICLES 9 OR 10, OR ANY OTHER PROVISION HEREIN PROVIDING FOR ONE PARTY TO PROVIDE A DEFENSE, IF THE NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER LEGAL FAULT OF ANY INDEMNITEE IS DETERMINED EITHER BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES, OR BY FINAL ADJUDICATION, TO HAVE BEEN A CONTRIBUTING CAUSE OF THE LOSSES RELATED TO SUCH CLAIM, THEN THE INDEMNIFIED PARTY MUST REIMBURSE THE DEFENDING PARTY FOR THE COSTS, ATTORNEYS' FEES, OTHER LEGAL EXPENSES, AND EXPERT FEES EXPENDED FOR DEFENSE IN THE SAME PROPORTION AS THE INDEMNITEES' PROPORTION OF NEGLIGENCE OR OTHER LEGAL FAULT.

ARTICLE 10. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND POLLUTION

- 10.1 **Pre-existing Conditions.** Client and TRC acknowledge that, prior to the start of this Agreement, TRC has not generated, handled, stored, treated, transported, disposed of, or in any way taken responsibility for any toxic or hazardous substance, including any contaminated soils, wastes, or substances, as defined by law ("Hazardous Substances") at the Project Site. Any Hazardous Substances originating with or generated by Client, or any pre-existing Hazardous Substances which are in, on, under, or migrating from the Project Site, or any Hazardous Substances introduced to the Project Site by any party other than TRC Group (collectively, "Non-TRC Hazardous Substances"), shall, as between TRC and Client, remain the sole and exclusive property of Client, it being the intention of the Parties that Client be solely responsible for such Non-TRC Hazardous Substances and shall be regarded as the owner and generator of all such Non-TRC Hazardous Substances for the purposes of this Agreement and all Work performed hereunder.
- 10.2 **Hazardous Substances Encountered During the Work; Disposition of Samples.** Client recognizes that, when it is known, assumed, or suspected that Hazardous Substances exist on or beneath the surface of the site of the Work, or within any structure thereon, certain sampling materials such as drill cuttings and drill fluids or asbestos removed for sampling, should be handled as if hazardous or contaminated. Accordingly, when TRC encounters Hazardous Substances during performance of the Work, such as when sampling is included in the scope of Work, and when determined by TRC in its sole and exclusive judgment to be necessary based on TRC's assessment of the degree of contamination, hazard, and risk, TRC will: promptly inform Client that containerization and labeling will be performed; appropriately contain and label such materials; and leave the containers on the Project Site for proper, lawful removal, transport, and disposal by Client. All samples of soil, groundwater, waste, rock, or other materials collected from the Project Site will remain the property of Client and will be returned to Client by TRC within thirty (30) days after submission of TRC's report, unless applicable law requires the retention or other disposition of such samples. All costs associated with the disposition or returning of samples will be charged to Client. TRC will not sign any hazardous waste manifests or bills of lading, and all such manifests and generator numbers will be in the name of, and signed by, Client. Nothing contained in this Agreement will be construed or interpreted as requiring TRC, its officers, agents, servants, or employees to assume the status of a generator, storer, treater, transporter, or disposer of hazardous substances, or an arranger for disposal of hazardous substances, or a disposal facility as those terms appear within the Resource Conservation Recovery Act, 42 USCA, Section 6901, et seq. (RCRA), or within any state statute of similar effect governing the treatment, storage, transportation or disposal of waste.
- 10.3 **TRC INDEMNITY FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND POLLUTION.** TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, TRC SHALL ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR, INCLUDING CONTROL AND REMOVAL OF, AND SHALL RELEASE, DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS, ALL MEMBERS OF CLIENT GROUP FROM AND AGAINST ANY LOSSES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO ANY HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES BROUGHT TO OR RELEASED AT THE PROJECT SITE BY TRC GROUP.
- 10.4 **CLIENT INDEMNITY FOR HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND POLLUTION.** TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, CLIENT SHALL RELEASE, DEFEND, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD TRC GROUP HARMLESS FROM AND AGAINST ANY LOSSES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THE PRESENCE AT THE PROJECT SITE OF NON-TRC HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES. CLIENT SHALL ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR, INCLUDING CONTROL AND REMOVAL OF, AND SHALL RELEASE, DEFEND, PROTECT, INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS ALL MEMBERS OF TRC GROUP FROM AND AGAINST ANY LOSSES ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO, ANY NON-TRC HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES DISCOVERED AT, BROUGHT TO, OR RELEASED AT THE PROJECT SITE, OR LEFT ON THE PROJECT SITE AFTER CONTAINERIZATION BY TRC.

