

MEMORANDUM

TO: Finance, Expenditures, Legal Subcommittee

FROM: Zach Nelson, Project Manager

SUBJECT: Review and Recommendation on the Washington County Rural Water System –SRF Loan for Pump Station Upgrade Project

DATE: July 5, 2018

District staff has evaluated multiple financing options, including using maintenance reserve funds for the proposed Washington County Rural Water System Pump Station Upgrade Project and recommends utilizing the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Environmental Quality’s State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan Program to finance the project. The SRF Loan program allows for a 20-year term loan with an interest rate of 2.5%. The District is requesting a loan in the not to exceed amount of \$300,000 to cover the cost of the project. The anticipated annual debt service payment is expected to be offset by the increased revenue the water system has experienced from additional customers that have been added in the last five years. Attached is a copy of the draft loan agreement.

Below is a breakdown of the total project cost:

COST CLASSIFICATION	ESTIMATED TOTAL COST
1. Administrative and legal expenses	\$2,500
2. Land, structures, right-of-ways, appraisals, etc.	\$0
3. Relocation expenses and payments	\$0
4. Architectural and engineering fees	\$17,500
5. Project inspection fees	\$5,000
6. Site work, demolition and removal	\$0
7. Construction	\$275,000
8. Equipment	w/ construction
9. Miscellaneous	\$0
10 SUBTOTAL (sum of lines 1-9)	\$300,000

The proposed Washington County Rural Water System Pump Station Upgrade Project will help to ensure that clean and uninterrupted water service is provided to the System’s customers.

It is Staff recommendation that the FEL Subcommittee recommend to the Board of Directors, that the General Manager be authorized to execute a Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Environmental Quality SRF Loan, in an amount not to exceed \$300,000, as presented to the Subcommittee, subject to changes deemed necessary by the General Manager and approval as to form by District Legal Counsel.

LOAN AGREEMENT
(Governmental Borrower)

Between

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

and

**PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
WASHINGTON COUNTY RURAL WATER SYSTEM #1 PROJECT
WASHINGTON COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

NDEQ PROJECT NO. D311627

DATED AS OF _____, 2018

**NEBRASKA DRINKING WATER FACILITIES LOAN FUND
LOAN AGREEMENT**

THIS LOAN AGREEMENT No. D311627 (the "Loan Agreement"), is entered into by and between the STATE OF NEBRASKA, acting by and through the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality ("NDEQ") and the PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT (the "Borrower").

W I T N E S S E T H :

WHEREAS, the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, including the Safe Drinking Water Amendments Act of 1996, as amended (the "Federal Act") established a state revolving fund program and, to fund the state revolving fund program, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") will make annual capitalization grants to the states under CFDA #66.468, (Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund), on the condition that each state provide an appropriate match for such state's revolving fund; and

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-5318 empowers the Director of NDEQ to loan available funds in the Loan Fund (as defined herein) to borrowers pursuant to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-5314 to 71-5327, as amended (the "Act"), and rules and regulations adopted under such Act; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the Director of NDEQ is given the responsibility for administration and management of the Loan Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority ("NIFA") is authorized under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 58-201 et seq. and the Act to issue revenue bonds for the purpose of providing funds for NDEQ to loan to Borrowers within the State of Nebraska for the acquisition, construction, improvement, repair, rehabilitation or extension of safe drinking water projects (as defined in the Act), in order to provide the state match requirements of the Federal Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such authorization, NIFA proposes to issue from time to time its Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund revenue bonds for the purpose of providing funds to NDEQ to loan to persons owning or operating Public Water Systems in Nebraska to pay those eligible portions of the costs of acquiring, constructing, improving, repairing, rehabilitating or extending safe drinking water projects (as defined in the Act), in order to provide the state match requirements of the Federal Act; and

WHEREAS, NDEQ may from time to time enter into a pledge agreement with NIFA (the "Pledge Agreement"), pursuant to which NDEQ will pledge the interest portion of Loan Repayments (as defined herein) and certain other revenues to NIFA for the payment of the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Revenue Bonds which may be issued by NIFA from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Borrower is an "owner" as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-5316(7); and

WHEREAS, the Project to be financed under this Loan Agreement and described in Exhibit 1 (the "Project") is a safe drinking water project as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-5316(9); and

WHEREAS, the Project Costs (as hereinafter defined) are based upon estimates of the Borrower and at times during or at completion of construction the loan amount may be adjusted by NDEQ pursuant to Section 2.01 of this Loan Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Project is included in the most recent Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan developed by NDEQ and approved by the Nebraska Environmental Quality Council and EPA; and

WHEREAS, NDEQ has approved the Borrower's application for a loan from federal funds and state match funds if and when received by and made available to NDEQ pursuant to the Federal Act and the Act to finance Project Costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the award of this Loan Agreement by NDEQ, the Borrower agrees to complete its Project and to perform under this Loan Agreement in accordance with the conditions, covenants and procedures set forth below:

Article I

DEFINITIONS

The following terms as used in this Loan Agreement shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

“*Act*” means the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §71-5314 to 71-5327, as amended.

“*Additional Bonds*” means “Additional Bonds” as defined in the Existing Revenue Obligations Authorizing Resolution and the Loan Agreement Authorizing Resolution, namely, any additional indebtedness of the Borrower for which the System Revenues have been pledged and which is of equal pledge and lien with the Existing Revenue Obligations and this Loan Agreement and the Promissory Note.

“*Additional Revenue Obligations*” means any obligation for the payment of money undertaken by the Borrower which is payable from or secured by a pledge of, or lien upon, the System Revenues (including Additional Bonds) incurred after the date of execution and delivery of this Loan Agreement, and all Existing Revenue Obligations.

“*Authorized Representative*” means the person or persons authorized pursuant to a resolution or ordinance of the governing body of the Borrower to perform any act or execute any document relating to this Loan Agreement.

“*Borrower*” means Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District that is a party to and is described in the first paragraph of this Loan Agreement, and its successors and assignees.

“*Cut-off Date*” means the date established by NDEQ at the Project’s final inspection prior to which the Borrower will make the final disbursement request for eligible Project Costs.

“*Due Date*” means the dates specified for payment of principal and interest on the Loan as specified in Section 2.05.

“*Event of Default*” means any occurrence of the following events:

(a) Failure by the Borrower to pay, or cause to be paid, any Loan Repayment required to be paid hereunder when due.

(b) Failure by the Borrower to observe and perform any duty, covenant, obligation or agreement on its part to be observed or performed under this Loan Agreement, other than as referred to in paragraph (a) of this definition, which failure shall continue for a period of 30 days after written notice, specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, is given to the Borrower by NDEQ, unless NDEQ shall agree in writing to an extension of such time prior to its expiration. If the failure stated in such notice is correctable but cannot be corrected within the applicable period, NDEQ may not unreasonably withhold its consent to an extension of such time up to 90 days from the delivery of the written notice referred to above, if corrective action is instituted by the Borrower within the applicable period and diligently pursued until the Event of Default is corrected.

(c) Failure by NDEQ to observe and perform any duty, covenant, obligation or agreement on its part to be observed or performed under this Loan Agreement which shall continue for a period of

30 days after written notice, specifying such failure and requesting that it be remedied, is given to NDEQ by the Borrower, unless the Borrower shall agree in writing to an extension of such time prior to its expiration. If the failure stated in such notice is correctable but cannot be corrected within the applicable period, the Borrower may not unreasonably withhold its consent to an extension of such time up to 90 days from the delivery of the written notice referred to above if corrective action is instituted by NDEQ within the applicable period and diligently pursued until the Event of Default is corrected.

(d) The discovery that any representation made by or on behalf of the Borrower in this Loan Agreement, or in any instrument furnished in compliance with or with reference to this Loan Agreement or the Loan, is false or misleading in any material respect.

(e) The discovery that any representation made by or on behalf of NDEQ in this Loan Agreement, or in any instrument furnished in compliance with or with reference to this Loan Agreement, is false or misleading in any material respect.

(f) The filing of a petition by or against the Borrower under any federal or state bankruptcy or insolvency law or other similar law in effect on the date of this Loan Agreement or thereafter enacted, unless, in the case of any such petition filed against the Borrower, such petition is dismissed within 30 days after such filing and such dismissal shall be final and not subject to appeal.

(g) Failure of the Borrower generally to pay its debts as such debts become due.

(h) Any event of default under any Existing Revenue Obligation or Additional Revenue Obligation of the Borrower.

“Existing Revenue Obligations” means any obligation for a payment of money undertaken by the Borrower which is payable from or secured by a pledge of, or lien upon, the System Revenues existing or outstanding at the time of execution and delivery of this Loan Agreement by the Borrower, including the Water System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A, dated November 10, 2016, of which the remaining principal balance outstanding is \$1,525,000 and the Borrower's Water System Revenue Bonds, Series 2016B, dated November 10, 2016, issued in the original drawable principal amount of \$350,000, issued to evidence a loan from the NDEQ.

“Existing Revenue Obligations Authorizing Resolution” shall mean the resolution of the Borrower, passed and adopted October 13, 2016, authorizing the Borrower to issue the Existing Revenue Obligations.

“GAAP” means generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to the Public Water System.

