

CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A SMALL PROJECTS

This Contract is by and between Town of Beech Mountain, a North Carolina municipal corporation, (Owner) and _____, a North Carolina corporation, (Contractor) and is effective as of this the: _____th day of _____ 2026 (the Effective Date)

Owner and Contractor hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 - THE WORK

1.01 Work

- A. Work includes all labor, materials, equipment, services, and documentation necessary to construct the Project defined herein, all as required by the Contract Documents.
- B. The Contractor shall complete all Work as specified or indicated in the Contract Documents. The Project is generally described as follows:
 - 1. **Beech Mountain Emergency Water Treatment Plant Intake** which includes, but is not limited to, installing a new intake in the wet well at the water treatment plant, installing concrete, and replacing a section of chain link fence with a man door.
 - 2. The Site of the Work includes Town of Beech Mountain Water Treatment Plant facility and designated work areas described in greater detail in the Contract Documents but generally located **within proximity to the wet well.**

ARTICLE 2 - CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

2.01 Intent of Contract Documents

- A. It is the intent of the Contract Documents to describe a functionally complete project. The Contract Documents do not indicate or describe all of the Work required to complete the Project. Additional details required for the correct installation of selected products are to be provided by the Contractor and coordinated with the Owner and Engineer. This Contract supersedes prior negotiations, representations, and agreements, whether written or oral. The Contract Documents are complementary; what is required by one part of the Contract Documents is as binding as if required by other parts of the Contract Documents.
- B. During the performance of the Work and until final payment, Contractor and Owner shall submit all matters in question concerning the requirements of the Contract Documents, or relating to the acceptability of the Work under the Contract Documents to the Engineer. Engineer will be the initial interpreter of the requirements of the Contract Documents, and judge of the acceptability of the Work thereunder.
- C. Engineer will render a written clarification, interpretation, or decision on the issue submitted, or initiate a modification to the Contract Documents.
- D. Contractor, and its subcontractors and suppliers, shall not have or acquire any title to or ownership rights to any of the Drawings, Specifications, or other documents (including copies or electronic media editions) prepared by Engineer or its consultants.

- 2.02 The Contract Documents are incorporated into and made a part of this Contract by reference as though set forth herein in their entirety.
- 2.03 The parties hereby adopt and reiterate any representations, covenants, or warranties set forth in the Contract Documents as though the same were set forth herein in their entirety and shall be deemed material terms of this Contract.
- 2.04 Contract Documents Defined
- A. The Contract Documents consist of the following documents:
1. This Contract.
 2. 44 CFR Part 18 – Certification Regarding Lobbying
 3. FEMA Supplementary Conditions
 4. FEMA E-Verify Affidavit
 5. BYRD Anti-Lobbying Certification
 6. Debarment/Suspension Certification
 7. Civil Rights Compliance Provisions
 8. Build America Buy America Act Self Certification
 9. Performance bond.
 10. Payment bond.
 11. Addenda (if issued)
 12. Bid From Contractor
 13. Exhibits to this Contract (enumerated as follows):
 - a. **Exhibit C1 – Existing Topo Conditions**
 - b. **Exhibit C2 – Project Site Photos & Construction Sequence**
 - c. **Exhibit C3 – Wet Well Modifications**
 - d. **Exhibit C4 –2026 Wet Well Section View**
 - e. **Exhibit C5 – Single Ductile Iron Pipe Encasement For Intake**
 - f. **Exhibit C6 –2026 Emergency Intake Pump System**
 14. The following which may be delivered or issued on or after the Effective Date of the Contract:
 - a. Work Change Directives (EJCDC C-940).
 - b. Change Orders (EJCDC C-941).
 - c. Field Orders (EJCDC C-942).

ARTICLE 3 - ENGINEER

3.01 Engineer

- A. The Engineer for this Project is Brian Newman PE, with Mattern & Craig, Inc.

ARTICLE 4 - CONTRACT TIMES

4.01 Contract Times

- A. The Work will be substantially completed within **21** days after the Effective Date of the Contract and completed and ready for final payment within **35** days after the Effective Date of the Contract.

4.02 Liquidated Damages

- A. Contractor and Owner recognize that time is of the essence in the performance of the Contract, and that Owner will incur damages if Contractor does not complete the Work according to the requirements of Paragraph 4.01. Because such damages for delay would be difficult and costly to determine, Owner and Contractor agree that as liquidated damages for delay (but not as a penalty) Contractor shall pay Owner **\$500** for each day that expires after the Contract Time for substantial completion.

