Ordinance #O.23.16

An Ordinance **CREATING A PACE AREA AND ESTABLISHING THE ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM FOR RECORD OWNERS OF PROPERTY THAT, FROM TIME TO TIME, MAY VOLUNTARILY REQUEST THE LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO SECURE THE FINANCING OR REFINANCING OF THEIR PACE PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS TO ACT THEREUNDER; DESIGNATING THE ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY AS THE SOLE ISSUER OF BONDS AND NOTES; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS.**

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Galena on this 28th Day of August 2023.

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the City Council of the City of Galena, Jo Daviess County, Illinois, this 28th Day of August 2023.

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) City of Galena
COUNTY OF JO DAVIESS)

CERTIFICATE

I, Mary Beth Hyde, certify that I am the duly elected municipal clerk of the City of Galena, JoDaviess County, Illinois.

I further certify that on the 28th Day of August 2023, the Corporate Authorities of said municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. O.23.16 entitled **AN ORDINANCE CREATING A PACE AREA AND ESTABLISHING THE ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM FOR RECORD OWNERS OF PROPERTY THAT, FROM TIME TO TIME, MAY VOLUNTARILY REQUEST THE LEVY OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO SECURE THE FINANCING OR REFINANCING OF THEIR PACE PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS TO ACT THEREUNDER; DESIGNATING THE ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY AS THE SOLE ISSUER OF BONDS AND NOTES; AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS,** which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of Ordinance No. O.23.16 including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the municipal building, commencing the 29th Day of August 2023 and commencing for at least ten (10) days thereafter.

Dated at Galena, Illinois, this 29th Day of August 2023.

Mary Beth Hyde

Mary Beth Hyde, City Clerk

(Seal)

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WHEREAS, the City of Galena, a duly organized and validly existing city under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois (the "Governmental Unit"), is a non-home rule unit of local government of the State of Illinois, and is authorized pursuant to the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act, 50 ILCS 50/1 *et seq.*, as amended (the "PACE Act"), to create a "PACE area" (as defined in the PACE Act) and establish a "property assessed clean energy program" or "program" (as defined in the PACE Act) to facilitate access to capital used by "record owners" (as defined in the PACE Act) of "property" (as defined in the PACE Act) for the financing or refinancing of "energy projects" (as defined in the PACE Act); and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Finance Authority, a body politic and corporate duly organized and validly existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois (the "Authority"), is authorized to issue bonds or notes in accordance with the PACE Act and pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 825-65 of the Illinois Finance Authority Act, 20 ILCS 3501/801-1 *et seq.*, to fund "PACE Projects" (as defined in the Illinois Finance Authority Act, and energy projects, which are known as "PACE Projects" herein), which bonds or notes will be secured, in part, by "assessments" (as defined in the PACE Act) levied on properties benefitted by PACE Projects as voluntarily requested by the record owners pursuant to "assessment contracts" (as defined in the PACE Act); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 10 of the PACE Act, the Governmental Unit may establish a program administered by either one or more than one "program administrator" (as defined in the PACE Act) for a PACE area on behalf of or at the discretion of the Governmental Unit, and under such program, the Governmental Unit, from time to time, may assign such assessment contracts to "permitted assignees" (as defined in the PACE Act), including the Authority, without competitive bidding or the solicitation of requests for proposals or requests for qualifications to fund PACE Projects; and

WHEREAS, in order to lessen the burdens on counties and municipalities throughout Illinois that may desire to create PACE areas and establish property assessed clean energy programs, to attract "capital providers" (as defined in the PACE Act) to purchase bonds or notes issued by the Authority to fund PACE Projects throughout Illinois, and to assist record owners in the financing or refinancing of PACE Projects throughout Illinois, the Authority,

pursuant to its Resolution 2022-0412-GP10, authorized the formation of Illinois C-PACE Open Market Initiative, d/b/a C-PACE Open Market Initiative, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation and component unit of the Authority (the "C-PACE Open Market Initiative"), to administer a nonpartisan, nonpolitical property assessed clean energy program for interested "governmental units" (as defined in the PACE Act) throughout Illinois (the "Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program") for the benefit of a statewide, open market in which the "governing body" (as defined in the PACE Act) of each governmental unit may create a PACE area and establish the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program pursuant to the procedures provided in Section 15 of the PACE Act by the adoption of an ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, as further described in the report of the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program described below and attached hereto, the Authority shall be the sole issuer of any bonds or notes to finance or refinance PACE Projects of record owners that have applied and have been approved for such financing or refinancing under the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program, and any such bonds or notes purchased by capital providers or any interim financing provided by a "warehouse fund" (as defined in the PACE Act) prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes shall not be general obligations of the State of Illinois or any governmental unit including the Governmental Unit; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the Governmental Unit's desire to avoid the need to devote the time and resources necessary to develop and implement a property assessed clean energy program with the features of the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program and to otherwise be required to issue bonds or notes to finance or refinance PACE Projects and incur the related compliance or accounting obligations, the Governmental Unit now desires to create a PACE area, to establish the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program as a property assessed clean energy program for such PACE area that shall be administered on behalf of the Governmental Unit at all times by the C-PACE Open Market Initiative, to facilitate access to capital from more than one program administrator, and to benefit from the Authority issuing all bonds and notes to finance or refinance PACE Projects approved under the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program in a statewide, open market; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its participation in such statewide, open market, the Governmental Unit now desires to delegate to the C-PACE Open Market Initiative, among other things, the discretion to consider and approve capital providers or their affiliates as participants in the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program to act as program administrators on a non-exclusive basis, for their own account and for the account of others of their choosing, to originate financings or refinancings of PACE Projects, to purchase or arrange for the purchases of the related bonds or notes issued by the Authority, to provide or arrange any related interim financing by a warehouse fund prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, and to provide or arrange for the administration and servicing of such PACE Projects; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALENA, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Incorporation of the Recitals. The Governmental Unit hereby finds that all of the statements contained in the recitals to this Ordinance are true, correct and complete and are hereby incorporated by reference thereto and are made a part hereof.

Section 2. Authorization of More than One Program Administrator.

a. The Governmental Unit hereby authorizes the Illinois C-PACE Open Market Initiative to act as a program administrator (the "PACE Area Administrator") for the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program on behalf of the Governmental Unit on the terms and pursuant to the conditions set forth in this Ordinance, including the report of the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program, as provided herein and therein.

b. The duties of the PACE Area Administrator are to act as a liaison to the Governmental Unit and its residents, taxpayers, and other interested persons as further described in the report of the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program, to prescribe the terms and conditions whereby the Governmental Unit can facilitate access to capital from more than one program administrator, and to consider and approve capital providers or their affiliates to act as program administrators for one or more PACE Projects (each, a "PACE Project Administrator") under the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program at the discretion of the Governmental Unit, which discretion is hereby delegated by the Governmental Unit to the PACE Area Administrator. Each PACE Project Administrator shall be authorized, on a non-exclusive basis, for its own account and for the account of others of its choosing, to originate financings or refinancings of PACE Projects, to purchase or arrange for the purchases of the related bonds or notes issued by the Authority, to provide or arrange any related interim financing by a warehouse fund prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, and to provide or arrange for the administration and servicing of such PACE Projects.

c. Upon approval by the PACE Area Administrator to act as a program administrator for the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program, each PACE Project Administrator shall be deemed to have agreed to perform the duties and obligations set forth in this Ordinance, including the duties and obligations set forth in the report of the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program, as provided herein and therein, and any other duties or obligations necessary, appropriate, or desirable in connection with the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program as the PACE Area Administrator may prescribe from time to time, as such duties and obligations are allocated among the Governmental Unit, the PACE Area Administrator, and the PACE Project Administrator, in each case, at the PACE Project Administrator's sole cost and expense.