“Indebtedness” means any financial obligation of the Borrower evidenced by an instrument executed by the Borrower, including this Loan, Existing Revenue Obligations, Additional Revenue Obligations, general obligation bonds or notes, leases or lease-purchase agreements or similar financial transactions.

“Initiation of Operation” means the date on which the Borrower places the Project in operation or the Project is capable of being placed in operation for the purposes for which it was planned, designed and built.

“Late Payment” means any payment that is not received within 15 days of the due date.

“Loan” means the loan made by NDEQ to the Borrower to finance or refinance all or a portion of the Project Costs pursuant to this Loan Agreement.

“Loan Agreement” means this Loan Agreement, including the Attachments hereto, as it may be properly supplemented, modified or amended.

“Loan Agreement Authorizing Resolution” shall mean the resolution entitled "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF SERIES 2018 WATER REVENUE BOND (NDEQ LOAN AGREEMENT AND

PROMISSORY NOTE)" passed and approved by the Board of Directors of the Borrower on **Month, Day,** 2018, authorizing the Borrower to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement and the Note.

"*Loan Amount*" means the actual principal amount (not to exceed the amount specified in Section 2.01 hereof) of the Loan which NDEQ disburses to the Borrower pursuant to this Loan Agreement.

"*Loan Fund*" means the Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund created pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-5318(1).

"*Loan Repayments*" means the payments of the Loan required to be made by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.05 of this Loan Agreement.

"*Loan Terms*" means the terms of this Loan Agreement provided in Article II of this Loan Agreement.

"*NDEQ*" means the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality established pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 81-1501 et seq., as amended.

"*NIFA*" means the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority, a public body politic and corporate and an instrumentality of the State, and its successors and assigns established pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 58-201 et seq., as amended.

"*Note*" means a promissory note of the Borrower with respect to the Loan in the form of Attachment F to this Loan Agreement.

"*Project*" means the acquisition, construction, improvement, repair, rehabilitation or extension of the Public Water System, including land, owned or operated by the Borrower and described in Exhibit 1 to this Loan Agreement, which constitutes a safe drinking water project for which NDEQ is making a Loan to the Borrower pursuant to this Loan Agreement.

"*Project Costs*" means costs or expenses necessary or incident to the Project which are directly attributable thereto and which in the determination of NDEQ are eligible under the Act and the Federal Act. Project Costs are described in Attachment B.

"*Public Water System*" means a Public Water System, as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 71-5301(10a).

"*Regulations*" means Title 131, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, and any amendments thereto promulgated by NDEQ pursuant to the Act.

"*Retainage*" means construction costs held back by the Borrower from the payments due to the contractor to assure satisfactory completion of the construction contract.

"*Revenue Obligation(s)*" means (a) the Loan; (b) any revenue bonds of the Borrower outstanding from time to time and payable from, or secured by a pledge of or lien upon, System Revenues; and (c) any capital leases entered into by the Borrower the rentals of which are payable from, or secured by a pledge of or lien upon, System Revenues.

"*SEC Rule*" means Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as such rule may be amended from time to time or such other similar rule regarding disclosure of information in securities transactions.

"*State*" means the State of Nebraska acting, unless otherwise specifically indicated, by and through NDEQ and its successors and assigns.

"*System Revenues*" means the revenues derived by the Borrower from the fees and charges for the use and services furnished by or through the Borrower's Public Water System.

“Trustee” means the trustee under any trust indenture with respect to the revenue bonds the proceeds of which are deposited in the Loan Fund.

“User Charge System” means the methodology used to assess user charge fee(s) for the users of the Public Water System owned or operated by the Borrower.

Article II

LOAN CONDITIONS AND TERMS

Section 2.01. Amount of the Loan. Subject to all of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Loan Agreement, and subject to the availability of State and federal funds, NDEQ will loan an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) to the Borrower to pay a portion of the Project Costs. The actual amount of the Loan may be reduced without revision of any other terms, provisions or conditions of this Loan Agreement, other than adjustment by NDEQ to the Loan Repayment Schedule set forth in Attachment A hereto, to reflect the Loan Amount (and any amount of Loan Forgiveness), based upon reductions in the actual total Project Costs as determined following the completion of construction of the Project. The Borrower must make provision for the payment of all costs exceeding the Loan Amount, provided that the Borrower may request that NDEQ provide supplemental loan funds through a separate loan agreement, the approval of which shall be dependent on availability of unobligated funds in the Loan Fund and NDEQ’s subsequent written approval of such request in its sole discretion upon such additional terms, conditions and covenants as NDEQ may then require.

Section 2.02. Term of the Loan. The Borrower agrees to begin repayment of principal and interest on the Loan Amount within one year from the date of Initiation of Operation, but no later than three years from the date of the Loan, whichever occurs first, and to repay such Loan in full no later than 20 years from Initiation of Operation and to pay all principal, interest, administrative fees and penalty fees when due.

Section 2.03. Interest Rate. The interest rate on the Loan Amount is determined by NDEQ pursuant to Regulations and the Intended Use Plan. The interest rate on this loan amount disbursed to the Borrower pursuant to this Loan Agreement during the period of construction shall be 2.0% and after the date of Initiation of Operation shall be 2.0% per annum (calculated on the basis of a year equaling 360 days made up of 12 months of 30 days each). For the purposes of this paragraph “construction” shall mean the period between the date of this Loan Agreement and the date of Initiation of Operation.

Section 2.04. Disbursement of Loan. Upon receipt of a disbursement request for work completed accompanied by any certification from the Borrower required by NDEQ, NDEQ shall make progress disbursements that correspond to such request of the Loan Amount to be used by the Borrower for Project Costs. The Borrower may obtain a copy of the disbursement record upon request to NDEQ. Each disbursement shall be upon warrant by the State and shall be equal to that portion of the unobligated principal of the Loan Amount incurred for Project Costs to the date of the request for disbursement from the Borrower. Submitted requests for disbursement must be supported by proper invoices for Project Costs, a certificate of the Authorized Representative to the effect that all representations made in this Loan Agreement remain true as of the date of the request and that no adverse developments affecting the financial condition of the Borrower or its ability to complete the Project or to repay the Loan have occurred since the date of this Loan Agreement, and other documentation acceptable to and approved by NDEQ. Disbursement requests should be submitted before the first or the fifteenth of each month to facilitate timely processing. All disbursement requests must be made prior to the Cut-off Date established by NDEQ.

The Borrower may request disbursement of the Loan Amount for eligible Project Costs, when such Project Costs have been incurred and are due and payable to project contractors. However, actual payment of such Project Costs by the Borrower is not required as a condition of a payment request. Disbursement requests will be processed on or about the fifth and twentieth day of each month. Any Retainage withheld by the Borrower corresponding to the progress payment made to any contractor will be withheld by NDEQ until such Retainage is either reduced or released to the contractor by the Borrower.

The Borrower shall submit a draft of the operation and maintenance manual for the Project to Nebraska Department of Health and Human Service, Division of Public Health (NDHHS-DPH) before disbursements exceed 75% of the Project Costs. The Borrower shall submit a final operation and maintenance manual to NDHHS-DPH and receive approval before disbursements exceed 95% of the Project Costs or final disbursement, whichever comes first.

Section 2.05. Loan Payments.

(a) **Principal and Interest Payments.** The Borrower shall pay to the NDEQ, or at the direction of the NDEQ, to NIFA or the Trustee on or before the due dates specified below, but only from the sources specified in Section 3.02 hereof, appropriate installments of principal and interest until all principal and interest due on the Loan to the NDEQ has been paid in full. For administrative fee payments see Section 2.06. Installments of principal and interest shall be paid semiannually on December 15 and June 15 of each year in accordance with the Loan Repayment Schedule in Attachment A; provided that, following the receipt of the Initiation of Operation date and the final disbursement of Loan proceeds to the Borrower, a revised final Attachment A shall be prepared by NDEQ to establish the final debt service schedule based upon the parameters described in the projected Attachment A. Such revised final Attachment A thereafter shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof and shall supersede and replace the projected Attachment A.

NDEQ will send the Borrower an invoice for each required payment at least 30 days prior to the due date. When a Loan disbursement occurs after invoices are mailed, NDEQ will include adjustments for interest and fee charges on the next semiannual invoice.

(b) **Optional Prepayment of the Loan.** The Borrower may prepay the Loan, together with any accrued interest in whole or in part at any time without penalty upon giving 60 days written notice to the NDEQ of its intent to prepay. The Borrower may make a partial prepayment of the Loan Amount only if the prepayment amount is greater than the lesser of 10% of the outstanding amount of the Loan, or fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000). NDEQ shall prepare a new Loan Repayment Schedule to revise Attachment A following receipt of any partial prepayment of the Loan and such revised Attachment A thereafter shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof and shall supersede and replace Attachment A.

(c) **Mandatory Prepayment of Loan.** If the Borrower receives a grant from any source for any portion of the Project Costs for which a portion of the Loan Amount has been disbursed and is outstanding under this Loan Agreement, such portion of the Loan Amount shall become immediately due and payable.