ARTICLE 11. ALLOCATION OF RISK

- 11.1 **Client's Separate Contractors.** The Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that unless otherwise expressly provided for in the Proposal, during the performance of the Work TRC shall not (a) supervise, direct or control Client's other contractors or subcontractors at any tier; (b) have authority over or responsibility for the means, methods, techniques or sequences of work performed by such other contractors or subcontractors; (c) be responsible for job site safety or enforcement of federal, state, local or other safety requirements in connection with the work performed by such other contractors or subcontractors; (d) be responsible for inspecting equipment or tools used by such other contractors or subcontractors; (e) be liable for any failure of such other contractors or subcontractors to comply with applicable laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, permit stipulations, or orders; or (f) be liable for the acts or omissions of such other contractors or subcontractors including their failure to perform in accordance with their contractual responsibilities.

- 11.2 Mutual Waiver of Consequential Damages. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, TRC and Client waive any and all claims against each other, and under no circumstances shall either Party be liable to the other, for incidental, consequential, special, multiple, and punitive damages arising out of or relating to this Agreement, regardless of whether such damages were foreseeable and whether or not the culpable Party was advised of the possibility of such damages, and regardless of whether a Party's claim against the other Party is based in contract (including contract termination), indemnity, warranty, tort (including negligence), strict liability or otherwise. This mutual waiver includes, but is not limited to, rental expenses, loss of use, loss of production, loss of income, loss of profit (except profit arising directly from the Work), loss of financing, loss of business, and loss of reputation.
- 11.3 Limitation of Liability. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the total liability in the aggregate of TRC and its employees, subcontractors, or suppliers to Client and anyone claiming by, through or under Client, on all claims of any kind arising out of or in any way related to TRC's Work, from any cause or causes whatsoever, including, but not limited to, negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability, indemnity, or breach of contract, will not exceed the compensation received by TRC under this Agreement. All such liability will terminate upon the expiration of the Correction Period specified in Section 6.3. THIS SECTION SETS FORTH TRC'S SOLE LIABILITY AND ENTIRE OBLIGATION AND CLIENT'S EXCLUSIVE REMEDY FOR ANY ACTION BROUGHT AGAINST TRC IN RELATION TO THIS AGREEMENT.

ARTICLE 12. DELIVERABLES

- 12.1 Ownership of Deliverables. All Deliverables are instruments of service in respect of the Project, and, if delivered to Client during the term of this Agreement, will become the property of Client upon payment therefor. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Client's ownership of the Deliverables will not include any ownership interest in TRC's preexisting information including, but not limited to, computer programs, software, patents, patents pending, standard details, templates, figures or specifications, or TRC's seal, stamp, or certification. Furthermore, Client understands and agrees that TRC is a developer of computer software and that TRC may use its own proprietary software, as well as others properly licensed to TRC, in the performance of the Work, and may develop other proprietary software during the course of performing the Work, which may include preliminary database formats and spreadsheets as well as programming procedures and code. Client understands and agrees that all such programs, efforts, and materials are and will be the exclusive property of TRC (and/or third parties). Additionally, except for the Deliverables, all field data and notes, laboratory test data, calculations, estimates, and other documents prepared by TRC will remain the property of TRC.
- 12.2 Use of Deliverables. Any Deliverable will be prepared solely for use of Client for this Project. The Deliverables are not intended or represented to be suitable to be reused by Client, or used or relied upon by others outside of Client or on extensions of the Project or on any other project. In the event Client, its employees, permitted assigns, successors, consultants, or contractors subsequently reproduces or otherwise uses the Deliverables or creates a derivative work based upon the Deliverables, unless prohibited by law, Client must remove or completely obliterate the original professional seals, trademarks, logos, and other indications on said Deliverables of the identity of TRC, its employees, and sub-consultants. TRC will be entitled to equitable compensation in connection with documenting any consent for Client or third parties to rely on the Deliverables for any purpose other than the purpose for which TRC prepared them.
- 12.3 Unauthorized Use of Deliverables. Client is prohibited from providing examples of TRC's Work to any individual or entity known by, or that reasonably should be known by, Client to be a competitor of TRC for the purpose of reducing or eliminating the Work associated with this Agreement. Furthermore, Client is prohibited from providing any statistical sampling information on assessment issues, including but not limited to statistical sampling information on production rates, remedy rates, numbers of pole change outs, types of violations, etc., that is provided to Client by TRC, all of which must be treated by Client as Confidential Information. In the event any Deliverables are utilized or disclosed by Client in any manner outside the scope of, or prohibited by, this Agreement, TRC reserves the right to notify directly any third party of the limitations of its unauthorized use of the Deliverables. Client expressly acknowledges that this reservation by TRC is necessary to protect and preserve TRC's professional reputation with respect to its work product.