d. The Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program shall terminate at such time as the Authority ceases to issue bonds or notes to fund PACE Projects, as evidenced by the notice hereinafter provided. The PACE Area Administrator, as a component unit of the Authority, shall use its best efforts to provide at least sixty (60) calendar days prior written notice thereof to the Governmental Unit and provide at least thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice thereof to each PACE Project Administrator. The Governmental Unit

may terminate or suspend the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program at any time, for any reason or no reason, after giving written notice thereof to the PACE Area Administrator at least sixty (60) calendar days before the termination or suspension is to be effective. Upon receiving such written notice from the Governmental Unit, the PACE Area Administrator shall give written notice thereof to any PACE Project Administrator at least thirty (30) calendar days before the termination or suspension is to be effective. The termination or suspension of the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program shall not relieve the PACE Area Administrator and any PACE Project Administrator of their respective obligations incurred before such termination or suspension and that are required to be performed thereafter, all of which shall survive.

e. Without limiting the right of the PACE Area Administrator to approve, deny, terminate, or suspend any PACE Project Administrator at its discretion, the Governmental Unit reserves the right to terminate or suspend any PACE Project Administrator at any time, for any reason or no reason, after giving written notice thereof to the PACE Area Administrator at least sixty (60) calendar days before the termination or suspension is to be effective. Upon receiving such written notice from the Governmental Unit, the PACE Area Administrator shall give written notice thereof to the PACE Project Administrator at least thirty (30) calendar days before the termination or suspension is to be effective. The termination or suspension of any PACE Project Administrator shall not relieve such PACE Project Administrator of its obligations incurred before such termination or suspension and that are required to be performed thereafter, all of which shall survive.

Section 3. Designation of Illinois Finance Authority as Sole Issuer of Bonds or Notes; Creation of the PACE Area; Report of the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program.

a. The Governmental Unit hereby finds that the financing or refinancing of PACE Projects in a statewide, open market is a valid public purpose that furthers essential public and governmental purposes, including, but not limited to, reduced energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions, enhanced water quality and conservation, economic stimulation and development, improved property resiliency and valuation, and increased employment.

b. The Governmental Unit intends to facilitate access to capital from more than one PACE Project Administrator as approved by the PACE Area Administrator and other capital providers or their designated transferees as approved by the Authority to provide funds for PACE Projects, which will be repaid by assessments on the properties benefitted with the agreement of the record owners.

c. The Governmental Unit hereby designates the Authority to be the sole issuer of any bonds or notes under the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program and hereby authorizes the Authority to assist record owners with any interim financing to be provided by a warehouse fund prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes under the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program, in each case to fund PACE Projects approved under the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program. The PACE Area Administrator may act as the

PACE Project Administrator for one or more PACE Projects funded by interim financing provided by a warehouse fund established by the Governmental Unit or the Authority, if applicable, under the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program.

d. The Governmental Unit hereby creates a PACE area for the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program that shall be coterminous with the entire corporate limits of the Governmental Unit (the "PACE Area") for the benefit of a statewide, open market.

e. The C-PACE Open Market Initiative has prepared the report of the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program attached hereto as Exhibit A (as amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time by the PACE Area Administrator, the "Program Report") in conformity with the PACE Act, setting forth, *inter alia*, the types of PACE Projects that may be financed or refinanced, or interim financed pursuant to this Ordinance. The Program Report is hereby incorporated by reference thereto and made a part hereof. The Governmental Unit hereby approves the Program Report. The Program Report shall be made available for public inspection by the Governmental Unit in a manner deemed prudent in its sole discretion and shall be posted and reasonably made available at all times by the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program on the following website: www.IFApace.com. The PACE Area Administrator shall provide the Governmental Unit at least thirty (30) calendar days prior written notice of the effective date of any amendment, supplement, or modification of the Program Report.

Section 4. No Public Hearing; Program Established. The Governmental Unit hereby finds that no public hearing shall be required in connection with the adoption or amendment of the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program and hereby establishes the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program in accordance with this Ordinance and the Program Report.

Section 5. Assessment Contracts and Assignment Agreements.

a. The Governmental Unit shall impose an assessment only pursuant to the terms of a recorded assessment contract with the record owner of the property to be assessed, the form of which shall be in substantially the form of Appendix A to the Program Report (each, an "Assessment Contract"). The form of Assessment Contract enclosed as Appendix A to the Program Report is hereby approved by the Governmental Unit.

b. The Governmental Unit shall assign Assessment Contracts pursuant to certain assignment agreements with the Authority as collateral for the financing or refinancing, or interim financing, of PACE Projects, the form of which shall be in substantially the form of Appendix B to the Program Report (each, an "Assignment Agreement"). The form of Assignment Agreement enclosed as Appendix B to the Program Report is hereby approved by the Governmental Unit.

c. Any one of the mayor or city administrator, or any person duly appointed by the Governmental Unit to serve in such offices on an interim basis or otherwise authorized to act as provided by an ordinance or resolution of the Governmental Unit,

acting singly (each, an "Authorized Officer"), is hereby authorized to execute and deliver Assessment Contracts with record owners meeting the requirements set forth in the PACE Act and the Program Report and execute and deliver related Assignment Agreements with the Authority, in each case with such changes, deletions, and insertions as shall be approved by an Authorized Officer and such other supporting documents and instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out and comply with the provisions of each Assessment Contract and Assignment Agreement. The execution and delivery of such Assessment Contracts, Assignment Agreements, other contracts, agreements, documents, and instruments shall be conclusive evidence of the approval of the forms, terms and provisions thereof, including, without limitation, any changes, deletions, or insertions to the forms of documents now before the Governmental Unit, by an Authorized Officer executing the same and by the Governmental Unit.

d. Prior to the PACE Area Administrator submitting an Assessment Contract to an Authorized Officer for execution, the applicable PACE Project Administrator shall (i) make the determination that the property to be assessed is entirely within the PACE Area, (ii) have received evidence of all the enumerated items in Section 25(c) of the PACE Act and Section 25(d) of the PACE Act, and (iii) deliver to the PACE Area Administrator a written certification as to the matters set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) and a representation and warranty that such PACE Project Administrator as a program administrator of the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program is in compliance with its duties and obligations hereunder (the "Compliance Certificate"). The Compliance Certificate shall be in form and substance acceptable to the PACE Area Administrator. The Governmental Unit authorizes and directs the PACE Area Administrator to receive each Compliance Certificate on its behalf from PACE Project Administrators and, upon receipt, to deliver each Compliance Certificate to the Governmental Unit.

e. Without limiting the generality of the first sentence of Section 5(d), if applicable, the Governmental Unit authorizes and directs the applicable PACE Project Administrator to receive on its behalf the copies or other proof of the notices to, and written consents of, any mortgage holders, pursuant to Section 25(d) of the PACE Act, for the record owner to enter into the assessment contract, and to deliver copies thereof to the PACE Area Administrator together with the Compliance Certificate for further delivery to the Governmental Unit.

f. Upon execution and delivery of any Assessment Contract and related Assignment Agreement, and prior to any funding, the applicable PACE Project Administrator shall file or cause to be filed such Assessment Contract and such Assignment Agreement for recording with the Office of the Recorder of Jo Daviess County.

g. Without limiting the generality of the first sentence of Section 5(d), if applicable, the Governmental Unit authorizes and directs that the applicable PACE Project Administrator receive on its behalf the written confirmation from the record owner, pursuant to Section 25(c)(8) of the PACE Act, that the PACE Project was properly acquired,

constructed, installed, or modified and is operating as intended (the "Completion Certificate"), and to deliver a copy thereof to the Governmental Unit, and, if requested, to the PACE Area Administrator. The failure of the PACE Project Administrator to deliver a copy of any Completion Certificate to the Governmental Unit or the PACE Area Administrator shall not be deemed to impair the related Assessment Contract or any funding thereunder.

