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Public Service Commission

April 18, 2016

Mr. Michael Macias, Branch Manager Branch Banking and Trust Company 4651 Sheridan Street, Suite 125 Hollywood, Florida 33021

Re: Docket No. 140217-WU, Escrow Agreement

Dear Mr. Macias:

Enclosed is the Escrow Agreement made between BB&T, the Florida Public Service Commission, and Cedar Acres, Inc. I have executed the agreement as the Commission's designated agent for such matters.

Please call if I may be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Carlotta S. Stauffer Commission Clerk

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Enclosure

cc: David J. Simons, Esq. (w/ Agreement) Kelley Corbari, Office of General Counsel Cissy Galloway, Division of Accounting & Finance

ESCROW AGREEMENT

THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT is made by and between <u>BB+T</u> (the "Bank"). the FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ("FPSC"), and Cedar Acres, Inc. (the "Utility"). upon the following terms, conditions, and considerations:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, by action of the FPSC in Docket No. 140217-WU, Order No. PSC-15-0535-PAA-WU, issued November 19, 2015, the FPSC established a meter replacement program.

WHEREAS, Consummating Order No. PSC-15-0563-CO-WU, issued December 14, 2015, made Order No. PSC-15-0535-PAA-WU effective and final, and

WHEREAS, the Bank has agreed to hold such funds in an interest bearing interest Escrow Account,

NOW, therefore, in consideration of 1 Dollars and the mutual covenants herein, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. The foregoing representations are true and correct.
- 2. The Utility and FPSC shall open a joint interest bearing Escrow Account. Every two months, the Utility shall deposit \$2,352 for the established meter replacement program into the Escrow Account in accordance with the requirements of Order No. PSC-15-0535-PAA-WU, issued in Docket No. 140217-WU.
- 3. The balance in the Escrow Account shall bear interest at the Bank's prevailing money market rate which is currently __% Annual Percentage Yield, which is a variable rate. Utility shall pay all fees required to maintain the Escrow Account.
- 4. The Utility is authorized to withdraw funds from this Escrow Account for the purpose of replacing the Utility's customers' meters in accordance with Order No. PSC-15-0535-PAA-WU, issued in Docket No. 140217-WU. As outlined below, any such withdrawals of funds shall be contingent upon approval of the FPSC through the Office of the Commission Clerk, or his or her designee.
- 5. If a refund is required to be made to the Utility's customers, the interest earned by the Escrow Account shall be distributed to the customers. If a refund is not required, the interest earned by the Escrow Account shall revert to the Utility.
- 6. The Utility shall provide the FPSC a report on the 20th day of every other month, indicating the monthly and total amount collected and allocated to the meter replacement program.

- 7. The FPSC's Clerk of the Office of the Commission Clerk and the Utility shall be signatories to the Escrow Account. Signature cards executed by the FPSC Clerk of the Office of Commission Clerk, or his or her designee, and the Utility shall designate the appropriate authorized signature of each. No withdrawals of funds shall occur without the prior approval of the FPSC through the Office of the Commission Clerk.
- 8. The Bank shall forward regular monthly statements (including images of cancelled checks) to the Utility and shall mail a copy of the monthly statement to the FPSC: Attn: Office of the Commission Clerk, 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0850, Docket No. 140217-WU.
- 9. The Utility shall indemnify and hold the Bank Harmless from any claim, demand, or loss suffered by the Bank, and the cost thereof, including court costs and attorney fees for negotiation, trial, and appeal.
- 10. This Escrow Account is established pursuant to FPSC Order No. PSC-15-0535-PAA-WU, issued in Docket No.140217-WU, for the benefit of the Utility's customers.
- The information concerning the Escrow Account shall be made available from the Bank to the FPSC and its representatives at all times.
- 12. This Escrow Account is established by the direction of the FPSC for the purposes set forth in Order No. PSC-15-0535-PAA-WU, issued in Docket No. 140217-WU, and is not subject to garnishment pursuant to Cosentino v. Elson, 263 So.2d 253 (Fla 3rd DCA 1972).

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THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT shall become effective and binding on all parties upon the date it becomes fully executed.

(UTILITY NAME) LOPAR ACRES, INC.
By: (Name, Position) PAVID T. SIMONS Presiden
Date: 3/31/16
(BANK NAME) BEST
By: Maling Mari, Branch Manager (Name, Position)
Date:
FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
By: <u>Carlotto & Stauffer</u> (Name, Position) <u>Carlotta S. Stauffer</u>
Date: 4-15-16