ARTICLE 13. SAFETY

- 13.1 Client's Safety Requirements. Client must inform TRC of any written safety procedures and regulations applicable to the Project Site known to Client, as well as any special safety concerns or dangerous conditions at the Project Site. TRC and its employees will adhere to the written safety procedures and regulations provided by Client.
- 13.2 Project Site Safety. TRC commits to providing a safe and healthy work environment for its personnel and will require the same of its subcontractors. TRC shall be responsible for the health and safety of its employees and be responsible for its activities, and shall at all times conduct its operations under this Agreement in a manner to avoid risk of endangerment to the health and safety of persons and property. Unless expressly included in the scope of Work, TRC will not have any responsibility for overall job safety for the Project or at the Project Site. If TRC determines that its field personnel are unable to access required locations or perform required Work in conformance with applicable safety standards, TRC may suspend performance until its personnel

can safely perform their work. TRC will promptly provide Client with written notice of the location and nature of the unsafe conditions. If Client fails to provide safe access within a reasonable time, TRC may terminate or suspend its performance in accordance with Article 14.

- 13.3 Reporting of Incidents. In the event TRC is involved in any loss, injury, or damage on Client's premises, or if such injury, loss or damage involves property, equipment, or personnel of Client, or if such accident involves any third party in any manner whatsoever while TRC is performing any duties within the scope of this Agreement, TRC will promptly report such injury, loss, or damage to the attention of Client's designated representative. If the matter involves loss of life, serious injury, or substantial property loss or damage, this report will be made by telephone call, followed immediately by a report in writing sent via email. If the matter is of a less serious nature, notification may be made by email or by letter posted in regular United States mail. All injuries, loss or damage must be reported. The reporting of any such matter will not imply any admission of liability on the part of TRC.

ARTICLE 14. TERMINATION AND SUSPENSION

- 14.1 Termination for Default. In the event of a material breach of this Agreement by either Party, the nonbreaching Party may give written notice to the breaching Party of the nature of the default and demand for cure. If the breaching Party fails to cure or materially commence to cure within ten (10) calendar days from receipt of the default notice, the non-breaching Party may provide a written notice of termination of the Agreement to the breaching Party.
- 14.2 Termination or Suspension for Convenience. Either Party may terminate or suspend this Agreement, in whole or in part, by providing written notice to the other Party at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination.
- 14.3 Termination for Insolvency. Either Party has the right to immediately terminate the Agreement, by providing written notice to the other Party, in the event that (a) the other Party becomes insolvent, enters into receivership, is the subject of a voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy proceeding, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or (b) a substantial part of the other Party's property becomes subject to any levy, seizure, assignment or sale for or by any creditor or government agency.
- 14.4 Payments Due Post-Termination. TRC will be entitled to receive payment for all Work performed prior to the effective date of the suspension or termination, plus all reasonable costs associated with the suspension or termination, including, but not limited to, demobilization costs, re-stocking fees, cancellation fees, and costs incurred with respect to non-cancellable commitments. If the suspension or termination is the result of TRC's breach, prior to paying TRC Client will be entitled to offset its reasonable, direct, documented losses to the extent caused by TRC's breach. If the suspension or termination is the result of Client's breach, in addition to all other compensation to which TRC is entitled, TRC will be entitled to receive payment for its reasonable, direct, documented losses to the extent caused by Client's breach.

ARTICLE 15. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 15.1 Negotiation by Executives. The Parties will attempt in good faith to resolve any dispute, controversy, or claim arising out of or relating to the Project or the Agreement or the breach thereof ("**Dispute**") promptly by negotiation. When either Party determines it has exhausted its efforts to resolve a Dispute at the Project level, that Party may provide written notice to the other Party of the Dispute. Within fifteen (15) days after the date of such notice, executives of both Parties who have authority to agree to a settlement of the Dispute and who are at a higher level of management than the persons with direct responsibility for administration of this Agreement will meet at a mutually acceptable time and place (or, otherwise, at the Project Site), and thereafter as often as they reasonably deem necessary, to attempt to resolve the Dispute. All negotiations pursuant to this subsection are confidential and will be treated as compromise and settlement negotiations for purposes of applicable rules of evidence. If the Parties do not resolve the Dispute within sixty (60) days of a Party notifying the other of the Dispute, unless extended by mutual agreement, either Party may commence litigation.
- 15.2 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, Venue. Unless otherwise required by law, this Agreement, and any act or transactions to which it will apply, or which are contemplated hereby or hereunder, will be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with, the laws of the State of Connecticut without regard to choice of law or conflicts of law principles. This choice of law expressly includes the applicable statutes of limitation. Venue for all actions under the Agreement will be in Hartford, Connecticut.
- 15.3 Prevailing Party. In the event of any binding dispute resolution proceeding, declaratory or otherwise, brought by a Party arising out of or relating to this Agreement, including but not limited to any breach or default of the Agreement, the prevailing Party will be entitled to recover from the other Party any and all expenses of litigation, court costs, expert and consultant fees, employee time and expenses, and reasonable attorneys' and other legal fees associated with such proceedings (collectively, "**Litigation Expenses**"), accruing as of commencement of the proceeding and including execution and collection of any award or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a written offer of compromise is made by either Party that is not accepted by the other Party within thirty (30) days after receipt and the Party not accepting such offer fails to obtain a more favorable judgment or award, the non-accepting Party will not be entitled to recover its Litigation Expenses (even if it is the prevailing