Section 6. Additional Actions. Each Authorized Officer is hereby authorized without any further approval to:

a. negotiate, execute, and deliver such other supporting documents as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program; and

b. ratify amendments, modifications, or supplements to the Program Report from time to time as requested by the PACE Area Administrator to the extent such amendments, modifications, or supplements comply with the parameters and requirements set forth in the PACE Act and this Ordinance.

Section 7. Governmental Unit Fees. In consideration of its execution and delivery of any Assessment Contracts, Assignment Agreements, or other supporting documents as may be necessary or appropriate to implement the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program, any record owner entering into an Assessment Contract with the Governmental Unit shall pay or cause to be paid a fee of one hundred fifty dollars ($150) to the Governmental Unit, payable on or before the closing date of any related financing or refinancing, or interim financing, that has been approved under the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program, unless such fee is otherwise waived by the Governmental Unit on a case-by-case basis. The applicable PACE Project Administrator shall be responsible for collecting and remitting such fee to the Governmental Unit.

Section 8. Reservation of Rights for Other Programs. The Governmental Unit reserves the right to:

a. create PACE areas and establish related property assessed clean energy programs other than the PACE Area and the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program to be administered by other for-profit entities or not-for-profit entities or the Governmental Unit, as determined by the governing body, pursuant to one or more separate ordinances or resolutions to be considered or previously considered and approved or adopted, as the case may be, at one or more meetings of the Governmental Unit; and

b. issue "PACE Bonds" (as defined in the PACE Act) to fund PACE Projects pursuant to the rights and powers vested in the Governmental Unit by the PACE Act if such PACE Projects have been approved under any property assessed clean energy program established by the Governmental Unit other than the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program.

Section 9. Reserved.*

Section 10. Amendments. The Governmental Unit acknowledges the importance of uniformity and consistency of the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program in a statewide, open market. Therefore, the Governmental Unit agrees to consider in good faith any amendment, supplement, or modification of this Ordinance or the Program Report proposed by the PACE Area Administrator or the Authority and not to make any amendment, supplement, or modification to this Ordinance or the Program Report proposed by the Governmental Until unless and until approved in writing by the PACE Area Administrator or the Authority, which approvals will not be unreasonably withheld.

Section 11. Enactment. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phrase, or provision shall for any reason be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such declaration shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remainder of the sections, phrases, and provisions hereof. All ordinances, orders, and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its adoption. No provision of the City of Galena Code of Ordinances or violation of any provision of the City of Galena Code of Ordinances shall be deemed to impair the validity of this Ordinance or the instruments authorized by this Ordinance or to impair the security for or payment of the instruments authorized by this Ordinance; provided further, however, that the foregoing shall not be deemed to affect the availability of any other remedy or penalty for any violation of any provision of the City of Galena Code of Ordinances.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and approval.

Passed on this 28th day of August, 2023, in open session of the Galena City Council.

AYES: Westemeier, Wienen, Bernstein, Johnson, Kieffer, Tegtmeyer, Renner

NAYS: None

Terry Renner
TERRY RENNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:
Mary Beth Hyde
MARY BETH HYDE, CITY CLERK

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EXHIBIT A

Report of the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program (including Appendix A and B)

EXHIBIT A



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ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY

C-PACE OPEN MARKET INITIATIVE

Property Assessed Clean Energy Program Report

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Preface to the Program Report by the Illinois Finance Authority

Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy ("C-PACE") financing can be used by owners and developers of commercial properties to finance or refinance eligible improvements in connection with renovations of existing buildings and new construction, in each case up to 25% of the value of the property. Eligible improvements generally include fixtures, products, systems, equipment, devices, and materials intended for energy efficiency, renewable energy, resiliency, or water use; electric vehicle charging stations are eligible improvements too. C-PACE financing has features that make it very attractive as an alternative or a supplement to existing types of commercial real estate financing. For example, C-PACE financing is non-recourse to the record owner and assignable upon transfer of the property. While these features may be found in conduit mortgage loans included in commercial mortgage-backed securities (often referred to as CMBS loans or CMBS financing), they are not common in either traditional bank financing or mezzanine financing, which is often used to finance significant new commercial real estate construction or deep energy retrofit projects. C-PACE financing also has attractive features that are not available with any other type of commercial real estate financing. C-PACE financing does not accelerate upon a default (payment or otherwise), permits terms of up to 40 years, and allows financing of up to 100% of all project and closing costs. All capitalized terms in this Preface not otherwise defined have the meanings set forth in the accompanying Program Report.

C-PACE financing is secured by a voluntary special assessment on the benefited property that is represented by an assessment contract between the record owner and the Governmental Unit. The special assessment is senior to all mortgages and other private liens on such property and is *pari passu* to other real estate taxes and assessments. The lien priority and preferences of C-PACE financing is the primary reason why capital providers are willing to provide up to 100% financing that is non-recourse, non-callable in the event of default, and assignable in the event of a transfer of the property. Interest on C-PACE financing is usually fixed throughout the term, although that is not required by the PACE Act, and is generally well below the rates charged by mezzanine lenders and equipment lenders. Under the PACE Act, the assessment contract must be recorded, and serves as collateral for C-PACE financing, similar to a recorded commercial mortgage serving as collateral for a commercial real estate loan. C-PACE financing to fund PACE Projects occurs through the issuance of conduit debt obligations (such as bonds or notes), similar to other special assessment financing programs in Illinois.

Despite these attractive features and plentiful amounts of capital from providers enthusiastic to consider environmental, social, and governance factors alongside financial factors in the investment decision-making process, the use of C-PACE financing in Illinois has been limited to date. Counties and municipalities have informed the Illinois Finance Authority of their desire to avoid the need to devote the time and resources necessary to develop and implement a property assessed clean energy program with the features of the Illinois Finance Authority PACE Program and to otherwise be required to issue bonds or notes to finance or refinance PACE Projects and incur the related compliance or accounting obligations. Additionally, capital providers have informed the Authority of their desire for a fair and competitive, statewide open market sponsored by an independent, neutral program administrator. Finally, record owners have informed the Authority of their desire to minimize the program administration and governmental fees associated with C-PACE financing.

EXHIBIT A

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Additionally, in their capacity as PACE Project Administrators, capital providers can fairly manage existing and future relationships with record owners without the risks associated with sharing business intelligence with affiliates of competing capital providers that have secured an exclusive role as program administrator for a county or municipality.

The statewide, open market architecture of the IFA PACE Program also offers what no other property assessed clean energy program in Illinois can offer: uniformity; the financing or refinancing of all PACE Projects regardless of location is undertaken by a single issuer of bonds or notes. The Illinois Finance Authority has statewide authorization to issue bonds and notes to fund PACE Projects located in any PACE area, thus doing away with any issuance of bonds or notes by the Governmental Unit. In turn, the Governmental Unit and its fellow counties and municipalities enjoy the benefit of not incurring any related conduit debt compliance or accounting obligations. The simplification of a single conduit issuer with statewide authorization to fund PACE Projects attracts capital providers that desire a standardized, efficient, and affordable way to facilitate access to capital for record owners, further reducing legal and financing costs for such record owners.

Under the IFA PACE Program, the Governmental Unit always retains its prerogatives as set forth in the PACE Act and the PACE Ordinance, including the right to establish other property assessed clean energy programs and to issue its own bonds or notes under such other programs.

Program Roles and Responsibilities

The roles and responsibilities of the Governmental Unit, the Authority, the PACE Area Administrator, the PACE Project Administrators, and the capital providers under the IFA PACE Program are described below.

Governmental Unit

Pursuant to the PACE Ordinance, any one of the Authorized Officers set forth therein, acting singly, on behalf of the Governmental Unit, may execute and deliver an assessment contract and related assignment agreement assigning the assessment contract to the Authority as collateral for the financing or refinancing, or interim financing, of a PACE Project.

Illinois Finance Authority

Pursuant to the PACE Ordinance, the Governmental Unit has designated the Authority as the sole conduit issuer of bonds and notes to fund any PACE Projects approved under the IFA PACE Program.