4.03 Delays in Contractor's Progress

- A. If Owner, Engineer, or anyone for whom Owner is responsible, delays, disrupts, or interferes with the performance or progress of the Work, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in the Contract Times and Contract Price. Contractor's entitlement to an adjustment of the Contract Times is conditioned on such adjustment being essential to Contractor's ability to complete the Work within the Contract Times.
- B. Contractor shall not be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times for delay, disruption, or interference caused by or within the control of Contractor or their subcontractors or suppliers.
- C. If Contractor's performance or progress is delayed, disrupted, or interfered with by unanticipated causes not the fault of and beyond the control of Owner, Contractor, and those for which they are responsible, then Contractor shall be entitled to an equitable adjustment in Contract Times.
- D. Contractor shall not be entitled to an adjustment in Contract Price or Contract Times for any delay, disruption, or interference if such delay is concurrent with a delay, disruption, or interference caused by or within the control of Contractor or Contractor's subcontractors or suppliers.

4.04 Progress Schedules

- A. Contractor shall develop a progress schedule and submit to the Engineer for review and comment before starting Work on the Site. The Contractor shall modify the schedule in accordance with the comments provided by the Engineer.
- B. The Contractor shall update and submit the progress schedule to the Engineer each month. The Owner may withhold payment if the Contractor fails to submit the schedule.

ARTICLE 5 - CONTRACT PRICE

5.01 Payment

- A. Owner shall pay Contractor in accordance with the Contract Documents, the **for the following Unit Prices:**

Item No.	Description	Unit	Bid Unit Price
1	Water Intake Installation	LS	\$
Total of All Lump Sum Contract Amount			\$

Payment will be made in an amount equal to the total of all extended prices for actual Work completed. The extended price is determined by multiplying the unit price times the actual quantity of that Work item completed. Actual quantities installed will be determined by the Field Engineer.

ARTICLE 6 - BONDS AND INSURANCE

6.01 Bonds

- A. Before starting Work, Contractor shall furnish a performance bond and a payment bond from surety companies that are duly licensed or authorized to issue bonds in the required amounts in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located. Each bond shall be in an amount equal to the Contract Price, as security for the faithful performance and payment of all of Contractor’s obligations under the Contract. These bonds remain in effect until the completion of the correction period specified in Paragraph 7.12 but, in any case, not less than one year after the date when final payment becomes due.

6.02 Insurance

- A. Before starting Work, Contractor shall furnish evidence of insurance from companies that are duly licensed or authorized in the jurisdiction in which the Project is located with a minimum AM Best rating of A-VII or better. Contractor shall provide insurance in accordance with the following:

- 1. Contractor shall provide coverage for not less than the following amounts, or greater where required by Laws and Regulations:

- a. Workers’ Compensation:

State: North Carolina Statutory _____

Employer’s Liability:

Bodily Injury, each Accident \$ 1,000,000

Bodily Injury By Disease, each Employee \$ 1,000,000

Bodily Injury/Disease Aggregate \$ 1,000,000

- b. Commercial General Liability:

General Aggregate \$ 2,000,000

Products - Completed Operations Aggregate	\$ 2,000,000
Personal and Advertising Injury	\$ 1,000,000
Each Occurrence (Bodily Injury and Property Damage)	\$ 1,000,000

c. Automobile Liability herein:

Bodily Injury:

Each Person	\$ 0
Each Accident	\$ 0

Property Damage:

Each Accident	\$ 0
Combined Single Limit of:	\$ 0

d. Excess or Umbrella Liability:

Per Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$ 1,000,000

e. Contractor's Pollution Liability:

Each Occurrence	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate	\$ 1,000,000

- B. All insurance policies required to be purchased and maintained will contain a provision or endorsement that the coverage afforded will not be canceled or materially changed or renewal refused until at least 10 days prior written notice has been given to the insured and additional insured.
- C. Automobile liability insurance provided by Contractor shall provide coverage against claims for damages because of bodily injury or death of any person or property damage arising out of the ownership, maintenance, or use of any motor vehicle. The automobile liability policy shall be written on an occurrence basis.
- D. Contractor's commercial general liability policy shall be written on a 1996 or later ISO commercial general liability occurrence form and include the following coverages and endorsements:
1. Products and completed operations coverage maintained for three years after final payment.
 2. Blanket contractual liability coverage to the extent permitted by law.
 3. Broad form property damage coverage; and
 4. Severability of interest; underground, explosion, and collapse coverage; personal injury coverage.
- E. The Contractor's commercial general liability and automobile liability, umbrella or excess, and pollution liability policies shall include and list Owner and Engineer and the respective

officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each as additional insureds; and the insurance afforded to these additional insureds shall provide primary coverage for all claims covered thereby (including as applicable those arising from both ongoing and completed operations) on a non-contributory basis.

