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CROSS-REFERENCE: In accordance with Indiana Code § 32-23-2-5(a), the easement described below burdens the real estate acquired by Quit-claim Deed dated April 22, 1991, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder for Lake County, Indiana, as Document No. 91018962, on April 22, 1991.

EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC FACILITIES

EASEMENT # 40600

THIS EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC FACILITIES (this "<u>Easement</u>") is granted by Peter A. Churitch and Gale A. Churitch, whose address is 523 Oxford Circle, Griffith, IN 46319 ("<u>Grantors</u>") in favor of Northern Indiana Public Service Company, an Indiana corporation, with its principle place of business located at 801 E. 86th Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana 46410 ("<u>Grantee</u>").

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In consideration of \$10.00 and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantors hereby grant to Grantee an easement for the exclusive right to perform the following under, upon, on, over, across and through Grantor's property located at 523 Oxford Circle, Griffith, Lake County, N:

- abandon towers and poles and to string, install, operate, maintain, replace, repair, alter the size of, remove, renew, replace or abandon towers and poles and to string, install, operate, maintain, replace, repair, alter the size of, remove, renew, replace or abandon wires, cables, conductors, guy wires and other necessary equipment upon and between such towers and poles, and to also install, construct, maintain, operate, repair, replace, renew and remove underground ducts and conduits, underground wires, cables, conductors, manholes and other necessary appurtenances, in such underground ducts and conduits, pads for transformers, with transformers located thereon, markers and test terminals (collectively, the "NIPSCO Facilities");
- 2. construct, operate, maintain, replace, repair, alter the size of, and remove or abandon underground communication systems for the transmission of video, data and voice communications, with appurtenant facilities, including, without limitation, conduits, cables, equipment, splicing boxes, wires, eathodic protection, and fiber optics cable;
 - 3. perform pre-construction work;
- 4. ingress to and egress from the Easement Area (as defined below) by means of existing or future roads and other reasonable routes on the Premises (as defined below) and on Grantor's adjoining lands;
- 5. exercise all other rights necessary or convenient for the full use and enjoyment of the rights herein granted, including the right from time to time to: (a) clear the Easement Area of all obstructions and (b) clear, cut, trim and remove any and all vegetation, trees, undergrowth and brush and overhanging branches from the Easement Area by various means, including the use of herbicides approved by the State of Indiana or the United States Environmental Protection Agency (or successor-in-duty).

The NIPSCO Facilities are to be located within the limits of the permanent right of way further described on the <u>Exhibit</u> attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "<u>Easement Area</u>").

The Grantors may use and enjoy the Easement Area, to the extent such use and enjoyment does not interfere with Grantee's rights under this Easement. Grantors shall not construct or permit to be constructed or place any structure, including but not limited to, mobile homes, unapproved fences, dwellings, garages, out-buildings, pools, decks, man-made bodies of water, trees, shrubbery, leach beds, septic tanks, pared are rave to approve or gravel passageways or trails on or over the Easement Area, or any other obstructions on or over Easement Area that will, in any way, interfere with the construction, maintenance, NO SALES DISCLOSURE NEEDED

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operation, replacement, or repair of the NIPSCO Facilities or appurtenances constructed under this Easement. Grantors will not change the depth of cover or conduct grading operations within the Easement Area. Grantors will not engage in, and will not permit, the dumping of refuse or waste, or the storage of any materials of any kind. Grantors will not engage in, and will not permit, the operation of any heavy machinery or equipment over the Easement Area. Grantors will not cause, and will not permit any third parties to cause, the Easement Area to be covered by standing water, except in the course of normal seasonal irrigation.

The Grantee will replace and restore the area disturbed by the laying, construction, operation, replacement, and maintenance of any NIPSCO Facilities to as near as practical to its original condition, except as provided herein.

With regard to the Easement Area, Grantors will assume all risk, liability, loss, cost, damage, or expense for any and all pollutants, contaminants, petroleum, hazardous substances and endangerments of or under the Premises, except those which result from Grantee's use of and activities on the Premises. Grantee will give Grantors written notice of any claim, demand, suit or action arising from any pollutants, petroleum, hazardous substances and endangerments on or under the Premises within ten (10) business days from the date that Grantee becomes aware of such claim, demand, suit or action.

Grantors and Grantee agree that, except to the extent caused by the acts or omissions of the Grantee or its representatives and contractors, the Grantee shall not be hable for, and is hereby released from, any and all claims, damages, losses, judgments, suits, actions and liabilities, whether arising during, prior to or subsequent to the term of this Easement, related to the presence of pollutants, contaminants, petroleum, hazardous substances or endangerments in, beneath or along the Premises.

Grantee agrees to pay for any damage to marketable timber, crops, approved fences (if any) and approved tile drains (if any) that is caused by the activities conducted pursuant to this Easement.

If the amount payable for damage under the preceding paragraph cannot be mutually agreed upon, it shall be determined by a panel of three (3) disinterested arbitrators. The arbitration and the award shall be limited to the amount payable for damages pursuant to the preceding paragraph. Grantors and Grantee shall appoint one arbitrator each, and the two (2) so appointed shall appoint the third. The award shall be a majority decision and shall be final and conclusive, with costs for arbitration equally shared by parties, regardless of outcomes.

The rights, privileges and terms hereby shall extend to and be binding upon the Grantors and the Grantee and their representatives, heirs, successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Grantors have ded respected his Easement this 20 day of July, 2017.

Peter A. Churitch

Gale A Churitch

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this day of July, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said county and state aforesaid, personally appeared Peter A. Churitch and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument as his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes set forth.
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WITNESS my hand and notarial seal the day and year first above writen. Print Name ATRICIA & Locascio Seal Notary Public - State of Indiana Lake County
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Notary Public This Document is the property of
My Commission Expires 8/11/24the Lake Resident by Accounty, Indiana
STATE OF INDIANA) SS.
COUNTY OF LAKE
BE IT REMEMBERED that on this $\overline{\mathcal{W}}$ day of $\underline{\mathcal{W}}$, 2017, before me, a Notary Public in and for said county
and state aforesaid, personally appeared Gale A. Churitch and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing instrument as her
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WITNESS my hand and notarial seal the day and year first above written. PATRICIA K LOCASCIO
Print Name ATRICIA Location Expires Aug 11, 2024
Military (SEAL)
Notary Public
My Commission Expires 8/11/24 A Resident of CARE County Indiana

STATE OF INDIANA)

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This instrument prepared by: André Wright. "I affirm, under the penalties for perjury, that I have taken reasonable care to

André Wright

redact each Social Security number in this document, unless required by law.

EXHIBIT