The Authority is a body politic and corporate created under the laws of the State of Illinois (the "State"). The Authority was created under the Illinois Finance Authority Act, 20 ILCS 3501/801-1 *et seq.*, as amended from time to time (the "Authority Act"), which consolidated seven of the State's previously existing financing authorities. Under the Authority Act, the Authority may not have outstanding at any time bonds or notes for PACE Projects in an aggregate principal amount exceeding $2,000,000,000 (subject to change, from time to time, by acts of the State Legislature). Pursuant to the Authority Act, the Authority is governed by up to

duties. Meetings of the PACE Area Administrator are conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. All notices, agenda, meeting details, and minutes of each regular or special meeting are posted on the following website: www.il-fa.com/public-access.

PACE Project Administrators

Pursuant to the PACE Ordinance, and upon approval of the PACE Area Administrator, PACE Project Administrators are authorized to act as program administrators of the IFA PACE Program. PACE Project Administrators are authorized, on a non-exclusive basis, for their own account and for the account of others of their choosing, to originate financings or refinancings of PACE Projects, to purchase or arrange for the purchases of the related bonds or notes issued by the Authority, and to provide or arrange any related interim financing by warehouse funds prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes. They are also responsible for providing or arranging for the provision of administrative and servicing responsibilities of such PACE Projects.

Upon entering into the Master Participation Agreement with the PACE Area Administrator, each PACE Project Administrator agrees to perform at its sole cost and expense the duties and obligations set forth in the PACE Ordinance, including this Program Report, the Master Participation Agreement, and the PACE Handbook, as provided herein and therein.

The Governmental Unit reserves the right to terminate or suspend any PACE Project Administrator at any time, for any reason or no reason, after giving written notice thereof to the PACE Area Administrator at least 60 calendar days before the termination or suspension is to be effective. Upon receiving such written notice from the Governmental Unit, the PACE Area Administrator shall give written notice thereof to the PACE Project Administrator at least 30 calendar days before the termination or suspension is to become effective.

Capital Providers

Capital providers (or their designated transferee(s)) purchase bonds or notes issued by the Authority and provide or arrange any related interim financing by warehouse funds prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes, in each case to fund PACE Projects approved under the IFA PACE Program.

Capital providers must be institutional "accredited investors" (as defined in Rule 501(a) of Regulation D promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) or "qualified institutional buyers" (as defined in Rule 144A promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended).

To be an approved capital provider of the IFA PACE Program, Members of the Authority consider and approve authorizing resolutions in meetings conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Each authorizing resolution of the Authority for the purchase of bonds or notes by a capital provider or its designated transferee(s) remains in effect for up to three years following the date of adoption to ensure efficient and timely funding of PACE Projects, consistent with market expectations. Interested capital providers should contact Authority staff.

A list of approved capital providers is posted on the following website: www.IFApace.com.

All eligible improvements must be affixed to an eligible property.

Eligible Properties

Each type of property as prescribed in the PACE Act qualifies for financing or refinancing, or interim financing, under the IFA PACE Program.

Any of the following types of privately-owned properties located in the PACE Area qualifies for financing or refinancing under the PACE Act:

- Commercial
- Industrial
- Non-residential agricultural
- Multi-family (of 5 or more units)
- Any property owned by a not-for-profit entity

Eligible Use of Proceeds

The amount of any financing or refinancing, or interim financing, of a PACE Project approved under the IFA PACE Program may include any and all of the following: the cost of materials and labor necessary for acquisition, construction, installation, or modification of the PACE Project, permit fees, inspection fees, application and administrative fees, financing fees, reserves, capitalized interest, costs of billing the assessment, and all other fees, costs, and expenses that may be incurred by the record owner pursuant to the acquisition, construction, installation, or modification of the PACE Project, and the costs of issuance of bonds or notes issued by the Authority on a specific or pro rata basis, as determined by the Governmental Unit, as evidenced by its execution of the assessment contract, and may also include a prepayment premium.

While records owners and PACE Project Administrators may choose any licensed contractor or contractors, each licensed contractor must sign a written acknowledgement that the applicable PACE Project Administrator will not authorize final payment to the contractor or contractors until the Governmental Unit has received the Completion Certificate from the record owner that the PACE Project was properly acquired, constructed, installed, or modified and is operating as intended; provided, however, that the contractor or contractors retain all legal rights and remedies in the event there is a disagreement with the record owner. The PACE Project Administrator is authorized to receive such Completion Certificate on behalf of the Governmental Unit. The Completion Certificate shall be in substantially the form attached to the PACE Handbook.

Quality Assurance and Antifraud

Quality assurance protocols serve to prevent improper or low-quality construction, installation, or modification of PACE Projects and protect against fraud and abuse of the IFA PACE Program.

All work requiring a license under any applicable law to acquire, construct, install, or modify a PACE Project shall be performed by a licensed contractor that has agreed to adhere to a set of

Senior Lender Consent

Each record owner shall provide to the mortgage holders of any existing mortgages encumbering or otherwise secured by the applicable property a notice of the record owner's intent to enter into an assessment contract with the Governmental Unit, together with the maximum principal amount to be financed or refinanced and the maximum annual assessment necessary to repay that amount, along with an additional request that the mortgage holders of any existing mortgages consent to the record owner subjecting the property to the IFA PACE Program. The Governmental Unit or applicable PACE Project Administrator shall be provided with a copy or other proof of those notices and the written consent of the mortgage holder for the record owner enter into the assessment contract which acknowledges that (i) the existing mortgage or mortgages for which the consent was received will be subordinate to the assessment contract and the lien created thereby and (ii) the Governmental Unit and its permitted assignees can foreclose the property if the assessment is not paid.

Maximum Assessment Amount/Lien-to-Value

The aggregate amount that may be financed or refinanced, or interim financed, under one or more assessment contracts for any property located in the PACE Area must not exceed 25% of the value of the property as further described below under the caption "Property Valuation" and in accordance with guidelines set forth in the PACE Handbook.

Useful Life

The term of an assessment shall not exceed the useful life of the PACE Project financed or refinanced under an assessment contract. For any assessment contract financing or refinancing multiple improvements or multiple PACE Projects with varying useful lives, the term of an assessment shall not exceed the longest useful life of any singular improvement or PACE Project. The expected useful life of each improvement or PACE Project shall be determined by the PACE Project Administrator based on industry standards and manufacturers' warranties.

Repayment Periods/Maturity

Under the IFA PACE Program, the term of an assessment cannot exceed 40 years. In addition, pursuant to the Authority Act, the final maturity of any bonds or notes issued by the Authority cannot exceed 40 years.

Interest Rates

The interest rate or rates that will be charged pursuant to any assessment contract will be determined by negotiation between a record owner and the PACE Project Administrator. Interest rates are typically fixed for the term of the assessment contract. There is no prohibition under the PACE Act or the IFA PACE Program for an assessment contract to provide for a variable rate of interest.

PACE Project. Each PACE Project Administrator may establish requirements for an acceptable appraisal report, including maximum terms of validity, in addition to those set forth above.

Capital Provider Term Sheet

Each record owner must have an executed term sheet with a capital provider. For any prospective PACE Project that lacks a commitment from a capital provider for financing or refinancing, record owners are encouraged to visit www.IFApace.com for a listing of approved capital providers and their respective contact information.

Authority Application

Capital providers that have executed a term sheet with a record owner must complete and apply to the Authority for the proposed financing or refinancing, or interim financing, of the PACE Project. Application forms are posted on the following website: www.IFApace.com.

The Authority generally processes applications within 10 business days following the submission of a completed application. Upon approval by the Authority, such application will be deemed approved by the PACE Area Administrator.