1. Additional insured endorsements will include both ongoing operations and products and completed operations coverage through ISO Endorsements CG 20 10 10 01 and CG 20 37 10 01 (together). If Contractor demonstrates to Owner that the specified ISO endorsements are not commercially available, then Contractor may satisfy this requirement by providing equivalent endorsements.
 2. Contractor shall provide ISO Endorsement CG 20 32 07 04, "Additional Insured—Engineers, Architects or Surveyors Not Engaged by the Named Insured" or its equivalent for design professional additional insureds.
- F. Umbrella or excess liability insurance shall be written over the underlying employer's liability, commercial general liability, and automobile liability insurance. Subject to industry-standard exclusions, the coverage afforded shall be procured on a "follow the form" basis as to each of the underlying policies. Contractor may demonstrate to Owner that Contractor has met the combined limits of insurance (underlying policy plus applicable umbrella) specified for employer's liability, commercial general liability, and automobile liability through the primary policies alone, or through combinations of the primary insurance policies and an umbrella or excess liability policy.
- G. The Contractor shall provide property insurance covering physical loss or damage during construction to structures, materials, fixtures, and equipment, including those materials, fixtures, or equipment in storage or transit.
- H. If Contractor has failed to obtain and maintain required insurance, Owner may exclude the Contractor from the Site, impose an appropriate set-off against payment, and exercise Owner's termination rights under Article 15.

ARTICLE 7 - CONTRACTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

7.01 Supervision and Superintendence

- A. Contractor shall supervise and direct the Work competently and efficiently, devoting such attention thereto and applying such skills and expertise as may be necessary to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents. Contractor shall be solely responsible for the means, methods, techniques, sequences, safety, and procedures of construction.
- B. Contractor shall assign a competent resident superintendent who is to be present at all times during the execution of the Work. This resident superintendent shall not be replaced without written notice to and approval by the Owner and Engineer except under extraordinary circumstances.
- C. Contractor shall at all times maintain good discipline and order at the Site.

7.02 Other Work at the Site

- A. In addition to and apart from the Work of the Contractor, other work may occur at or adjacent to the Site. Contractor shall take reasonable and customary measures to avoid damaging, delaying, disrupting, or interfering with the work of Owner, any other contractor, or any utility owner performing other work at or adjacent to the Site.

7.03 Services, Materials, and Equipment

- A. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract Documents, Contractor shall provide and assume full responsibility for all services, materials, equipment, labor, transportation, construction equipment and machinery, tools, appliances, fuel, power, light, heat, telephone, water, sanitary facilities, temporary facilities, and all other facilities and incidentals necessary for completion of the Work, whether or not such items are specifically called for in the Contract Documents.

7.04 Quality Management

- A. Contractor is fully responsible for the managing quality to ensure Work is completed in accordance with the Contract Documents.

7.05 Licenses, Fees and Permits

- A. Contractor shall obtain and pay for all construction permits and licenses unless otherwise provided in the Contract Documents.

7.06 Laws and Regulations; Taxes

- A. Contractor shall give all notices required by and shall comply with all local, state, and federal Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Except where otherwise expressly required by applicable Laws and Regulations, neither Owner nor Engineer shall be responsible for monitoring Contractor's compliance with any Laws or Regulations.
- B. Contractor shall bear all resulting costs and losses, and shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages if Contractor performs any Work or takes any other action knowing or having reason to know that it is contrary to Laws or Regulations.
- C. Contractor shall pay all applicable sales, consumer, use, and other similar taxes Contractor is required to pay in accordance with Laws and Regulations.

7.07 Record Documents

- A. Contractor shall maintain one printed record copy of all Drawings, Specifications, Addenda, Change Orders, Work Change Directives, Field Orders, written interpretations and clarifications, and approved shop drawings in a safe place at the Site. Contractor shall annotate them to show changes made during construction. Contractor shall deliver these record documents to Engineer upon completion of the Work.

