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Northern Indiana Public Service Company  
Attn: Suzanne Kizior  
801 E 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Merrillville, IN 46410

**CROSS-REFERENCE:** In accordance with Indiana Code § 32-23-2-5(a), the easement described below burdens the real estate acquired by Highland Street LLC, dated November 11, 2019 and recorded in the Office of the Recorder for Lake County, Indiana, as Document No. 2019-077609 on November 13 2019.

## EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC FACILITIES

EASEMENT # 41022

THIS EASEMENT FOR ELECTRIC FACILITIES (this "Easement") is granted by Highland Street LLC, whose address is P.O. Box 1186 ("Grantor") in favor of Northern Indiana Public Service Company, an Indiana corporation, with its principle place of business located at 801 E. 86<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Merrillville, Indiana 46410 \_\_\_\_\_ ("Grantee").

## WITNESSETH

In consideration of \$10.00, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, Grantor hereby grants to Grantee an easement for the exclusive right to perform the following under, upon, on, over, across and through Grantor's property located in Lake County, Indiana (the "Premises"):

1. construct, erect, 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, cathodic protection, and fiber optics cable;

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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 and depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Easement Area").

The Grantor may use and enjoy the Easement Area, to the extent such use and enjoyment does not interfere with Grantee's rights under this Easement. Grantor 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 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, operation, replacement, or repair of the NIPSCO Facilities or appurtenances constructed under this Easement. Grantor will not change the depth of cover or conduct grading operations within the Easement Area. Grantor may place paved or gravel roads, parking lot or passageways on or over the Easement Area for the operation of semi-trucks at Grantor's building, but Grantee may require Grantor to remove said paved or gravel area at Grantor's expense should Grantee need underground access. Grantor will not engage in, and will not permit, the dumping of refuse or waste, or the storage of any materials of any kind. Grantor will not engage in, and will not permit, the operation of any heavy machinery or equipment over the Easement Area. Grantor 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, Grantor will assume all risk, liability, loss, cost, damage, or expense for any and all pollutants, contaminants, petroleum, hazardous substances and endangerments on or under the Premises, except those which result from Grantee's use of and activities on the Premises. Grantee will give Grantor written notice of any claim, demand, suit or action arising from any pollutants, contaminants, 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.

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Grantor 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 liable 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. Grantor 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 outcome.

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





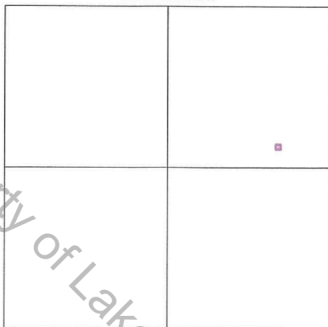
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**EASEMENT MAP RECORD**

CONTRACT NUMBER

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LOCATION PLAT



SECTION

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TOWNSHIP

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DETAIL

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SEE EXHIBIT "A"