Compliance Certificate

The PACE Project Administrator must undertake the following actions prior to the PACE Area Administrator submitting an assessment contract and assignment agreement to an Authorized Officer for execution:

i. make the determination that the property to be assessed is entirely within the PACE Area;
ii. have received evidence of all the enumerated items in Section 25(c) of the PACE Act and Section 25(d) of the PACE Act; and
iii. execute and deliver to the PACE Area Administrator a Compliance Certificate as to the matters set forth in clauses (i) and (ii) and a representation and warranty that such PACE Project Administrator is in compliance with its duties and obligations as a program administrator of the IFA PACE Program. The Compliance Certificate shall be in substantially the form attached to the PACE Handbook.

Upon receipt of the PACE Project Administrator's Compliance Certificate, the PACE Area Administrator will facilitate the execution and delivery of the applicable assessment contract and related assignment agreement by any one of the Authorized Officers. PACE Project Administrators are encouraged to provide the Governmental Unit a reasonable amount of time for such execution and delivery to occur prior to the scheduled closing of any financing or refinancing, or interim financing, of a PACE Project approved under the IFA PACE Program.

Forms of Assessment Contract and Assignment Agreement

Each assessment contract between the Governmental Unit and any record owner located in the PACE Area will be in substantially the form attached hereto as Appendix A. Each related assignment agreement between the Governmental Unit and the Authority assigning the

Any proceeds of any bond or note issued by the Authority and used by a record owner to fund the acquisition, construction, installation, or modification of a PACE Project at closing must comply with the prevailing wage requirements and reporting obligations of the State (just as with any bond or note otherwise issued by a county or municipality).

Interim Financing

To fund a PACE Project with interim financing provided by a warehouse fund established by a capital provider, the Authority will assign the assessment contract to the applicable capital provider or its transferee as collateral for such interim financing for up to 36 months pursuant to a Master Warehouse Agreement. Upon re-assignment of the assessment contract, the Authority will issue bonds or notes to refinance any interim financing that has been provided by such warehouse fund.

Pursuant to the PACE Act, the Governmental Unit or the Authority may also establish a warehouse fund to assist record owners with the interim financing of one or more PACE Projects. Any proceeds of any warehouse fund established by the Governmental Unit or the Authority and used by a record owner to fund the acquisition, construction, installation, or modification of a PACE Project at closing must comply with the prevailing wage requirements and reporting obligations of the State.

Billing and Collecting

Assessments may be included in the regular property tax bills of the county in which a property is located or the Governmental Unit, the PACE Project Administrator, or third-party servicer may bill and collect the assessment amount.

Payment received by mail and postmarked on or before any required due date is not delinquent. From and after the due date of any installment of an assessment, an additional rate of interest of 1 1/2% per month may be imposed with respect to the delinquent amount of such installment, which shall be payable to the applicable capital provider, PACE Project Administrator, or third-party servicer as set forth in the applicable bill.

IFA Municipal Choice PACE Program

For assessments imposed by municipalities, it is anticipated that each capital provider or PACE Project Administrator will directly bill and collect assessments to record owners or indirectly bill and collect assessments through a third-party servicer to record owners. As a result, capital providers keep 100% of any default interest and always have the legal option to pursue a default remedy through either the regular county tax sale process or through an accelerated judicial foreclosure under the State's Municipal Code.

If an assessment becomes delinquent during any year, the applicable capital provider, PACE Project Administrator, or third-party servicer shall, on or before the date in such year required by the county in which the PACE area is located, make a report in writing to the general office of the county in which the applicable property subject to the assessment is situated and authorized by the general revenue laws of this State to apply for judgment and sell lands for taxes due the

Illinois Finance Authority

The PACE Handbook prescribes the fee payable to the Authority for any financing or refinancing, or interim financing, of a PACE Project.

PACE Area Administrator

The PACE Handbook prescribes the fee payable to the PACE Area Administrator for any financing or refinancing, or interim financing, of a PACE Project.

As of the date hereof, services of the PACE Area Administrator are free of charge.

EXHIBIT A

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS PREPARED BY:

RETURN TO:

(THE ABOVE SPACE FOR RECORDER'S USE ONLY)

[INSERT NAME OF VILLAGE/CITY/COUNTY/TOWN], ILLINOIS
PACE PROGRAM

ASSESSMENT CONTRACT

THIS ASSESSMENT CONTRACT (this "Contract"), dated as of the Effective Date (as defined below), is by and between the [INSERT NAME], Illinois, a [village/city/county/town] duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois (the "Governmental Unit"), and the person or persons as the titleholder or owner of the beneficial interest set forth on Exhibit A (the "Record Owner") in the property described on Exhibit A (the "Property").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Governmental Unit has conducted the proceedings required by Section 15 of the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act, 50 ILCS 50/1 et seq. (the "Act"), and established a property assessed clean energy program (the "PACE Program") within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Governmental Unit (the "PACE Area") to allow the financing or refinancing of certain "energy projects" (as defined in the Act), funded through the sale of bonds, subject to the Act or alternatively, through the sale of bonds pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 825-65 of the Illinois Finance Authority Act, 20 ILCS 3501/801-1 et seq. (the "Authority Act") and the Act, which bonds will be secured through the levy of certain special assessments pursuant to "assessment contracts" (as defined in the Act) on property (as defined in the Act) benefitted by such energy projects;

WHEREAS, the Act provides that a "record owner" (as defined in the Act) of property within the PACE Area may apply to the Governmental Unit or its "program administrator" (as defined in the Act) to facilitate access to capital to provide funding for an energy project and that the Governmental Unit may enter into an assessment contract with a record owner of property to finance or refinance one or more energy projects on the property, which assessment contract

titleholder or owner of the beneficial interest in the Property and possesses all legal authority necessary to execute this Contract.

Section 3. Assessment; Bonds; Installment; Prepayment; Collection.

(a) *The Assessment.* The Record Owner hereby freely and willingly agrees that a special assessment (the "Assessment") in the amount specified in Schedule I (the "Assessment Amount") shall be levied by the Governmental Unit on the Property pursuant to the Act. The Assessment Amount includes an amount to pay all or a portion of the costs of (i) the Project, (ii) the Program Fees (including costs of issuance of Bonds and, if applicable, closing under the Warehouse Fund), Capital Provider Fees and Other Fees if so specified in Schedule I, (iii) capitalized interest on Bonds or, if applicable, the Warehouse Fund, if so specified in Schedule I, and (iv) funding any required debt service reserve or other reserve, if so specified in Schedule I (collectively, the "Financing Purposes"). The Record Owner acknowledges and agrees that the Assessment Amount does not exceed the special benefit conferred on the Property by the Financing Purposes thereon.

(b) *Bonds.* The Governmental Unit hereby determines that bonds, which may be serial bonds, term bonds or both, shall be issued (i) by the Governmental Unit pursuant to the Act or (ii) upon assignment of this Contract to the Authority, by the Authority pursuant to the Authority Act, all in accordance with the Act (the "Bonds") and shall be secured by the Assessment to pay the cost of the Financing Purposes, and that, if applicable, interim financing prior to the issuance of Bonds may be provided through a Warehouse Fund by assignment of this Contract thereto.

(c) *Interest; Assessment Installments.* Interest on the Assessment Amount shall begin to run from the date the Bonds are issued or, if applicable, interim financing from the Warehouse Fund is issued, and shall be computed at the rate specified in Schedule I. The payment of the Assessment shall be in annual installments of the Assessment Amount and the interest thereon (the "Assessment Installments") as set forth in Schedule I.

(d) *Collection.* The annual Assessment Installment, plus the Assessment Administrative Fee (the "Annual Assessment Amount") coming due in any year shall be payable in the same manner and at the same time and in the same installments as the general taxes on the Property are payable or as otherwise provided in Schedule I attached hereto, and have the same priority, become delinquent at the same time and in the same proportionate amounts as the general taxes on the Property, and bear the penalties and interest after delinquency as set forth in the Act. The Annual Assessment Amount may be included in the regular property tax bills of the county in which the Property is located or the Governmental Unit, the Program Administrator or another third party may bill and collect the Annual Assessment Amount. Property Owner represents that all mortgagees to the Property have, in advance of the Effective Date, been provided notice of the imposition of the Assessment and have consented to the Assessment and Annual Assessment Amount in the amounts described on Schedule I.