7.08 Safety and Protection

- A. Contractor shall be solely responsible for initiating, maintaining, and supervising all safety precautions and programs in connection with the Work.
- B. Contractor shall take all necessary precautions for the safety of, and shall provide the necessary protection to prevent damage, injury, or loss to:
 - 1. All persons on the Site or who may be affected by the Work.
 - 2. All the Work and materials and equipment to be incorporated therein, whether in storage on or off the Site; and

3. Other property at the Site or adjacent thereto, including trees, shrubs, lawns, walks, pavements, roadways, structures, other work in progress, utilities, and underground facilities not designated for removal, relocation, or replacement in the course of construction.
- C. All damage, injury, or loss to any property caused, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by Contractor, or anyone for whose acts the Contractor may be liable, shall be remedied by Contractor at its expense (except damage or loss attributable to the fault of Contract Documents or to the acts or omissions of Owner or Engineer and not attributable, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, to the fault or negligence of Contractor).

7.09 Warranties and Guarantees

- A. Contractor warrants and guarantees to Owner that all Work will be in accordance with the Contract Documents and will not be defective. Engineer and its officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, and subcontractors shall be entitled to rely on Contractor's warranty and guarantee.

7.10 Correction Period

- A. If within one year after the date of substantial completion, any Work is found to be defective, or if the repair of any damages to the Site, adjacent areas that Contractor has arranged to use through construction easements or otherwise, and other adjacent areas used by Contractor as permitted by Laws and Regulations, is found to be defective, then Contractor shall promptly and without cost to Owner, correct such defective Work.

7.11 Indemnification

- A. To the fullest extent permitted by Laws and Regulations, and in addition to any other obligations of Contractor under the Contract or otherwise, Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner and Engineer, and the officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants and subcontractors of each and any of them from and against all claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals and all court or arbitration or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to the performance of the Work, provided that any such claim, cost, loss, or damage is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), including the loss of use resulting therefrom but only to the extent caused by any negligent act or omission of Contractor, any subcontractor, any supplier, or any individual or entity directly or indirectly employed by any of them to perform any of the Work or anyone for whose acts they may be liable.

ARTICLE 8 - OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

8.01 Owner's Responsibilities

- A. Except as otherwise provided in the Contract Documents, Owner shall issue all communications to Contractor through Engineer.
- B. Owner shall make payments to Contractor as provided in this Contract.
- C. Owner shall provide Site and easements required to construct the Project.

- D. If Owner intends to contract with others for the performance of other work at or adjacent to the Site, unless stated elsewhere in the Contract Documents, Owner shall have sole authority and responsibility for such coordination.
- E. The Owner shall be responsible for performing inspections and tests required by applicable codes.
- F. The Owner shall not supervise, direct, or have control or authority over, nor be responsible for, Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Owner will not be responsible for Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- G. While at the Site, Owner's employees and representatives shall comply with the specific applicable requirements of Contractor's safety programs of which Owner has been informed.
- H. Owner shall furnish copies of any applicable Owner safety programs to Contractor.

ARTICLE 9 - ENGINEER'S STATUS DURING CONSTRUCTION

9.01 Engineer's Status

- A. Engineer will be Owner's representative during construction. The duties and responsibilities and the limitations of authority of Engineer as Owner's representative during construction are set forth in this Contract.
- B. Neither Engineer's authority or responsibility under this Article 9 or under any other provision of the Contract, nor any decision made by Engineer in good faith either to exercise or not exercise such authority or responsibility or the undertaking, exercise, or performance of any authority or responsibility by Engineer, shall create, impose, or give rise to any duty in contract, tort, or otherwise owed by Engineer to Contractor, any subcontractor, any supplier, any other individual or entity, or to any surety for or employee or agent of any of them.
- C. Engineer will make visits to the Site at intervals appropriate to the various stages of construction. Engineer will not be required to make exhaustive or continuous inspections on the Site to check the quality or quantity of the Work.
- D. Engineer has the authority to reject Work if Contractor fails to perform Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.
- E. Engineer will render decisions regarding the requirements of the Contract Documents, and judge the acceptability of the Work.
- F. Engineer will not supervise, direct, control, or have authority over or be responsible for Contractor's means, methods, techniques, sequences, or procedures of construction, or the safety precautions and programs, or for any failure of Contractor to comply with Laws and Regulations applicable to the performance of the Work. Engineer will not be responsible for Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 10 - CHANGES IN THE WORK

10.01 Authority to Change the Work

- A. Without invalidating the Contract and without notice to any surety, Owner may, at any time or from time to time, order additions, deletions, or revisions in the Work.