(d) **Delinquent Payment Penalty and Penalty Interest.** Payments shall be considered delinquent if not received within 15 days of the due date and for any such delinquent payment, the Borrower agrees to pay a 5% administrative penalty of said delinquent payment. In addition, the Borrower agrees to pay penalty interest on any such delinquent payment at the rate of 1% per month of the amount of such delinquent payment from and after the due date until it is paid.

Section 2.06. Administrative Fee. The Borrower shall pay to the NDEQ, or at the direction of NDEQ, to NIFA or the Trustee, an administrative fee of 0.5% per annum to be paid in installments on June 15 and December 15. The Administrative fee is waived for the first year after the date the loan agreement was signed. After the first year, the loan amount outstanding accumulated during the first year, begins to accrue. Any disbursements after the first year, begins to accrue the administrative fee from the date of the disbursement. After receipt of Initiation of Operation date and the final disbursement, a revised final Attachment A shall be prepared to establish the debt service schedule pursuant to Section 2.05. Such revised final Attachment A thereafter shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof and shall supersede and replace the projected Attachment A.

Section 2.07. Project Schedule. The Borrower agrees to perform steps of the Project in accordance with the following schedule of milestone dates:

- (a) July, 2018, Loan date
- (b) July, 2018, Construction start
- (c) November, 2018, Initiation of Operation
- (d) March, 2019, Substantial completion of construction

Section 2.08. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises. The Borrower agrees that 10% of the Loan Amount shall be the objective for proposed Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (Small Business Enterprise/Minority Business Enterprise/Women’s Business Enterprise/Small Business Rural Area), including Historically Black Colleges and Universities (“DBE/HBCU”) subagreement work under this Loan Agreement. The Borrower shall take affirmative steps to assure that small, minority and women’s businesses pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 31.36(e) and small businesses in rural areas pursuant to 13 C.F.R. 121.2 are used when possible as sources of supplies, construction and services. Affirmative steps shall include the following:

- (a) Placing disadvantaged business enterprises, including minority, women’s, small businesses and small businesses in a rural area and historically black colleges and universities on solicitation lists;
- (b) Assuring that disadvantaged business enterprises and historically black colleges and universities are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- (c) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by disadvantaged business enterprises;
- (d) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by disadvantaged business enterprises;
- (e) Using the services and assistance of the Small Business Administration and Minority Business Development Agency of the United States Department of Commerce; and
- (f) Requiring the prime contractor to take the affirmative steps listed above.

In addition, the Borrower agrees to submit to NDEQ a completed EPA form 5700-52A within 15 days after the end of each federal fiscal quarter during which the Borrower or its contractors award any subagreements to a disadvantaged business enterprise for building and building-related services and supplies.

Section 2.09. User Charge Systems The Borrower agrees to obtain approval from the NDEQ of its User Charge System, and to adopt and implement any necessary changes before the Project is placed in operation. The Borrower agrees that it shall not modify or amend, or make additions to or deletions from its User Charge System without the consent of the NDEQ during the term of the Loan Agreement; provided, however, that the following changes may be made without the consent of NDEQ: (a) any increase in rates and charges necessary or deemed necessary by the governing body of the Borrower in order to comply with the provisions of (i) this Loan Agreement, (ii) the Loan Agreement Authorizing Resolution or (iii) any resolution or any other agreement pursuant to which any revenue bonds or other revenue obligations have been issued and for which the revenues of the Public Water System have been pledged or (b) any increase deemed necessary by the governing body of the Borrower in order to permit the issuance of or provide for the payment of additional revenue bonds or other additional revenue obligations.

Section 2.10. Other Conditions and Terms.

- (a) **Engineering Services.** The Borrower shall provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision and resident inspection during construction.

(b) **Construction Contract Award.** The Borrower shall obtain NDEQ concurrence and authorization prior to award of the construction contract.

(c) **Initiation of Operation.** The Borrower shall provide written notification to NDEQ of the date of Initiation of Operation of the Project. On failure of the Borrower to set an acceptable Initiation of Operation date NDEQ will look at the construction record or placement into service date and set the Initiation of Operation date.

(d) **Construction Completion.** The Borrower shall provide written notification to NDEQ of the construction completion date of the Project.

(e) **Capacity Development.** The Borrower agrees to maintain a system of records for annual review and reporting of technical, managerial, and financial capacity of the Public Water System to demonstrate continued compliance with the requirements of the Nebraska Safe Drinking Water Act as provided under Title 179 NAC 2 and the requirements of an operating permit, as issued by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Regulation and Licensure effective October 1, 1999 for new community water supply systems, and October 1, 2000 for existing community water supply systems.

(f) **Contractor's Security.** The Borrower agrees to require any contractor of the Project to post separate performance and payment bonds or other security approved by NDEQ in the amount of the bid.

(g) **Certified Operator.** The Borrower agrees to provide a certified operator pursuant to Title 179 NAC 2 Regulations Governing Public Water Systems.

(h) **Site Title and Easements.** The Borrower must certify that site title, including all easements and rights-of-way necessary to allow construction of the Project, has been obtained prior to award of the construction contract (i.e., all real property has been acquired, bona fide options have been taken or formal condemnation proceedings have been initiated for necessary real property).

(i) **Contractor's Payments.** The Borrower agrees to make prompt payment to its contractor(s) of sums due for construction and to retain only such amounts as may be justified by specific circumstances and provisions of the construction contract.

(j) **Bid Solicitation.** The Borrower agrees that all bid solicitations will include the following statement:

The prospective participants must certify by submittal of EPA Form 5700-49 "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters" that, to the best of its knowledge and belief, it and its principals are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency. Recipients may access suspension and debarment information at the System for Award Management (SAM). This system allows recipients to perform searches determining whether an entity or individual is excluded from receiving Federal assistance.

(k) **Debarment or Suspension.** The Borrower acknowledges that doing business with any party appearing in the "List of Parties Excluded from Federal Procurement or Non Procurement Programs" may result in disallowance of federal funds under this Loan Agreement and may also result in suspension or debarment under 40 C.F.R. Part 32.

(l) **Other Federal Requirements.** The Borrower agrees to comply with other applicable Federal Requirements in Attachment D hereto.

(m) **Project Sign.** The Borrower agrees to display the project sign if provided by NDEQ. The sign will remain the property of NDEQ and will be retrieved soon after project completion. The Borrower will remove the sign for NDEQ when requested.

(n) **Employment under Public Contracts, LB 403.** The Borrower agrees to comply with the provisions of LB403, approved by the Governor April 8, 2009. The following language is required and will be included in all contracts made with contractors and is a pass through requirement for his or her subcontractors.

“The Contractor is required and hereby agrees to use a federal immigration verification system to determine the work eligibility status of new employees physically performing services within the State of Nebraska. A federal immigration verification system means the electronic verification of the work authorization program authorized by the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, 8 U.S.C. 1324a, known as the E-Verify Program, or an equivalent federal program designated by the United States Department of Homeland Security or other federal agency authorized to verify the work eligibility status of a newly hired employee. If the Contractor is an individual or sole proprietorship, the following applies: 1. The Contractor must complete the United States Citizenship Attestation Form, available on the Department of Administrative Services website at www.das.state.ne.us; 2. If the Contractor indicates on such attestation form that he or she is a qualified alien, the Contractor agrees to provide the US Citizenship and Immigration Services documentation required to verify the Contractor’s lawful presence in the United States using the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) Program; and, 3. The Contractor understands and agrees that lawful presence in the United States is required and the Contractor may be disqualified or the contract terminated if such lawful presence cannot be verified as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. §4-108.”

(o) **Prevailing Wage.** All laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and sub contractors on projects funded directly by or assisted in whole or in part by and through the Federal Government pursuant to the Public Law 111-88 shall be paid wages at rates not less than those prevailing on projects of a character similar in the locality as determined by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with subchapter IV of chapter 31 of title 40, United States Code. With respect to the labor standards specified in this section, the Secretary of Labor shall have the authority and functions set forth in Reorganization Plan Numbered 14 of 1950 (64 Stat. 1267; 5 U.S.C.App.) and section 3145 of title 40, United States Code.

The Borrower is responsible to insure compliance with the prevailing wage requirements and will include the following information in the contract documents:

Contractors and subcontractors on USEPA federally assisted construction projects are required to pay their laborers and mechanics not less than those established by the U.S. Department of Labor. A current wage decision containing the appropriate building and/or heavy type rates shall be included in the specifications. In addition, labor standard provisions, Davis Bacon and Related Acts, for federally assisted contracts shall be placed in the federal assurances of project specifications.

If an areawide decision or classification does not exist for the type of work to be performed, building or heavy, a decision or request for authorization of additional classification and rate must be requested from the Labor Department using the Standard Form 1444, Request for Authorization of Additional Classification and Rate available on the web at: www.gsa.gov/portal/forms/download/115906. These types of decisions or classifications are project specific, i.e. they are applicable only to the project for which they are requested and may not be used on any other project. Project decisions generally have an expiration date of 180 days after the date of issuance. Modifications or reissued decisions are applicable to a project if received by NDEQ not less than 10 days prior to bid opening. Modifications to classification and wage rates after bid opening shall be paid to all workers performing work in the new or modified classification from the first day on which work is performed in the additional classification as approved by the Administrator of the Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration, US Department of Labor.