Party) and will be obligated to pay the Litigation Expenses of the offering Party.

ARTICLE 16. MISCELLANEOUS

- 16.1 Independent Contractor and Waiver of Benefits. TRC is an independent contractor and will not be regarded as an employee or agent of Client. TRC agrees that it will not receive, and is not eligible to participate in, any employee benefit plan, insurance program, disability plan, medical benefits plan, or any other fringe benefit program sponsored and maintained by Client for its regular active employees, and TRC hereby waives any rights or claims related thereto.
- 16.2 Compliance with Laws. TRC will observe all applicable provisions of the federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including those relating to equal opportunity employment.
- 16.3 Severability. If any term, covenant, condition, or provision of this Agreement is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect, and will in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated thereby.
- 16.4 Waiver. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement, or consent to any departure therefrom, shall be effective unless in writing and signed by the waiving Party, and then such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given. No failure or delay on the part of any Party in exercising any right, power or remedy hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right, power or remedy preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or remedy hereunder.
- 16.5 Assignment. Neither Party will assign or transfer this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Party. Moreover, as a condition of any such written consent, such assignment will be subject to the terms and conditions herein and no greater rights or remedies will be available to the assignee. In the event of an assignment by Client, Client will provide TRC with the information necessary for notices and invoicing (as applicable) prior to the effective date of the assignment. Client hereby agrees that TRC may subcontract and/or assign some or all of the Work to one or more of its corporate affiliates to the extent necessary to provide sufficient staffing and/or to comply with applicable insurance or professional licensing requirements.
- 16.6 Captions. The captions of the articles and sections in this Agreement are intended solely for the convenience of reference and will not define, limit, or affect in any way the provisions, terms, and conditions hereof or their interpretation.
- 16.7 Integration. This Agreement represents the entire understanding and agreement between the Parties and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, whether written or oral, and may be amended or modified only by a written amendment signed by both Parties.
- 16.8 Amendments. This Agreement may be modified only by a Change Order or an amendment executed in writing by a duly authorized representative for each Party.
- 16.9 No Third Party Beneficiaries. Except as otherwise specifically provided for herein, this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any benefit on any third party not a Party to this Agreement, nor shall it provide any rights to such third party to enforce its provisions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all liability-limiting provisions of this Agreement shall extend and inure to the benefit of all members of TRC.
- 16.10 Signatures. The Proposal, any amendment to these Terms and Conditions, and any Change Order may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, and all of which together will be deemed to be one and the same instrument. A copy of the Proposal and any subsequent modifications signed electronically and/or delivered by e-mail or other means of electronic transmission will be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of a manually signed original. Each person executing the Proposal warrants that he/she is authorized to do so on behalf of the Party for whom he/she signs the Proposal.
- 16.11 Notices. Any notice permitted to be given by email shall be sent to the below representative. Any other notice required to be given pursuant to this Agreement must be in writing and sent by overnight delivery via USPS or a nationally recognized courier and delivered to the address set forth in the first paragraph above to the attention of the representative below:
If to TRC, send to the attention of: the person signing the
Proposal If to Client, send to the attention of: the recipient of the
Proposal
- Any notice so given will be deemed effective upon receipt. Either Party may change its representative or address effective ten (10) days after written notice thereof to the other Party.
- 16.12 Remittance Information. TRC remittance information for making payments is as follows:

U.S. Postal Service:
TRC
Lockbox PO
Box 536282



Attachment 3
BILLING AND EQUIPMENT RATES

Team Leader II	\$210
Senior Engineer	\$180
Project Manager I	\$160
Project Manager II	\$185
Project Manager III	\$205
Project Geologist	\$150
Community Resource Specialist	\$160
Staff Engineer	\$90
Engineer I	\$125
Engineer II	\$130
Engineer III	\$140
Engineer IV	\$160
Technician	\$80
Survey Team Leader	\$185
Senior Project Surveyor	\$135
Survey Technician	\$80
Survey Crew (2 Person)	\$165
Mileage	\$0.75 / mile