10.02 Change Orders

- A. Owner and Contractor shall execute appropriate Change Orders covering:
 - 1. Changes in the Contract Price or Contract Times which are agreed to by the parties, including any undisputed sum or amount of time for Work actually performed in accordance with a Work Change Directive;
 - 2. Changes in the Work which are: (a) ordered by Owner or (b) agreed to by the parties or (c) resulting from the Engineer's decision, subject to the need for Engineer's recommendation if the change in the Work involves the design (as set forth in the Drawings, Specifications, or otherwise), or other engineering or technical matters; and
 - 3. Changes in the Contract Price or Contract Times or other changes which embody the substance of any final binding results under Article 12.
- B. If the provisions of any bond require notice to be given to a surety of any change affecting the general scope of the Work or the provisions of the Contract Documents (including, but not limited to, Contract Price or Contract Times), the giving of any such notice will be Contractor's responsibility. The amount of each applicable bond will be adjusted to reflect the effect of any such change.

ARTICLE 11 - DIFFERING SUBSURFACE OR PHYSICAL CONDITIONS

11.01 Differing Conditions Process

- A. If Contractor believes that any subsurface or physical condition including but not limited to utilities or other underground facilities that are uncovered or revealed at the Site either differs materially from that shown or indicated in the Contract Documents or is of an unusual nature, and differs materially from conditions ordinarily encountered and generally recognized as inherent in Work of the character provided for in the Contract Documents then Contractor shall, promptly after becoming aware thereof and before further disturbing the subsurface or physical conditions or performing any Work in connection therewith (except in an emergency), notify Owner and Engineer in writing about such condition. Contractor shall not further disturb such condition or perform any Work in connection therewith (except with respect to an emergency) until receipt of a written statement permitting Contractor to do so.
- B. After receipt of written notice, Engineer will promptly:
 - 1. Review the subsurface or physical condition in question;
 - 2. Determine necessity for Owner obtaining additional exploration or tests with respect to the condition;
 - 3. Determine whether the condition falls within the differing site condition as stated herein;

4. Obtain any pertinent cost or schedule information from Contractor;
 5. Prepare recommendations to Owner regarding the Contractor's resumption of Work in connection with the subsurface or physical condition in question and the need for any change in the Drawings or Specifications; and
 6. Advise Owner in writing of Engineer's findings, conclusions, and recommendations.
- C. After receipt of Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations, Owner shall issue a written statement to Contractor regarding the subsurface or physical condition in question, addressing the resumption of Work in connection with such condition, indicating whether any change in the Drawings or Specifications will be made, and adopting or rejecting Engineer's written findings, conclusions, and recommendations, in whole or in part.

ARTICLE 12 - CLAIMS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

12.01 Claims Process

- A. The party submitting a claim shall deliver it directly to the other party to the Contract and the Engineer promptly (but in no event later than 10 days) after the start of the event giving rise thereto.
- B. The party receiving a claim shall review it thoroughly, giving full consideration to its merits. The two parties shall seek to resolve the claim through the exchange of information and direct negotiations. All actions taken on a claim shall be stated in writing and submitted to the other party.
- C. If efforts to resolve a claim are not successful, the party receiving the claim may deny it by giving written notice of denial to the other party. If the receiving party does not take action on the claim within 45 days, the claim is deemed denied.
- D. If the dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of the parties, Owner or Contractor shall give written notice to the other party of the intent to submit the dispute to a court of competent jurisdiction unless the Owner and Contractor both agree to an alternative dispute resolution process.

ARTICLE 13 - TESTS AND INSPECTIONS; CORRECTION OF DEFECTIVE WORK

13.01 Tests and Inspections

- A. Owner and Engineer will have access to the Site and the Work at reasonable times for their observation, inspection, and testing. Contractor shall provide them proper and safe conditions for such access.
- B. Contractor shall give Engineer timely notice of readiness of the Work for all required inspections and tests, and shall cooperate with inspection and testing personnel to facilitate required inspections and tests.
- C. If any Work that is to be inspected, tested, or approved is covered by Contractor without written concurrence of Engineer, Contractor shall, if requested by Engineer, uncover such Work for observation. Such uncovering shall be at Contractor's expense.

13.02 Defective Work

- A. Contractor shall ensure that the Work is not defective.