Weekly Payrolls shall be submitted by the contractor to the Borrower or the Borrower's representative utilizing the Department of Labor Form WH-347. A webform which can be completed on-line is found at www.dol.gov/whd/forms/wh347.pdf. Instructions are also found on-line. The Borrower may also be required to submit copies of the Weekly Payrolls to NDEQ. As to each payroll copy received, the Borrower shall provide written confirmation on a form supplied by NDEQ indicating whether or not the project is in compliance with the requirements of 29 CFR 5.5(a)(1) based on the most recent payroll copies for the specified week. The Borrower or Borrower's representative shall periodically interview a sufficient number of the contractor's or subcontractor's employees entitled to Davis Bacon prevailing wages to verify that contractors or subcontractors are paying the appropriate wage rates. As provided in 29 CFR 5.6(a)(6), all interviews must be conducted in confidence. The Borrower must use Standard Form 1445 or equivalent documentation to memorialize the interviews. Copies of the SF 1445 form are available at <http://www.gsa.gov>. At a minimum, the Borrower or the Borrower's representative should conduct interviews with a representative group of covered employees within two weeks of each contractor or subcontractor's submission of its initial weekly payroll data and two weeks prior to the estimated completion date for the contract or subcontract. EPA has issued a waiver from the two week interview interval requirements by a November 16, 2012, EPA Memorandum, Class Deviation – Prevailing Wage Interview Interval Requirement in Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Funds (CWSRF and DWSRF) Capitalization Grants. The provision for two week interview intervals is not a regulatory or statutory requirement and has been superseded by the class deviation. The Borrower or Borrower's representative should conduct such interviews if and when the Borrower or Borrower's representative finds it necessary to ensure that contractors are complying with the prevailing wage requirements.

(p) **Human Trafficking.** Under the requirements of Section 106 of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, as amended, the following provisions apply to this award:

“The Municipality, its employees, sub-recipients under this award, and sub-recipients' employees may not engage in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; procure a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect; or use forced labor in the performance of the award or sub-awards under the award.”

(q) **American Iron and Steel Products.** Public Law 113-235, Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act 2015 requires that none of the appropriated funds for the DWSRF may be used for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a public water system unless all of the iron and steel products used in the project are produced in the United States. DWSRF American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements are waived if a project has approved plans and specifications from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services prior to December 16, 2014, the enactment date of Public Law 113-235, Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act 2015. These American Iron and Steel requirements apply for the entirety of the construction activities financed by the Loan Agreement unless (a) a waiver is provided to the Assistance Recipient by EPA or (b) compliance would be inconsistent with United States obligations under international agreements. In order to receive a waiver, the Assistance Recipient must send a written request to the EPA Administrator. A decision will be made based on the following criteria:

- (1) The requirement is inconsistent with the public interest for purposes of the project for which a waiver has been requested,
- (2) Iron and steel products are not produced in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available quantities and of a satisfactory quality, or
- (3) Inclusion of iron and steel products produced in the United States will increase the overall cost of the project by more than 25 percent.

If the Administrator receives a request for a waiver, the Administrator shall make available to the public on an informal basis a copy of the request and information available to the Administrator concerning the request and shall allow for informal public input on the request for at least 15 days prior to making a finding based on the request. The Administrator shall make the request and accompanying information

available by electronic means, including on the official public Internet Web site of the Environmental Protection Agency. EPA will provide additional guidance on this provision as it becomes available.

The term “iron and steel products” means the following products made primarily of iron or steel: lined or unlined pipes and fittings, manhole covers and other municipal castings, hydrants, tanks, flanges, pipe clamps and restraints, valves, structural steel, reinforced precast concrete, and construction materials.

Iron and steel products that are not 100% compliant with the above requirements should be identified early in the planning and design process and the appropriate justification prepared and waiver process followed to meet the requirement before the project goes to construction.

American Iron and Steel (AIS) requirements are waived if a project has submitted plans and specifications for approval to a State agency, prior to enactment of the Appropriations Act or January 17, 2014 in accordance with the EPA nationwide plans and specifications waiver signed April 15, 2014.

In addition, EPA has granted a nationwide waiver for de minimis incidental components for eligible CWSRF or DWSRF projects, signed April 15, 2014. This action permits the use of products when they occur in de minimis incidental components for such projects funded by the Act that may otherwise be prohibited under section 436(a). Example of incidental components could include small washers, screws, fasteners, (i.e., nuts and bolts), miscellaneous wire, corner bead, ancillary tube, etc. Examples of items that are clearly not incidental include significant process fittings (i.e., tees, elbows, flanges, and brackets), distribution system fittings and valves, force main valves, pipes for sewer collection and/or water distribution, treatment and storage tanks, large structural support structures, etc. Funds used for such de minimis incidental non-AIS compliant components cumulatively may comprise no more than a total of 5 percent of the total cost of the materials used in and incorporated into a project. The cost of an individual non-AIS compliant item may not exceed 1 percent of the total cost of the materials used in and incorporated into a project.

EPA has provided additional guidance on these AIS provisions which can be found on EPA’s website at http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/aisrequirement.cfm.

Article III

REPRESENTATIONS AND COVENANTS OF BORROWER

Section 3.01. Representations of the Borrower. The Borrower represents as follows:

(a) ***Organization and Authority.***

(i) The Borrower is a city, town, village, district, association or other public body created by or pursuant to the constitution and statutes of the State of Nebraska.

(ii) The Borrower has full legal right and authority and has all necessary licenses and permits required as of the date hereof (or is in the process of obtaining all necessary licenses and permits that will be required, but are not required to be in place as of the date hereof) to own, operate and maintain its Public Water System, to carry on its activities relating thereto, to execute and deliver this Loan Agreement, to undertake and complete the Project, and to carry out and consummate all transactions contemplated by the Loan.

(iii) The proceedings of the Borrower’s governing body conducted to approve this Loan Agreement and approve its execution, issuance and delivery on behalf of the Borrower, and authorizing the Borrower to undertake and complete the Project, have been duly and lawfully convened and conducted and the resolution of the Borrower’s governing body approving such matters has been duly and lawfully adopted.

(iv) This Loan Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered on behalf of the Borrower and constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation of the Borrower enforceable in

accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforceability may be limited by laws related to bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and general principles of equity.

(b) **Full Disclosure.** To the best knowledge of the Borrower, there is no fact that the Borrower has not disclosed to NDEQ in writing on the Borrower's application for the Loan or otherwise anything that materially adversely affects or that will materially adversely affect the properties, activities of its Public Water System, or the ability of the Borrower to make all Loan Repayments and otherwise observe and perform its duties, covenants, obligations and agreement under this Loan Agreement.

(c) **Non-Litigation.** There is no controversy, suit or other proceeding of any kind pending or to the best knowledge of the Borrower threatened questioning, disputing or affecting in any way (i) the legal organization of the Borrower or its boundaries, (ii) the right or title of any of its officers to their respective offices, (iii) the legality of any official act taken in connection with obtaining the Loan, (iv) the constitutionality or validity of the indebtedness represented by this Loan Agreement, (v) any of the proceedings had in relation to the authorization or execution or the pledging of the revenues of the Borrower's Public Water System under this Loan Agreement, or (vi) the ability of the Borrower to make all Loan Repayments or otherwise observe and perform its duties, covenants, obligations and agreements under this Loan Agreement.

(d) **Compliance With Existing Laws and Agreements.** The authorization, execution and delivery of this Loan Agreement by the Borrower, and the performance by the Borrower of its duties, covenants, obligations and agreements thereunder, will not violate any law to which the Borrower is subject or breach any agreement to which the Borrower is a party.

(e) **No Defaults.** No event has occurred and no condition exists that would constitute an Event of Default. The Borrower is not in violation of any agreement which would materially adversely affect the ability of the Borrower to make all Loan Repayments or otherwise observe and perform its duties, covenants, obligations and agreements under this Loan Agreement.

(f) **Governmental Consent.** The Borrower has obtained all permits and approvals required to date under this Loan Agreement (or is in the process of obtaining all permits and approvals that will be required, but are not required to be in place as of the date hereof) for the undertaking or completion of the Project and the financing or refinancing thereof. The Borrower has complied with or expects to comply with, all applicable provisions of law requiring any notification, with any governmental body or officer in connection with this Loan Agreement or with the undertaking or completion of the Project and the financing or refinancing thereof.

(g) **Compliance With Law.** The Borrower:

(i) is in compliance with all laws, ordinances, governmental rules and regulations to which it is subject, including, without limitation, any public hearing or public notice requirements or environmental review requirements contained in the Regulations, with which the failure to comply would materially adversely affect the ability of the Borrower to conduct its activities, enter into this Loan Agreement or undertake or complete the Project; and

(ii) has obtained, or expects to obtain, all licenses, permits, franchises or other governmental authorizations presently necessary for the ownership of its property which, if not obtained, would materially adversely affect the ability of the Borrower to complete the Project.

(h) **Use of Loan Proceeds.** The Borrower will apply the proceeds of the Loan as described in Article II:

(i) to finance or refinance a portion of the Project Costs and

(ii) where applicable, to reimburse the Borrower for a portion of the Project Costs, which portion was paid or incurred in anticipation of reimbursement by NDEQ and is eligible for such

reimbursement pursuant to the Regulations. All of such costs constitute Project Costs for which NDEQ is authorized to make Loans to the Borrower pursuant to the Act and the Regulations.