(e) *Assessment Administrative Fees.* In addition to the Assessment Installments, the Governmental Unit or any Assignee (as defined below) may (or may direct the Program Administrator or another third party on behalf of the Governmental Unit or any such Assignee,

and constitute valid and binding obligations of the Record Owner, each enforceable in accordance with its terms, and will not violate any applicable law or result in the creation of a lien against the Property except as contemplated by this Contract.

(b) *Financial Statements*. All financial statements delivered to the Governmental Unit or the Program Administrator are true and correct, have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles consistently applied, fairly represent the financial condition of the Record Owner as of the date thereof, and no material adverse change has occurred in the financial condition presented therein since such date.

(c) *No Litigation*. There are no actions, suits or proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Record Owner, threatened, against or affecting it or the Property which could materially adversely affect the Record Owner, its financial condition, the Property or the construction of the Project or the Record Owner's ability to satisfy its obligations under this Contract and any of the Transaction Documents, if applicable except as noted in Schedule II attached herein.

(d) *Title*. The Record Owner has good and insurable title to the Property. Except as set forth on Schedule II ("Permitted Liens"), there are no involuntary liens on the Property, including, but not limited to, construction or mechanics liens, *lis pendens* or judgments against the Record Owner, environmental proceedings, or eminent domain proceedings.

(e) *Property-Based Debt; Taxes*. The Record Owner is not in default, and has received no notices of default, under any property-based debt that has not been otherwise cured. The Record Owner is current on all mortgage debt on the Property, has not had an Insolvency Event in the last two (2) years from the Effective Date, and the Property is not the subject of any Insolvency Event. There are no delinquent taxes, special assessments, or water or sewer charges on the Property. There are no delinquent assessments on the Property in a property assessed clean energy program (including the Program).

(f) *Compliance With Laws*. The Record Owner has complied with, and will continue to comply with, all applicable statutes, regulations and ordinances in connection with the Property and construction of the Project. All permits, consents, approvals and authorizations required to be issued by any governmental body (collectively, the "Permits") necessary for (a) the construction of the Project in accordance with the plans and specifications (together, the "Plans") submitted by the Record Owner; (b) the construction, connection and operation of all utilities necessary to service the Project; and (c) the construction and use of all roadways, driveways, curb cuts and other vehicular or other access to and egress from the Project, as shown on the Plans either (i) have been obtained, are valid, are in full force and effect and have been complied with by the Record Owner in all respects; or (ii) will be obtained, will be valid, will be in full force and effect prior to the initiation of construction of the Project, and Record Owner will be in compliance therewith in all respects prior to any "permitted assignee" (as defined in the Act), including any bond trustee or "capital provider" (as defined in the Act) to which this Contract has been assigned (the "Assignee") disbursing any Bond proceeds or interim financing provided by a Warehouse Fund, if applicable. Construction of the Project in accordance with the Plans will comply with applicable zoning, use, building or other applicable codes, laws, regulations, ordinances and Permits and any restrictive covenants affecting the Property.

Fund in the Property, Plans, Budget, Construction Contract or Project or that violated applicable law.

(m) *Environmental Matters.* Except as shown on Schedule III attached hereto (the "Environmental Schedule"), there are no underground storage tanks located on the Property; there is no past or present non-compliance with environmental laws, or with permits issued pursuant thereto, in connection with the Property (which has not been fully remediated in accordance with environmental laws); there is no environmental remediation required (or anticipated to be required) with respect to the Property; and Record Owner does not know of, and has not received, any written or oral notice or other communication from any person (including but not limited to a governmental entity) relating to hazardous substances or remediation thereof, of possible liability of any person pursuant to any environmental law, other environmental conditions in connection with the Property, or any actual or potential administrative or judicial proceedings in connection with the foregoing.

(n) *Property Value.* The aggregate amount to be financed or refinanced hereunder and any other assessment contract related to the Property does not exceed 25% in relation to the greater of (i) the value of the Property as determined by the office of the applicable county assessor; or (ii) the value of the Property as determined by an appraisal conducted by a licensed appraiser.

Section 5. Record Owner Covenants

The Record Owner hereby covenants and agrees as follows:

(a) *Maintenance of Property.* The Record Owner shall, at all times, maintain the Property and, after construction, the Project. The Record Owner shall pay when due all taxes, assessments (including the Assessment), water charges, sewer charges and all other charges levied on or against the Property, and upon written request, submit to the Governmental Unit or any Assignee or any third party acting on their behalf official receipts evidencing such payments.

(b) *Construction Start and Completion.* The Record Owner shall commence construction of the Project and shall diligently proceed with construction of the Project in accordance with the approved Plans and Budget and in a good, substantial and workmanlike manner in accordance with the Construction Contract and all applicable laws, ordinances, codes, rules and regulations. [Construction of the Project shall be completed on or prior to the Outside Completion Date as defined in Exhibit A]*.

(c) *Protection Against Liens.* Except for any Permitted Liens, the Record Owner shall promptly pay and discharge all claims for labor performed and material and services furnished in connection with construction of the Project, and take all other steps necessary to prevent the assertion of claims or liens either against the Property or the Project, other than (i) the claims and lien provided herein, (ii) liens, if any, for taxes imposed by any governmental authority not yet due or delinquent, and (iii) such other title and survey exceptions as the

* ***Drafting Note:*** The bracketed language can be removed for refinancings of completed Projects, or to the extent an Outside Completion Date is not required by a capital provider.

diminution in value of the Property that may result from construction or installation of the Project, (viii) any injury or death that may result from the construction or installation of the Project, (ix) the selection of manufacturer(s), dealer(s), supplier(s), contractor(s) and/or installer(s), and their action or inaction with respect to the Project, (x) the merchantability and fitness for any particular purpose, use or application of the Project, (xi) the amount of energy savings, energy production, water conservation or other performance outcomes resulting from the Project or any assured performance guaranty, (xii) the workmanship of any third parties under any agreements including, without limitation, any Construction Contract, and (xiii) any other matter with respect to the PACE Program (collectively, the "Liabilities").

This release includes claims, obligations, liabilities, causes of action and damages of which the Record Owner is not presently aware or which the Record Owner does not suspect to exist which, if known by the Record Owner, would materially affect Record Owner's release of the Financing Parties. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Record Owner's releases under this Section shall not extend to Liabilities arising from any Financing Parties willful misconduct. The Record Owner acknowledges that the Financing Parties established the PACE Program solely for the purpose of facilitating financing of energy projects arranged by owners of commercial property located in the PACE Area. The Financing Parties are not responsible for the selection, management and/or supervision of the Project, the Project's performance, the Construction Contracts or any assumed performance guaranty. Any issues related to performance of the Project should be discussed with chosen contractors, installers, manufacturers and/or distributors involved with the Project. The waivers and releases by Record Owner contained in this Section shall survive the disbursement of any Bond proceeds, interim financing provided by a Warehouse Fund, if applicable, or any portion thereof, the transfer or sale of the Property by Record Owner and the termination of this Contract.

Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary contained in this Contract, the waiver and release provided for in this Section shall not bar the Record Owner, its successors-in-interest to the Property, from bringing an equitable action against the Governmental Unit for specific performance of its duties and obligations under this Contract, or to enjoin or prevent the violation of this Contract thereby, it being understood and agreed, however, that the Financing Parties shall not be liable for money damages or costs of such equitable proceeding except insofar and to the extent such Liabilities arise from their willful misconduct.