- B. Engineer has the authority to determine whether Work is defective, and to reject defective Work.
- C. Prompt notice of all defective Work of which Owner or Engineer has actual knowledge will be given to Contractor.
- D. The Contractor shall promptly correct all such defective Work.
- E. When correcting defective Work, Contractor shall take no action that would void or otherwise impair Owner's special warranty and guarantee, if any, on said Work.
- F. If the Work is defective or Contractor fails to supply sufficient skilled workers or suitable materials or equipment, or fails to perform the Work in such a way that the completed Work will conform to the Contract Documents, then Owner may order Contractor to stop the Work, or any portion thereof, until the cause for such order has been eliminated.

ARTICLE 14 - PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR

14.01 Progress Payments

- A. The Contractor shall prepare a schedule of values that will serve as the basis for progress payments. The schedule of values will be in a form of application for payment acceptable to Engineer. The unit price breakdown submitted with the bid will be used for unit price work. Break lump sum items into units that will allow for measurement of Work in progress.

14.02 Applications for Payments:

- A. Contractor shall submit an application for payment in a form acceptable to the Engineer, no more frequently than monthly, to Engineer. Applications for payment will be prepared and signed by Contractor. Contractor shall provide supporting documentation required by the Contract Documents. Payment will be paid for Work completed as of the date of the application for payment.
- B. Beginning with the second application for payment, each application shall include an affidavit of Contractor stating that all previous progress payments received on account of the Work have been applied on account to discharge Contractor's legitimate obligations associated with prior applications for payment.

14.03 Retainage

- A. The Owner shall retain 5% of each progress payment until the Work is substantially complete.

14.04 Review of Applications

- A. Within 10 days after receipt of each application for payment, the Engineer will either indicate in writing a recommendation for payment and present the application for payment to Owner or return the application for payment to Contractor indicating in writing Engineer's reasons for refusing to recommend payment. The Contractor will make the necessary corrections and resubmit the application for payment.
- B. Engineer will recommend reductions in payment (set-offs) which, in the opinion of the Engineer, are necessary to protect Owner from loss because the Work is defective and requires correction or replacement.
- C. The Owner is entitled to impose set-offs against payment based on any claims that have been made against Owner on account of Contractor's conduct in the performance of the Work,

incurred costs, losses, or damages on account of Contractor's conduct in the performance of the Work, or liquidated damages that have accrued as a result of Contractor's failure to complete the Work.

14.05 Contractor's Warranty of Title

- A. Contractor warrants and guarantees that title to all Work, materials, and equipment furnished under the Contract will pass to Owner free and clear of (1) all liens and other title defects, and (2) all patent, licensing, copyright, or royalty obligations, no later than seven days after the time of payment by Owner.

14.06 Substantial Completion

- A. The Contractor shall notify Owner and Engineer in writing that the Work is substantially complete and request the Engineer issue a certificate of substantial completion when Contractor considers the Work ready for its intended use. Contractor shall at the same time submit to Owner and Engineer an initial draft of punch list items to be completed or corrected before final payment.
- B. Engineer will make an inspection of the Work with the Owner and Contractor to determine the status of completion. If Engineer does not consider the Work substantially complete, Engineer will notify Contractor and Owner in writing giving the reasons therefor.
- C. If Engineer considers the Work substantially complete or upon resolution of all reasons for non-issuance of a certificate identified in 14.06.B, Engineer will deliver to Owner a certificate of substantial completion which shall fix the date of substantial completion and include a punch list of items to be completed or corrected before final payment.

14.07 Final Inspection

- A. Upon written notice from Contractor that the entire Work is complete, Engineer will promptly make a final inspection with Owner and Contractor and will notify Contractor in writing of all particulars in which this inspection reveals that the Work, or agreed portion thereof, is incomplete or defective. Contractor shall immediately take such measures as are necessary to complete such Work or remedy such deficiencies.

14.08 Final Payment

- A. Contractor may make application for final payment after Contractor has satisfactorily completed all Work defined in the Contract, including providing all maintenance and operating instructions, schedules, guarantees, bonds, certificates or other evidence of insurance, certificates of inspection, annotated record documents and other documents.
- B. The final application for payment shall be accompanied (except as previously delivered) by:
 - 1. All documentation called for in the Contract Documents;
 - 2. Consent of the surety to final payment;
 - 3. Satisfactory evidence that all title issues have been resolved such that title to all Work, materials, and equipment has passed to Owner free and clear of any liens or other title defects, or will so pass upon final payment;
 - 4. A list of all disputes that Contractor believes are unsettled; and
 - 5. Complete and legally effective releases or waivers (satisfactory to Owner) of all lien rights arising out of the Work, and of liens filed in connection with the Work.