(i) **Project Costs.** The Borrower certifies that the Project Costs, as listed in Attachment B, are reasonable and accurate estimations and, upon direction of NDEQ, will supply the same with a certificate from its engineer stating that such costs are reasonable and accurate estimations, taking into account investment income, if any, to be realized during the course of construction of the Project and other money that would, absent the Loan, have been used to pay the Project Costs.

Section 3.02. Particular Covenants of the Borrower.

(a) **Dedicated Source of Revenue for Repayment of the Loan.** The Borrower hereby pledges the System Revenues as the dedicated source of revenue for the repayment of the Loan. The pledge herein provided for is made in accordance with and under the terms of the Loan Agreement Authorizing Resolution and is secured on a parity basis with the pledges made under and referred to in the Existing Revenue Obligations Authorizing Resolution. The Borrower shall fix, establish, maintain and collect such rates, fees and charges for the use and services furnished by or through the Borrower's Public Water System, including all improvements and additions hereafter constructed or acquired by the Borrower, as will provide revenues sufficient to (i) pay the cost of the operation and maintenance, and replacement of the Borrower's Public Water System, (ii) pay at least 110% of the principal of and interest on the Loan as and when the same become due, and (iii) pay all other amounts due at any time under this Loan Agreement, provided, however, the lien of NDEQ on the revenues of the Borrower's Public Water System, shall be on a parity with the lien on such revenues of the Borrower's outstanding Public Water Supply System revenue bonds for the benefit of the Existing Revenue Obligations, and any Additional Bonds hereafter issued on parity with such Existing Revenue Obligations. These revenues shall be collected and maintained in separate accounts for the operation and maintenance costs and for principal and interest payments on the Loan. The funds in such accounts shall be restricted for their intended use, and the loan obligation reported on financial statements. The Borrower shall deposit monthly, in the Loan payment account, an amount equal to at least one sixth of the anticipated amount due on the next Loan payment date. The Borrower agrees to develop the User Charge System based on actual or estimated use of Borrower's Public Water System. Furthermore, each user and or user class pays proportionate to their drinking water use within the Borrower's service area. The Borrower agrees to review the adequacy of the User Charge System biennially. The Borrower agrees the initial financial analysis performed by NDEQ in Attachment C is a reasonable estimate of the Project Costs, of the financial situation of the Borrower in relation to this Project, and of the user charges necessary at the time of initiation of operation of the Project. The NDEQ may review this information annually to insure the Borrower's compliance with the Loan conditions and update Attachment C changes.

(b) **Performance Under Loan Agreement.** The Borrower covenants and agrees:

(i) to comply with all applicable State and federal laws, rules and regulations in the performance of this Loan Agreement (including, but not limited to the federal crosscutting issues listed in Appendix A of the EPA's final Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program Guidelines and set forth on Attachment D hereto and NDEQ Regulations); and

(ii) to cooperate with NDEQ in the observance and performance of the respective duties, covenants, obligations and agreements of the Borrower and NDEQ under this Loan Agreement.

(c) **Completion of Project and Provision of Moneys Therefor.** The Borrower covenants and agrees:

(i) to exercise its best efforts in accordance with prudent public water supply utility practice to complete the Project and to so accomplish such completion on or before the estimated Project completion date set forth in Article II hereto; and

(ii) to provide from its own financial resources all moneys, in excess of the total amount of proceeds it receives pursuant to this Loan Agreement, required to complete the Project.

(d) **Delivery of Documents.** Concurrently with the delivery of this Loan Agreement (as previously authorized and executed) at the loan closing, the Borrower will cause to be delivered to NDEQ each of the following items:

- (i) counterparts of this Loan Agreement (as previously executed by parties hereto);
- (ii) copies of the ordinances and/or resolutions of the governing body of the Borrower authorizing the execution and delivery of this Loan Agreement certified by an Authorized Representative;
- (iii) an Opinion of Borrower's Counsel substantially in the form of Attachment E hereto;
- (iv) an executed Note (or other evidence of indebtedness) evidencing the Borrower's obligations under this Loan Agreement in the form of Attachment F;
- (v) an executed certificate of the Borrower in the form of Attachment G hereto; and
- (vi) such other certificates, documents, opinions and information as NDEQ may require.

(e) **Operation and Maintenance of Public Water System.** The Borrower covenants and agrees that it shall, in accordance with Title 179 NAC 22-Operation and Maintenance of Community and Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems:

- (i) at all times operate the properties of its Public Water System in an efficient manner; and
- (ii) maintain its Public Water System, making all necessary and proper repairs, renewals, replacements, additions, betterments and improvements necessary to maintain its system in good repair, working order and operating condition.

(f) **Disposition of Public Water System.** The Borrower covenants that it intends to own and operate the Project at all times during the term of the Loan. The Borrower does not know of any reason why the Project will not be so used in the absence of:

- (i) supervening circumstances not anticipated by the Borrower at the time of the Loan;
- (ii) adverse circumstances beyond the control of the Borrower or;
- (iii) obsolescence of such insubstantial parts or portions of the Project as may occur as a result of normal use thereof.

The Borrower shall not sell, lease, abandon or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of its Public Water System except on 90 days' prior written notice to NDEQ and, in any event, shall not sell, lease, abandon or otherwise dispose of the same unless the Borrower shall in accordance with Section 4.02 hereof assign this Loan Agreement and its rights and interests hereunder to the purchaser or lessee of the Public Water System and such purchaser or lessee shall assume all duties, covenants, obligations and agreements of the Borrower under this Loan Agreement. In no event shall the Borrower sell, lease, abandon, or otherwise dispose of the Public Water System to any person or entity other than a municipal corporation or other political subdivision of the State of Nebraska, or any combination thereof, that has legal authority to own or operate the Public Water System.

Before any proposed disposition of the Public Water System can be made, the Borrower shall provide NDEQ, and NIFA if NIFA is an assignee of the Note, with an opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel that such proposed disposition is permitted by the provisions of this subparagraph, and, further, that such disposition shall not endanger the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes of the interest on any bonds issued to fund deposits into the Loan Fund, nor shall it relieve the Borrower of its duties, covenants, obligations and agreements under this Loan Agreement.

(g) **Records and Accounts.** The Borrower shall maintain accurate records and accounts in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, including principles relating to the reporting of infrastructure assets for its Public Water Supply System (the "System Records"), which shall be separate and distinct from its other records and accounts (the "General Account"). The System Records and General Accounts shall be made available for inspection upon request by the NDEQ at any reasonable time. The Borrower shall, upon written request by the NDEQ during the term of the Loan, engage an independent auditor to conduct an audit of the project's financial records in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. The Borrower shall provide the NDEQ a copy of the audit report, provided such audit shall not be due to the NDEQ sooner than 210 days following the close of the fiscal year, or years, identified in the request for audit. In the event that during the period in which the Project financed by this Loan Agreement is under construction, and the Borrower expends, for any purpose, total federal funds in excess of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) during the Borrower's fiscal year, then the Borrower shall, irrespective of any request from the NDEQ, provide the NDEQ a copy of the Single Audit made on the Borrower's General Accounts performed by an independent auditor required in such cases by 2 CFR Part 200 – Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. In the sole discretion of the NDEQ, any requirement herein to perform and/or provide an audit at the request of the NDEQ may be waived by the NDEQ on the basis of the Borrower's receipt of an audit waiver received from some other government agency and accurately acknowledging the Borrower's obligation to the NDEQ under this Loan or for any other reason acceptable to the NDEQ.

(h) **Inspections; Information.** The Borrower shall permit the EPA, NDEQ, and any party designated by NDEQ to examine, visit, and inspect, at any and all reasonable times, the property, if any, constituting the Project, and to inspect and make copies of any accounts, books, and records, including (without limitation) its records regarding receipts, disbursements, contracts, investments, and any other matters relating thereto and to its financial standing, and shall supply such reports and information as the EPA and NDEQ may reasonably require in connection therewith.

(i) **Financial Information.** The Borrower specifically agrees to provide to NDEQ a reasonable number of copies of such financial information and operating data of the Borrower and the Public Water System and the prompt notification of the occurrence of certain material events, to the extent necessary for NDEQ to comply with its continuing disclosure obligations set forth in the SEC Rule. Such financial information shall be audited in accordance with the provisions of subsection (g)(ii) hereof. Such financial information shall be prepared in accordance with GAAP. Such financial information and operating data, if requested, shall be supplied within 210 days after the end of its fiscal year. If audited financial information will be prepared, but is not available within 210 days of the end of the appropriate Borrower's fiscal year, unaudited financial information shall be provided to NDEQ pending receipt of audited financial information. For purposes of this paragraph, "material event" shall mean (a) principal and interest payment delinquencies on any Indebtedness, (b) non-payment-related defaults in agreements authorizing any Indebtedness, (c) rating changes on any Indebtedness, (d) adverse tax opinions or events affecting the tax-exempt status of any Indebtedness, or (e) unscheduled draws on debt service reserves or credit enhancements on any Indebtedness reflecting financial difficulties.