(g) *Energy Assessment.*

(i) To the extent the Project consists of an energy efficiency improvement, renewable energy improvement or water use improvement (each as defined in the Act, and except for a water use improvement that is undertaken for water quality), the Record Owner must obtain an assessment and analysis of the energy and/or water conservation impacts for the Project, as applicable (an "Energy Assessment"). The Energy Assessment must assess the existing water and/or energy use of relevant systems, or code baseline usage in the case of new construction and include a modeling of expected monetary savings to be achieved by the Project. To implement this provision, the Record Owner shall obtain an Energy Assessment from a qualified provider approved by the Program Administrator. The cost of the Energy Assessment, as well as the cost of any other third-

Section 8. **Term; Contract Runs with the Land; Division**.

(a) Except as otherwise set forth in this Contract, this Contract shall expire upon the final payment or prepayment of the Assessment.

(b) This Contract establishes rights and obligations that are for the benefit of the Property and, therefore, such rights and obligations run with the land.

(c) The obligation to pay the Assessment Obligations is an obligation of the Property and no agreement or action of the Record Owner shall be competent to impair in any way the rights of the Governmental Unit or the Program Administrator or the rights of any Assignee, including, but not limited to, the right to pursue judicial foreclosure of the Assessment lien or the right to enforce the collection of the Assessment Obligations or any installment thereof against the Property.

(d) In the event the Property is divided while the Assessment remains unpaid, the unpaid installments of the Assessment Obligations shall be segregated and apportioned by the Governmental Unit or the Assignee or the Program Administrator or a third party acting on its behalf in accordance with a method selected by it in its good faith judgment.

Section 9. **Recordation of Documents**. The Governmental Unit or the Assignee or the Program Administrator or other third party acting on its behalf shall record or cause to be recorded in the office of the County Recorder this Contract and any other documents required by applicable law or any Assignee to be recorded.

Section 10. **Notice**. The Record Owner shall provide written notice to any subsequent purchaser of the Property, or a portion thereof, of the obligation to pay the Assessment.

Section 11. **Waivers, Acknowledgment and Contract**.

(a) Since the Assessment is voluntary and imposed, in accordance with the Act, pursuant to this Contract, the Record Owner hereby waives any requirements otherwise applicable to special assessments under any other provision of Illinois law, for notice or public hearing.

(b) The Record Owner hereby waives its right to appeal or contest the Assessment or to file any lawsuit or other proceeding to challenge the Assessment or any aspect of the proceedings of the Governmental Unit undertaken in connection with the PACE Program. The Record Owner hereby agrees that the Record Owner and its successors in interest to fee title in the Property shall be solely responsible for the installation, operation and maintenance of the Project. The Record Owner hereby acknowledges that the Record Owner and its successors in interest to fee title in the Property will be responsible for payment of the Assessment regardless of whether the Project is properly installed, operated, maintained or performs as expected.

(c) The Record Owner hereby agrees that the Governmental Unit is entering into this Contract solely for the purpose of assisting the Record Owner with the financing or refinancing of the Project, and that neither the Governmental Unit, any Assignee, the Program Administrator nor any third party acting on its behalf has any responsibility of any kind for, and shall have no

directly or via an intermediate assignment), any bond trustee (either directly or via an intermediate assignment), the Warehouse Fund or any other Assignee shall be a "permitted assignee" (as defined in the Act) for any purpose hereunder.

Section 17. Exhibits. Exhibit A, Schedule I, Schedule II and Schedule III attached to this Contract are incorporated into this Contract by this reference as if set forth in their entirety in this Contract.

Section 18. Severability. If any provision of this Contract is held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding will not invalidate or render unenforceable any other provision of this Contract.

Section 19. Corrective Instruments. The Governmental Unit (or its Assignee, as applicable) and the Record Owner, with the consent of the Assignee, if any, shall, from time to time, execute, acknowledge and deliver, or cause to be executed, acknowledged and delivered, such supplements hereto and such further instruments as may reasonably be required in order to carry out the expressed intention of this Contract; provided, however, the prior written consent of the Authority shall be obtained in connection with any such amendment or supplement if Bonds are issued through the Authority, pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 825-65 of the Authority Act; provided, further, however, if applicable, the prior written consent of the Warehouse Fund shall be obtained in connection with any such amendment or supplement if funding by the Warehouse Fund is outstanding.

Section 20. Governing Law: Venue. This Contract shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Illinois applicable to contracts made and performed in the State of Illinois. This Contract shall be enforceable in the State of Illinois, and any action arising hereunder shall (unless waived by the Governmental Unit in writing) be filed and maintained in the Circuit Court of [INSERT GOVERNMENTAL UNIT'S PREFERRED COUNTY] County; provided, however, that if Bonds are issued through the Authority, such action shall be filed and maintained in the Circuit Court of Cook County; provided, however, that actions to foreclose delinquent installments of the Assessment shall be filed and maintained in the Circuit Court of the County identified in Exhibit A.

Section 21. Counterparts. This Contract may be executed in several counterparts, each of which is an original and all of which constitutes one and the same instrument.

Section 22. Electronic Signatures.

(a) The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that this Contract may be executed by one or more electronic means ("Electronic Signatures"). Each party hereto agrees that Electronic Signatures provided by such party shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Contract by such party to all other parties to or relying on this Contract. Each party hereto agrees that Electronic Signatures shall constitute complete and satisfactory evidence of the intent of such party to be bound by those signatures and by the terms and conditions of this Contract as signed. Each party hereto agrees that Electronic Signatures shall be deemed to be original signatures for all purposes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Governmental Unit and the Record Owner have caused this Contract to be executed in their respective names by their duly authorized representatives, all as of the Effective Date.

Record Owner:

[INSERT FORMAL NAME OF RECORD OWNER]

By:

_____

Name:_____

Title:_____

STATE OF _____)
)
COUNTY OF _____)

I, _____, a notary public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT _____, the _____ of _____, a _____, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument as such _____, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that ____ signed and delivered the said instrument, pursuant to authority given by said _____, as _____ own free and voluntary act, and as the free and voluntary act of the municipal corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and notarial seal as of _____, _____.

_____
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: (SEAL)

EXHIBIT A

RECORD OWNER, DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY, DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT, TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS, OUTSIDE COMPLETION DATE, IDENTIFICATION OF CIRCUIT COURT, NOTICE INFORMATION AND EXPIRATION DATE

Record Owner: [INSERT FORMAL NAME OF RECORD OWNER]

Description of Property:

[INSERT COMMON PROPERTY STREET ADDRESS]

PINS: [TO BE COMPLETED]

County: [INSERT COUNTY IN WHICH PROPERTY IS LOCATED]

Description of Project:

The Project consists of the following (check all that apply):

___ Energy Efficiency Improvement

_____Alternative Energy Improvement

____Water Use Improvement

_____Renewable Energy Improvement

____ Resiliency Improvement

Transaction Documents:

[To be Completed]

Outside Completion Date: [To be inserted]

Identification of Circuit Court for Foreclosure Actions:

Expiration Date: [___]

Notice Information:

If to PACE Program:

_____
_____
_____

Legal Description:

[INSERT FORMAL PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION]

Prepayment Date	*[Redemption] Premium*

The Assessment

Annual Assessment Amount: The "Annual Assessment Amount" is the Assessment Installment and Assessment Administrative Fees collectible under this Contract in a given calendar year, and as estimated pursuant to the Schedule of Annual Assessment Amounts below.

Assessment Administrative Fees: The "Assessment Administrative Fees" means, as set forth in Section 3(e) of this Contract, all amounts necessary in order to pay for the costs of collecting the Assessment (including any and all costs of enforcement, including foreclosure or other remedies for default on the Assessment), the administration of the Assessment, the administration of the Bonds or the Warehouse Fund, other administrative costs and any amounts the Record Owner may owe for indemnification as set forth in Section 12 hereto.