- C. The Work is complete (subject to surviving obligations) when it is ready for final payment as established by the Engineer's written recommendation of final payment.

14.09 Waiver of Claims

- A. The making of final payment will not constitute a waiver by Owner of claims or rights against Contractor.
- B. The acceptance of final payment by Contractor will constitute a waiver by Contractor of all claims and rights against Owner other than those pending matters that have been duly submitted.

ARTICLE 15 - SUSPENSION OF WORK AND TERMINATION

15.01 Owner May Suspend Work

- A. At any time and without cause, Owner may suspend the Work or any portion thereof for a period of not more than 60 consecutive days by written notice to Contractor and Engineer. Such notice will fix the date on which Work will be resumed. Contractor shall resume the Work on the date so fixed. Contractor shall be entitled to an adjustment in the Contract Price or an extension of the Contract Times, or both, directly attributable to any such suspension.

15.02 Owner May Terminate for Cause

- A. Contractor's failure to perform the Work in accordance with the Contract Documents or any other failure to comply with a material term of the Contract Documents will constitute a default by Contractor and justify termination for cause.
- B. If Contractor defaults in its obligations, then after giving Contractor and any surety ten days written notice that Owner is considering a declaration that Contractor is in default and termination of the Contract, Owner may proceed to:
 - 1. Declare Contractor to be in default, and give Contractor and any surety notice that the Contract is terminated; and
 - 2. Enforce the rights available to Owner under any applicable performance bond.
- C. Owner may not proceed with termination of the Contract under Paragraph 15.02.B if: (i) Contractor within seven days of receipt of notice of intent to terminate begins to correct its failure to perform and proceeds diligently to cure such failure; and (ii) Engineer independently and in writing verifies to Owner that Contractor has undertaken such efforts to cure its failure to perform.
- D. Subject to the terms and operation of any applicable performance bond, if Owner has terminated the Contract for cause, Owner may exclude Contractor from the Site, take possession of the Work, incorporate in the Work all materials and equipment stored at the Site or for which Owner has paid Contractor but which are stored elsewhere, and complete the Work as Owner may deem expedient.
- E. In the case of a termination for cause, if the cost to complete the Work, including related claims, costs, losses, and damages, exceeds the unpaid contract balance, Contractor shall pay the difference to Owner.

ARTICLE 16 - CONTRACTOR'S REPRESENTATIONS

16.01 Contractor Representations

- A. Contractor makes the following representations when entering into this Contract:
1. Contractor has examined and carefully studied the Contract Documents, and any data and reference items identified in the Contract Documents.
 2. Contractor has visited the Site, conducted a thorough visual examination of the Site and adjacent areas, and become familiar with and is satisfied as to the general, local, and Site conditions that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.
 3. Contractor is familiar with and is satisfied as to all Laws and Regulations that may affect cost, progress, and performance of the Work.
 4. Contractor has considered the information known to Contractor itself; information commonly known to contractors doing business in the locality of the Site; information and observations obtained from visits to the Site; the Contract Documents; and the Site-related reports and drawings identified in the Contract Documents, with respect to the effect of such information, observations, and documents on:
 - a. The cost, progress, and performance of the Work;
 - b. The means, methods, techniques, sequences, and procedures of construction to be employed by Contractor; and
 - c. Contractor's safety precautions and programs.
 5. Based on the information and observations referred to in the preceding paragraph, Contractor agrees that no further examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies, or data are necessary for the performance of the Work at the Contract Price, within the Contract Times, and in accordance with the other terms and conditions of the Contract.
 6. Contractor is aware of the general nature of work to be performed by Owner and others at the Site that relates to the Work as indicated in the Contract Documents.
 7. Contractor has given Engineer written notice of all conflicts, errors, ambiguities, or discrepancies that Contractor has discovered in the Contract Documents, and the written resolution thereof by Engineer is acceptable to Contractor.
 8. The Contract Documents are generally sufficient to indicate and convey understanding of all terms and conditions for performance and furnishing of the Work.
 9. Contractor's entry into this Contract constitutes an incontrovertible representation by Contractor that, without exception, all prices in the Contract are premised upon performing and furnishing the Work required by the Contract Documents.