(j) **Insurance.** The Borrower will carry and maintain such reasonable amount of all risk insurance on all properties and all operations of the Public Water System as would be carried by similar sized municipal operators of Public Water System, insofar as the properties are of an insurable nature. The Borrower also will carry general liability insurance in amounts not less than the maximum liability of a governmental entity for claims arising out of a single occurrence, as provided by the Nebraska Political Subdivisions Tort Claims Act, Neb.Rev.Stat. §§13-901 to 13-926, or other similar future law.

(k) **Continuing Representations.** The representations of the Borrower contained herein shall be true at the time of the execution of this Loan Agreement and at all times during the term of this Loan Agreement.

(l) **Notice of Material Adverse Change.** The Borrower shall promptly notify NDEQ of any material adverse change in the activities, prospects or condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower's Public Water System, in accordance with the provisions of subsection 3.02(g) and (i) hereof, or in the ability of the Borrower to make all Loan Repayments and otherwise observe and perform its duties, covenants, obligations and agreements under this Loan Agreement.

(m) **Additional Covenants and Requirements.** If necessary in connection with the making of the Loan, additional covenants and requirements are listed on Attachment H hereto. The Borrower agrees to observe and comply with each such additional covenant and requirement, if any.

Article IV

ASSIGNMENT

Section 4.01. Assignment and Transfer by NDEQ. The Borrower hereby approves and consents to any assignment or transfer of this Loan Agreement that NDEQ deems necessary in connection with the operation and administration of the Loan Fund. The Borrower hereby specifically approves the assignment and pledging of the interest portion of the Loan Repayments to NIFA.

Section 4.02. Assignment by the Borrower. This Loan Agreement may not be assigned by the Borrower for any reason, unless the following conditions shall be satisfied:

(a) NDEQ shall have approved said assignment in writing;

(b) the assignee is a village, town, city, district, association, county or other public body created by or pursuant to State law of the State of Nebraska or any combination thereof, that has legal authority to own or operate the Public Water System;

(c) the assignee shall have expressly assumed in writing the full and faithful observance and performance of the Borrower's duties, covenants, and obligations under this Loan Agreement; provided, however, such assignment shall not relieve the Borrower of its duties, covenants, and obligations under this Loan Agreement;

(d) the assignment will not adversely impact NDEQ's ability to meet its duties, covenants and obligations under the Pledge Agreement as determined in writing by NDEQ;

(e) the assignment will not adversely affect the exclusion from gross income for federal tax purposes of the interest on any bonds issued by NIFA to fund deposits into the Loan Fund; and

(f) the Borrower shall provide NDEQ, and NIFA if NIFA is an assignee of the Note, with;

(i) an opinion of a qualified attorney that each of the conditions set forth in subparagraphs Section 4.02(b) and (c) above has been met, and;

(ii) an opinion of nationally recognized bond counsel that the condition set forth in subparagraph Section 4.02(e) above has been met.

Article V

EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

Section 5.01. Notice of Default. If an Event of Default shall occur, the nondefaulting party shall give the party in default and NIFA prompt telephonic notice of the occurrence of such Event of Default, provided the nondefaulting party has knowledge of such Event of Default. Such telephonic notice shall be immediately followed by written notice of such Event of Default given in the manner set forth in Section 6.03 hereof.

Section 5.02. Remedies on Default.

(a) Whenever an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, NDEQ or the Borrower shall have the right to take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to collect the amounts then due and to become due or to enforce the performance and observance of any obligation or agreement of NDEQ or the Borrower (including, without limitation, withholding remaining Loan disbursements, cancellation of this Loan Agreement and acceleration of the remaining scheduled principal payments set forth on Attachment A, or such other remedies provided to NDEQ in the Act and the Regulations).

(b) If the Borrower fails to make any payment of principal and interest, late fee, and penalty interest imposed pursuant to this Loan within 60 days of the due dates specified in Section 2.05, the payment shall be deducted from the amount of aid to municipalities to which the Borrower is entitled under Neb. Rev. Stat. §72-1503. Such amount shall be paid directly to the Loan Fund.

Section 5.03. Expenses.

(a) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default on the part of the Borrower, and to the extent permitted by law, the Borrower shall, on demand, pay to NDEQ the reasonable fees and expenses incurred by NDEQ in the collection of Loan Repayments or any other sum due hereunder or in the enforcement of performance or observation of any other duties, covenants, obligations or agreements of the Borrower contained herein. Prior to incurring any such expenses, NDEQ shall provide written notice to the Borrower that it intends to incur such expenses; provided, however, a failure by NDEQ to give such notice shall not affect NDEQ's right to receive payment for such expenses. Upon request by the Borrower, NDEQ shall provide copies of statements evidencing the fees and expenses for which NDEQ is requesting payment.

(b) Upon the occurrence of an Event of Default on the part of NDEQ, and to the extent permitted by law and availability of appropriated funds by the Nebraska Legislature, NDEQ shall, on demand, pay to the Borrower the reasonable fees and expenses incurred by the Borrower in the enforcement of performance or observation of any other duties, covenants, obligations or agreements of NDEQ contained herein. Prior to incurring any such expenses, the Borrower shall provide written notice to NDEQ that it intends to incur such expenses; provided, however, a failure by the Borrower to give such notice shall not affect the Borrower's right to receive payment for such expenses. Upon request by NDEQ, the Borrower shall provide copies of statements evidencing the fees and expenses for which the Borrower is requesting payment.

Section 5.04. Application of Moneys. Any moneys collected by NDEQ pursuant to Section 5.02 or 5.03 hereof shall be applied;

- (a) first, to pay interest on the Loan as the same becomes due and payable;
- (b) second, to pay principal due and payable on the Loan;
- (c) third, to pay expenses owed by the Borrower pursuant to Section 5.03 hereof; and

(d) fourth, to pay any other amounts due and payable hereunder as such amounts become due and payable. To the extent that NDEQ's right to receive Loan Repayments is on a parity of lien basis with the lien of Existing Revenue Obligations or Additional Revenue Obligations on the Borrower's System Revenues, such moneys shall be applied pro rata to all such obligations.

Section 5.05. No Remedy Exclusive; Waiver; Notice. No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the parties hereto is intended to be exclusive and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under this Loan Agreement or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity. The parties hereto, in good faith, shall exercise such remedies with due diligence in a timely manner, however, no delay or omission to exercise any right, remedy or power accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right, remedy or power or shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right, remedy or power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient. In order to entitle the parties hereto to exercise any remedy reserved to them in this Article, it shall not be necessary to give any notice, other than such notice as may be required in this Article V.

Section 5.06. Retention of Rights. Notwithstanding any assignment or transfer of this Loan Agreement pursuant to the provisions hereof, or anything else to the contrary contained herein, the parties hereto shall have the right upon the occurrence of an Event of Default to take any action, including (without limitation) bringing an action against the defaulting party at law or in equity, as such party may, in its discretion, deem necessary to enforce the obligations of the defaulting party pursuant to this Loan Agreement.

Article VI

MISCELLANEOUS

Section 6.01. Hold Harmless Agreement. The State of Nebraska and NDEQ, and the officers, agents, and employees of each, shall have no responsibility or liability for the construction, operation and maintenance of the Project. The Borrower shall be responsible for such construction, operation and maintenance of the Project and shall assume responsibility for all Project Costs and any claims, demands, damages, losses, costs, expenses, or liability accruing or resulting to any and all contractors, subcontractors, employees, and any other person, firm, or corporation furnishing or supplying services, materials, or supplies in connection with construction of the Project, and for any and all claims, demands, damages, losses, costs, expenses, or liability occurring or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation, as a result of or incident to, either in whole or in part, whether directly or indirectly, the construction of the Project.

Section 6.02. Waivers. Any waiver at any time of rights or duties under this Loan Agreement shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent right or duty under this Loan Agreement.

Section 6.03. Notices. All notices, certificates or other communications hereunder shall be sufficiently given and shall be deemed given when hand delivered or mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, to the Borrower and NDEQ at the following addresses:

If to Borrower: Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District
8901 S. 154th Street
Omaha, NE 68138
Attention: General Manager

If to NDEQ: Department of Environmental Quality
1200 N Street, The Atrium, Suite 400
Post Office Box 98922
Lincoln, NE 68509-8922

All notices given by registered or certified mail as aforesaid shall be deemed duly given as of the date they are so mailed. Any of the foregoing parties may designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices, certificates or other communications shall be sent, by notice in writing given to the others.

Section 6.04. Amendments, Supplements and Modifications. This Loan Agreement may not be amended, supplemented, or modified except in writing signed by NDEQ and the Borrower.

Section 6.05. Severability. In the event any provision of this Loan Agreement shall be held illegal, invalid, or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not invalidate, render unenforceable or otherwise affect any other provision hereof.

Section 6.06. Binding Effect. This Loan Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon NDEQ and the Borrower and their respective successors and assigns.

Section 6.07. Execution in Counterparts. This Loan Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument.

Section 6.08. Governing Law and Regulations. This Loan Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska, including the Act and the Regulations, which Regulations are, by this reference thereto, incorporated herein as a part of this Loan Agreement.