Assessment Amount: The initial amount of the Assessment (the "Assessment Amount") that is the total of all costs, fees, and expenses eligible for financing, as set forth in the chart below and described as follows: the cost of the Project ("Project Cost"), including the cost of materials and labor necessary for installation, permit fees, inspection fees, and other eligible costs, fees and expenses related to the acquisition, construction, installation, or modification of the Project; program administrative fees ("Program Fees), including the costs and fees of the Program or other fees that may be charged to the Record Owner in connection with the application for PACE Funding, the execution of this Contract, the costs of issuance of Bonds by the Governmental Unit or the Authority and the provision of interim financing by the Warehouse Fund; other third-party fees, costs, and expenses ("Other Fees") that may be incurred by or charged to the Record Owner in connection with the execution of this Contract, the issuance of Bonds and the provision of interim financing, including property specific legal reviews and recording fees; prepaid interest that is capitalized ("Capitalized Interest"); a debt service reserve, if required ("Debt Service Reserve"); and any fees charged by any capital provider purchasing the Bonds upon issuance and Warehouse Fund ("Capital Provider Fees).

Project Cost	$[_____]
Program Fees	$[_____]
Other Fees	$[_____]
Capitalized Interest	$[_____]
Debt Service Reserve (if required)	$[_____]
Capital Provider Fees	$[_____]
Assessment Amount	**$[_____]**

[The Assessment shall be allocated among the PINs in the [years and] amounts as set forth

EXHIBIT A

[Pin: [_____]
Percentage of Project Installed: [____]%
Assessment Amount: $[_____]][3]

Tax Year (commencing January 1)	Interest	Principal	Assessment Installment (Sum of Principal and Interest)	Estimated Assessment Administrative Fees*	Total Estimated Annual Assessment Amount

*Subject to change as set forth in Section 3(e) of this Contract.

[3] ***Drafting Note:*** This table should be repeated for multi-PIN or tax parcel properties. It may be removed for single-Pin or tax parcel properties.

SCHEDULE III

ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEDULE

[TO BE COMPLETED BY RECORD OWNER, IF ANY]

EXHIBIT A

(THE ABOVE SPACE FOR RECORDER'S USE ONLY)

ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

This ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT (this "***IFA Assignment***") is made and entered into effective as of [INSERT DATE], 20[___] (the "***Effective Date***"), by and between [INSERT NAME OF GOVERNMENTAL UNIT], a [village/city/county/town] duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois (the "***Governmental Unit***") and the ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY, a body politic and corporate created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois (along with its successors and assigns, the "***Authority***," and, together with the Governmental Unit, each a "***Party***" and collectively the "***Parties***").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, [Insert Name of Property Owner], a [Insert Corporate Designation] (the "***Property Owner***") is the owner of certain real property located at [Insert Street Address of Property] ("***Property***").

WHEREAS, the Property Owner has applied to the Governmental Unit for assistance in financing or refinancing a certain "energy project" (as defined in the Property Assessed Clean Energy Act, 50 ILCS 50/1 et seq., as amended (the "***PACE Act***")) at the Property (the "***Project***").

WHEREAS, [INSERT NAME OF PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR], a [INSERT CORPORATE DESIIGNATION], is authorized to act as a program administrator (together with any successors thereto, the "***Program Administrator***") to administer its property assessed clean energy program (the "***PACE Program***") within its jurisdictional boundaries (the "***PACE Area***").

WHEREAS, to finance or refinance the Project, the Governmental Unit and the Property Owner have entered into that certain Assessment Contract dated as of [INSERT DATE], 20[_]

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Indenture, as security for the Bonds, the Authority will pledge and assign to the Trustee all of its right, title and interest in and to the PACE Contract (other than certain "Authority Reserved Rights" as defined therein), including the right to receive and apply the Assessment Installments, and certain other funds, property and collateral, collectively defined as the "Security" in the Indenture, and the Property Owner has consented to such pledge and assignment.

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NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties, the Governmental Unit and the Authority agree as follows:

Section 1. **Assignment and Assumption of PACE Contract.** The Governmental Unit hereby assigns to the Authority all of the Governmental Unit's right, title and interest in and to the PACE Contract, other than its rights to indemnification and payment of Governmental Unit's costs and expenses, and any rights and obligations of the Governmental Unit to pursue an "Enforcement Remedy" (as defined in Section 6(b) of the PACE Contract) which may be non-delegable as a matter of law, as set forth in the PACE Contract (the "***Reserved Rights***"). The Authority hereby assumes, as of the date hereof, and agrees to perform or cause to be performed all of the Governmental Unit's obligations under the PACE Contract from and after the date hereof, subject to its right to assign such obligations pursuant to an assignment of the PACE Contract.

Section 2. **Governmental Unit's Representations and Warranties; Disclaimer.**

(a) Representations and Warranties. The Governmental Unit hereby represents and warrants that, as of the date of this IFA Assignment:

(i) It is a Governmental Unit duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois and has all necessary power and authority to enter into this IFA Assignment and to assign its rights under the PACE Contract, other than Reserved Rights, to the Authority pursuant hereto;

(ii) The execution and delivery of this IFA Assignment and the Governmental Unit's undertakings herein, including assignment of the Governmental Unit's rights under the PACE Contract, other than Reserved Rights, to the Authority pursuant hereto, have been duly authorized by all necessary action on the part of the Governmental

assumes no responsibility with respect to, the solvency, financial condition or statements of the Property Owner, or with respect to the performance or observance by the Property Owner of its obligations under the PACE Contract.

Section 3. Authority's Representations. The Authority represents that, as of the date of this IFA Assignment, it is a body politic and corporate created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois and has full power and authority to enter into and to perform its obligations under this IFA Assignment; and when executed and delivered by the respective parties thereto, this IFA Assignment will constitute the legal, valid and binding obligations of the Authority enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, except as the enforcement thereof may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, arrangement, fraudulent conveyance, moratorium and other laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights, to the application of equitable principles, to the exercise of judicial discretion in appropriate cases and to the limitation on legal remedies against the Authority.

Section 4. Consideration. The Governmental Unit acknowledges and agrees that the assumption by the Authority of the Governmental Unit's obligations under the PACE Contract and the issuance of the Bonds and the loan to the Property Owner are of substantial benefit to the Governmental Unit as a source of liquidity and financing or refinancing of the Project, and constitute good, valuable, fair and adequate consideration for the Governmental Unit's assignment as contemplated herein.

Section 5. Delivery of Documents.

(a) As a condition to the Governmental Unit's performance of its obligations under this IFA Assignment, the Authority shall have delivered to the Governmental Unit an original of this IFA Assignment, in recordable form, duly executed by the Authority.

(b) As a condition to the Authority's performance of its obligations with respect to this IFA Assignment, the Governmental Unit shall have delivered to the Authority all of the following, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Authority: (i) a certified true and correct copy of the PACE Contract, in recordable form, bearing the original signature(s) of the Property Owner and the Governmental Unit and (ii) an original of this IFA Assignment, in recordable form, duly executed by the Governmental Unit.

(c) As a condition to each Party's performance of its obligations under this IFA Assignment, all of the Authority's, the Governmental Unit's and the Property Owner's respective representations and warranties contained in the PACE Contract and this IFA Assignment, as applicable, shall be true and correct on the date of the execution of this IFA Assignment.

Section 15. **Counterparts**. This IFA Assignment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which taken together will constitute one single agreement between the parties. Signatures sent digitally will be deemed to be original signatures for all purposes.

[Signature Page Follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this IFA Assignment to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

Authority:

_____, Executive Director
_____, Signature

Date: _____
Month/Day/Year

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF COOK)

I, _____, a notary public in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT _____, the _____ of _____, a _____, personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument as such _____, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that ____ signed and delivered the said instrument, pursuant to authority given by said _____, as _____ own free and voluntary act, and as the free and voluntary act of the municipal corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

GIVEN under my hand and notarial seal as of _____, _____.

_____
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: (SEAL)