ARTICLE 17 - MISCELLANEOUS

17.01 Cumulative Remedies

- A. The duties and obligations imposed by this Contract and the rights and remedies available hereunder to the parties hereto are in addition to, and are not to be construed in any way as a limitation of, any rights and remedies available to any or all of them which are otherwise

imposed or available by Laws or Regulations, by special warranty or guarantee, or by other provisions of the Contract. The provisions of this paragraph will be as effective as if repeated specifically in the Contract Documents in connection with each particular duty, obligation, right, and remedy to which they apply.

17.02 Limitation of Damages

- A. Neither Owner, Engineer, nor any of their officers, directors, members, partners, employees, agents, consultants, or subcontractors, shall be liable to Contractor for any claims, costs, losses, or damages sustained by Contractor on or in connection with any other project or anticipated project.

17.03 No Waiver

- A. A party's non-enforcement of any provision shall not constitute a waiver of that provision, nor shall it affect the enforceability of that provision or of the remainder of this Contract.

17.04 Survival of Obligations

- A. All representations, indemnifications, warranties, and guarantees made in, required by, or given in accordance with the Contract, as well as all continuing obligations indicated in the Contract, will survive final payment, completion, and acceptance of the Work or termination or completion of the Contract or termination of the services of Contractor.

17.05 Contractor's Certifications

- A. Contractor certifies that it has not engaged in corrupt, fraudulent, collusive, or coercive practices in competing for or in executing the Contract.

17.06 Controlling Law

- A. This Contract is to be governed by the law of the State of North Carolina.
- B. This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.
- C. The Parties stipulate that the exclusive venue for any civil actions arising between them shall be the Superior Court Division of General Courts of Justice sitting in Haywood County.

17.07 Force Majeure

- A. Owner shall not be liable or responsible to Contractor, nor be deemed to have defaulted or breached this Contract, for any failure or delay in fulfilling or performing any term of this Contract when and to the extent such failure or delay is caused by or results from acts or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of Seller including, without limitation, acts of God, floods, fires, earthquakes, explosions, governmental actions, wars, invasions or hostilities (whether war is declared or not), terrorist threats or acts, riots or other civil unrest, national emergencies, revolutions, insurrections, epidemics, pandemics, lock-outs, strikes or other labor disputes (whether or not relating to either Party's workforce), restraints or delays affecting carriers, the inability or delay in obtaining supplies of adequate or suitable materials, materials or telecommunication breakdown, or power outage (each, a "Force Majeure Event").

17.08 Additional Provisions

- A. This Contract and the Contract Documents represent the entire agreement between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes any prior agreement or

communications between the Parties, whether written or oral. Acceptance is limited to the terms hereof and no revision of or additions to this Agreement or any of its terms or conditions shall be effective unless agreed to in writing signed by the Parties' authorized representatives. This Contract may be modified only by a written amendment signed by authorized representatives of both Parties.

- B. This Contract may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument, without necessity of production of the others.
- C. In the event of litigation brought by any Party to enforce the terms of this Contract or otherwise relating directly or indirectly to the transactions and agreement reflected herein, the substantially prevailing Party, in addition to any and all other rights and remedies, will be entitled to recover all of its reasonable costs of litigation, including but not limited to all reasonable attorney's fees.
- D. The headings and captions appearing in this Contract have been inserted for the purposes of convenience and ready reference, and do not purport to and shall not be deemed to define, limit, or extend the scope or intent of the provisions to which they appertain. This Contract shall not be construed against either party.
- E. It is agreed and warranted by the Parties that the individuals signing this Contract on behalf of the respective Parties are authorized to execute such an agreement. No further proof of authorization shall be required.
- F. Contractor shall not assign, in whole or part, this Contract or any interest therein, without the prior, written consent of Owner, which consent shall be at Owner's sole discretion. Any assignment without Owner's consent shall be null and void.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Owner and Contractor have signed this Contract.

This Contract will be effective on _____ (which is the Effective Date of the Contract).

OWNER: Town of Beech Mountain

CONTRACTOR:

By: Bob Pudney

By: _____

Title: Town Manager

Title: _____

(If Contractor is a corporation, a partnership, or a joint venture, attach evidence of authority to sign.)

Attest: Daniel Davis

Attest: _____

Title: Director of Utilities

Title: _____

Address for giving notices:

Address for giving notices:

Town of Beech Mountain

116 Bark Park Way

Beech Mountain, NC 28604

License No.: _____
(where applicable)