Section 6.09. Consents and Approvals. Whenever the written consent or approval of the State shall be required under the provisions of this Loan Agreement, such consent or approval may only be given by NDEQ.

Section 6.10. Further Assurances. The Borrower shall, at the request of NDEQ, authorize, execute, acknowledge and deliver such further resolutions, conveyances, transfers, assurances, financing statements, and other instruments as may be necessary or desirable for better assuring, conveying, granting, assigning and confirming the rights, security interests and agreements granted or intended to be granted by this Loan Agreement.

Section 6.11. Notice to Trustee. Upon assignment of the Note to NIFA which may occur from time to time and thereafter, NDEQ shall deliver a notice of this Loan in the form prescribed by NIFA, and other pertinent information relating thereto, to the Trustee for any bonds of NIFA issued to fund deposits into the Loan Fund.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Loan Agreement to be executed and delivered as of the date set forth below.

PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

By _____

By _____

Title _____

Title Director

Date _____

Date _____

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project to be funded by this DWSRF financing includes upgrades to the system's pump station. These include the controls, replacement of the emergency generator, and adding a third pump to meet current demands and provide redundancy. The project includes all related work, land, testing, and engineering fees.

ATTACHMENT A

LOAN REPAYMENT SCHEDULE

Interest and Administrative fee accruing before June 15, 2019, which is not reflected on the following amortization schedule, shall be billed and paid in accordance with the NDEQ's procedures. Interest and the Administrative fee shall accrue at the applicable rate (set forth in Section 2.03 and 2.06 of the Loan Agreement) as to the amount drawn from the date of each disbursement. Payments are due on June 15 and December 15 of each year, with an estimated commencement of December 15, 2018. Amounts due will be invoiced on or about May 15 and November 15 of each year for each six-month payment period ending on the set interest payment date. Interest and Administrative fee accruing on principal amounts drawn after the invoicing date are to be included with the next invoice. Following the receipt of Initiation of Operation date and the final disbursement of Loan proceeds to the Borrower, a revised final Attachment A shall be prepared by NDEQ to establish the final debt service schedule based upon the following parameters set forth below. Such revised final Attachment A thereafter shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof and shall supersede and replace the projected Attachment A.

The final Loan Repayment Schedule shall be calculated by NDEQ based on the following parameters:

- (1) Final principal amount of Loan;
- (2) Amount of Loan Forgiveness, if any;
- (3) Interest rate as set forth in Section 2.03;
- (4) Administrative fee rate as set forth in Section 2.06;
- (5) Installments of principal and interest on each June 15 and December 15 payment date, (a) beginning on the latest such payment date that is within one year after the Initiation of Operation date but no later than three years after the date of the Loan Agreement, whichever occurs first and (b) ending on the latest such payment date that is less than 20 years after the Initiation of Operation date; and
- (6) Amortization of principal to achieve level payments of principal and interest (not taking into account the administrative fee payment pursuant to Section 2.06).

ATTACHMENT B

PROJECT COSTS

Administrative and legal fees	\$5,000
A/E Fees	20,000
Inspection Fees	5,000
Construction and Equipment	230,000
Contingencies	<u>40,000</u>
TOTAL	\$300,000

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

DWSRF Loan Amount	\$300,000
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PROJECTED OUTLAY SCHEDULE

July 2018	25,000
August 2018	25,000
September 2018	50,000
November 2018	100,000
January 2019	50,000
March 2019	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL	\$300,000

ATTACHMENT C

FINANCIAL CAPABILITY

**PAPIO-MISSOURI NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT, NEBRASKA
DWSRF Project No. D311627**

The Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District has requested DWSRF loan assistance of \$300,000 to finance upgrades to their Washington County Rural Water District No. 1 (RWD No. 1) pump station. The project will include engineering and inspection fees.

An abbreviated financial analysis is presented. The documents reviewed and used to complete this analysis are:

1. Audited Financial Statements Excerpts of the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District, for the years 2015 through 2017,
2. Water/Wastewater Preapplication for Federal/State Assistance,
3. Design Memorandum prepared by HDR, Inc. plus miscellaneous correspondence from the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District in project file.

Table 1
Washington County RWD (No. 1 & 2 combined) Water System Account Summary

Year	Revenue (includes interest income)	Expenses (excludes depreciation and amortization)	Revenue Minus Expenses
2015	\$633,047	\$596,545	\$36,502
2016	\$729,609	\$683,779	\$45,830
2017	\$898,158	\$803,147	\$95,011

Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District as reported on the State of Nebraska's Public Auditor's website as of June 30, 2017 has \$66,359,177 outstanding principal debt, \$24,666,167 outstanding interest debt for a total outstanding debt of \$91,025,344. The specific Proprietary Funds Long-Term Debt for the Washington County Rural Water District Nos. 1 and 2 are:

1. Water Project Refunding Revenue Bonds-2016, interest varies from 1.20% to 3.30%, has a remaining balance of \$1,615,000 as of June 30, 2017.
2. NDEQ-SRF Loan 2016 issued by the District in November, 2016 (interest of 2.00%) has a remaining balance of \$350,000 as of June 30, 2017.

The maturities of all governmental long-term debt are as follows in Table 2:

Table 2

Annual Debt Service Requirements to amortize all governmental and business type long-term Debt outstanding as of September 30, 2018, are as follows:

Year Ended Sept 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$3,661,976	\$2,422,278	\$6,084,254
2019	2,299,083	2,365,686	4,664,769
2020	2,440,879	2,296,020	4,736,899
2021	2,612,758	2,210,171	4,822,929
2022	2,784,408	2,117,915	4,902,323

2023-2027	17,309,559	8,516,052	25,825,611
2028-2032	23,898,984	4,363,304	28,262,288
2033-2037	<u>11,351,530</u>	<u>374,741</u>	<u>11,726,271</u>
Total	\$66,359,177	\$24,666,167	\$91,025,344

Analysis of the Water Utility:

The Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District manages their water utility. There are 602 users served by the Washington Co. RWD#1, including a wholesale customer in the City of Fort Calhoun. The RWD No. 1 current water user charge is a metered rate of \$17.75 per month base plus \$4.95 per 1,000 gallons use for the first 10,000 gallons used. For a typical household water use of 8,000 gallons per month the water rate would total \$57.35 per month. A final assessment of revenues and costs will be analyzed to determine the actual user charge adjustment as necessary. Monthly water bills would vary accordingly for actual monthly water use for each service connection. The Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District is eligible for a 20-year DWSRF loan at a per annum interest rate of 2.0 percent plus an annual 0.50 percent administrative fee on the outstanding principal amount. The DWSRF loan funding assistance of \$300,000 which would have an annual debt service of \$19,758 plus the DWSRF contract required 10% coverage or \$1,976 for delinquency or loss of users as shown in Table 4 totals \$21,734 for the first year debt service including coverage.

Table 4

Proposed DWSRF Loan #D311627 of \$300,000

DWSRF Base Program Loan Term (years)	Interest Rate	First Year Payment	First Year Payment + 10% Coverage
20	2.0% + 0.5% admin fee on outstanding principal balance	\$19,758	\$21,734

The proposed 20 year DWSRF loan of \$300,000 annual principal and interest would be \$18,273. Principal and Interest repayments of SRF loans are protected by intercept statute Neb. Rev. Stat. §75-1503, which allow the Department to recover delinquent loan payments by intercepting state funds that are paid to the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District.

The projected monthly water rate utilizing the estimated household water use of 8,000 gallons equals \$60.36 or \$724.30 annually. This projected household water rate total is 1.10% of Washington County's 2016 median household income of \$65,565 and is below EPA's 2.5% upper level of water rate affordability.

ATTACHMENT D

LIST OF FEDERAL LAWS AND AUTHORITIES

ENVIRONMENTAL:

- Archeological and Historical Preservation Act of 1974, PL 93-291, 16 U.S.C. §469a-1
- Clean Air Act, PL 95-95, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7506(c)
- Coastal Barrier Resources Act, PL 97-348, 96 Stat. 1653, 16 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.
- Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, PL 92-583, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §1451 et seq.
- Endangered Species Act, PL 93-205, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531, et seq.
- Essential Fish Habitat Consultation Process Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, PL 94-265, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §1801 et seq.
- Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, as amended; Executive Order No. 12148, as amended
- Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands, as amended; Executive Order No. 12608, as amended
- Executive Order 12898, Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations, as amended
- Farmland Protection Policy Act, PL 97-98, 7 U.S.C. §4201 et seq.
- National Environmental Policy Act, PL 91-190, 42 U.S.C. §4321 et seq.
- National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, PL 89-665, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §740 et seq.
- Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, PL 93-523, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service National Wetlands Inventory
- Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, PL 90-542, as amended, 82 Stat. 913, 16 U.S.C. §1271 et seq.

ECONOMIC:

- Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act of 1966, PL 89-754, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §3331 et seq.
- Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, as amended
- Executive Order 13202, as amended; Executive Order 13208, as amended
- Section 306 of the Clean Air Act and Section 508 of the Clean Water Act, including Executive Order 11738, Administration of the Clean Air Act and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, with Respect to Federal Contracts, Grants, or Loans, as amended
- Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, PL 91-646, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §§4601-4655

SOCIAL LEGISLATION:

- Age Discrimination Act, PL 94-135, 42 U.S.C. §6102
- Department of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act, PL 102-389
- Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity, as amended
- Executive Orders 11625, 12138, and 12432 Women's and Minority Business Enterprise, as amended
- Section 129 of the Small Business Administration Reauthorization and Amendment Act of 1988, PL 100-590
- Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. §794
- Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972, 33 U.S.C. §1251
- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, PL 88-352, 42 U.S.C. §200d

MISCELLANEOUS AUTHORITY:

- Nebraska Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund #FS - 997805

*The list of Federal Laws and Authorities is based upon the EPA's listing of "Additional information on Cross-Cutting Federal Authorities" (http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/dwsrf/xcuts.cfm) and the EPA's "Cross-Cutting Federal Authorities: A Handbook on Their Application in the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Programs" (October 2013; <http://www2.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/crosscutterhandbook.pdf>) as of October 12, 2015. This list is subject to change based upon the federal authorities of the EPA.

ATTACHMENT E

FORM OF BORROWER'S COUNSEL OPINION

[USE BORROWER COUNSEL'S LETTERHEAD]

[Date]

[NOTE: Any of the opinions given below may be given in reliance upon the opinion of another Bond Counsel, and one Bond Counsel may give some of the opinions and another Bond Counsel may give others.]

Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality
Suite 400
1200 N Street, The Atrium
Post Office Box 98922
Lincoln, NE 68509-8922
Attention: Water Quality Division

Ladies and Gentlemen:

[I/We] have acted as [Bond] Counsel in connection with the execution and delivery by **[NAME OF BORROWER]**, a **[TYPE OF ENTITY]** (the "Borrower"), of a Loan Agreement No. D311627 (the "Loan Agreement") between the Borrower and the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality ("NDEQ") and the issuance of a promissory note (the "Note") by the Borrower to NDEQ. All terms used in this opinion letter and not defined shall have the meanings given to them in the Loan Agreement.

In this connection, [I/we] have examined the following:

- (a) Certified copies of the **[DESCRIBE RESOLUTION AND/OR ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO WHICH LOAN AGREEMENT AND NOTE ARE TO BE ENTERED INTO]**;
- (b) An executed counterpart of the Loan Agreement;
- (c) The executed Note; and
- (d) Such other documents as [I/we] deemed relevant and necessary in rendering this opinion.

As to questions of fact material to [my/our] opinion, [I/we] have relied upon the certified proceedings and other certifications of public officials furnished to [me/us] without undertaking to verify the same by independent investigation.

Based upon the foregoing [I am/we are] of the opinion that:

1. The Borrower is a **[VILLAGE, CITY, SID OR OTHER]** duly organized and validly existing under the laws of the State of Nebraska.
2. The Borrower is a governmental unit, as such term is used in Section 141(b)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
3. The Borrower has the power and authority to enter into the Loan Agreement, to issue the Note, to borrow the entire principal amount provided for in Section 2.01 of the Loan Contract (the "Loan Amount") and to perform its obligations under the Loan Agreement and the Note.

4. The Loan Agreement and the Note have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Borrower and are, and would be if the entire Loan Amount were advanced to the Borrower pursuant to the Loan Agreement on the date of this opinion, valid and legally binding special obligations of the Borrower, payable solely from the sources provided therefor in the Loan Agreement, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, except to the extent that the enforceability thereof may be limited by laws relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or other similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and general principles of equity.

5. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §18-1803 through 18-1805, the Loan Agreement creates a valid lien on the funds pledged by the Borrower pursuant to Section 3.02 of the Loan Agreement for the security of the Loan Agreement and the Note and no other debt of the Borrower is secured by a superior lien on such funds.

6. The Borrower has obtained or made all approvals, authorizations, consents or other actions of, and filings, registrations or qualifications with, the Borrower or any other government authority which are legally required to allow the Borrower to enter into and perform its obligations under the Loan Agreement and the Note and borrow the full Loan Amount pursuant to the Loan Agreement and the Note.

Very truly yours,

ATTACHMENT F

PROMISSORY NOTE OF PAPIO-MISSOURI NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT, NEBRASKA

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned (the "Borrower") promises to pay, but solely from the sources described herein, to the order of the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality ("NDEQ"), or its successors and assigns, the principal sum of not to exceed \$300,000 to the extent disbursed pursuant to Section 2.01 and Section 2.04 of the Loan Agreement No. D311627 ("the Loan Agreement"), with interest on each such amount until paid, as provided in Section 2.03 of the Loan Agreement between NDEQ and the Borrower. In addition, the Borrower shall pay an Administrative Fee on the outstanding principal amount of this Note at the rate of 0.5% per annum as provided in the Loan Agreement. The said principal and interest and Administrative Fee shall be payable in semiannual installments each payable on December 15 and June 15 of each year in accordance with Section 2.05 of the Loan Agreement. Each installment shall be in the amount set forth opposite its due date in Attachment A to the Loan Agreement. The Borrower shall pay any penalty or additional interest due pursuant to Section 2.05(d) of the Loan Agreement.

All payments under this Note shall be payable at the offices of NDEQ in Lincoln, Nebraska, and upon the assignment of this Note to NIFA, at the principal corporate trust office of a Trustee designated by NIFA, or such other place as NDEQ may designate in writing.

This Note is issued pursuant to and is secured by the Loan Agreement and Resolution dated **Month, Date, Year** of the Borrower (the "Resolution"), the terms and provisions of which are incorporated herein by reference.

All payments of principal of and interest on this Note and other payment obligations of the Borrower hereunder shall be limited obligations of the Borrower payable solely out of the System Revenues (as defined in the Loan Agreement) on a parity with revenue bonds issued pursuant to the Existing Revenue Obligations Authorizing Resolution (as defined in the Loan Agreement) and other revenue bonds now or thereafter outstanding as permitted under the terms of said Resolution, shall not be payable out of any other revenues of the Borrower. The obligations of the Borrower under this Note shall never constitute or give rise to a charge against its general credit or taxing power.

If default be made in the payment of any installment due under this Note or by the occurrence of any one or more of the Events of Default specified in Article V of the Loan Agreement and if such Event of Default is not remedied as therein provided, or failure to comply with any provision of the Resolution, NDEQ then, or at any time thereafter, may give notice to the Borrower that all unpaid amounts of this Note then outstanding, together with all other unpaid amounts outstanding under the Loan Agreement, are due and payable immediately, and thereupon, without further notice or demand, all such amounts shall become and be immediately due and payable. Failure to exercise this option shall not constitute a waiver of the right to exercise the same at any time in the event of any continuing or subsequent default.

The Borrower hereby waives presentment for payment, demand, protest, notice of protest and notice of dishonor.

This Note and all instruments securing the same are to be construed according to the laws of the State of Nebraska. Signed and sealed this ____th day of _____, 2018.

[SEAL]

PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT, NEBRASKA

By _____

Attest _____

Title _____

Clerk

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

By _____

Title _____ Director _____

Date _____

Pursuant to the Pledge Agreement dated as of _____ as amended (the "Pledge Agreement"), by and between NDEQ and the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority ("NIFA"), and the _____ dated as of _____, as supplemented and amended, by and between NIFA _____, as trustee, NDEQ hereby assigns, grants and conveys any and all of NDEQ's rights, title and interest in this Note to NIFA, except as provided in the Pledge Agreement, and NIFA hereby assigns such rights, title and interest to the Trustee and any successor Trustee.

NEBRASKA INVESTMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

By _____

Title _____

Attest _____

Date _____

ATTACHMENT G

CERTIFICATE OF PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT, NEBRASKA

The following certifications are made in connection with the Loan Agreement No. D311627, (the "Loan Agreement") between the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality ("NDEQ") and Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District, Nebraska (the "Borrower") for the purpose of establishing compliance by the Borrower with requirements for the maintenance of the tax exemption of interest on any bonds (the "Bonds") which may be from time to time issued by the Nebraska Investment Finance Authority ("NIFA") to provide funds for deposit in the Loan Fund (as defined in the Loan Contract).

WHEREFORE, the undersigned hereby certifies on behalf of the Borrower to NDEQ, and any trustee for the Bonds, as follows:

1. The undersigned is authorized to make the following certifications on behalf of the Borrower.

2. The Borrower represents that it reasonably expects that the design and construction of the Project, as defined in the Loan Agreement, will commence within six months from the execution of the Loan Agreement and that the design and construction of the Project will proceed with due diligence thereafter to completion.

3. The proceeds of the loan pursuant to the Loan Agreement will be used to construct a facility that will be owned and operated by the Borrower. There will be no contracts for the use of the facility other than contracts on a rate scale basis. Specifically, the Borrower represents that there will be no contracts for use of the Project that will require a non-governmental unit to make payments to the Borrower without regard to actual use of the Project.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2018.

PAPIO-MISSOURI RIVER NATURAL RESOURCES
DISTRICT, NEBRASKA

By _____

Title _____

ATTACHMENT H
ADDITIONAL COVENANTS AND REQUIREMENTS

**INSERT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF SERIES 2018 BOND (NDEQ LOAN AGREEMENT
AND PROMISSORY NOTE) HERE**

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