



**INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
ENERGY NORTHWEST AND BENTON PUD
FOR SPECIALTY, TECHNICAL AND/OR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AS REQUESTED**

As provided under Chapter §39.34 Revised Code of Washington (RCW), this Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Technical and/or Professional Services (Agreement) is by and between Energy Northwest, a municipal corporation and joint operating agency of the State of Washington and doing business by and through its Business Development Fund, with its principal office located at 345 Hills Street, Richland, WA 99352 (hereinafter referred to as "EN") and Benton PUD, a municipal corporation in the State of Washington, with its principal office located at 2721 W. 10th Ave, Kennewick, WA 99336 (hereinafter referred to as "District").

RECITALS

WHEREAS the Interlocal Cooperation Act contained in Chapter 39.34 RCW authorizes local governments, such as the Parties to this Agreement, to contract for joint activities by which each of the Parties is individually authorized to perform to make the most efficient use of their respective resources; and

WHEREAS District desires to obtain the most cost effective technical and/or professional services to support its needs, which will be more fully described in the Agreement.

WHEREAS, Energy Northwest has the capacity and willingness to perform certain technical and/or professional services for District hereinafter described in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

WHEREAS District finds that after considering all relevant factors, that Energy Northwest is qualified to perform the services needed and that such performance will further District's business; and are outlined in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein and intending to be legally bound, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 This Agreement is executed pursuant to Chapter 39.34 RCW as a cooperative endeavor of the Parties, as follows:
 - 1.1.1. RCW 39.34.010 permits local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities.
 - 1.1.2. Pursuant to RCW 39.34.080, each Party is authorized to contract with any one or more public agencies to perform any governmental service, activity, or undertaking which each public agency entering the contract is authorized by law to perform; provided that such contract shall be authorized by the governing body of each Party to the contract and shall set forth its purposes, powers, rights, objectives, and responsibilities of the contracting parties; and
- 1.2 The purpose of this Agreement is to establish a contractual relationship under which District can procure specialty, technical or professional services from Energy Northwest and Energy Northwest can avail its employees for that purpose on an “as needed” basis to support needs of District, and to set forth the Parties respective rights, obligations, costs, and liabilities for this undertaking.
- 1.3 This Agreement shall be effective only upon execution by the Parties and filing with the Benton County Auditor and/or posting an electronic copy of the Agreement on the Parties’ respective websites in compliance with RCW 39.34.040.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

- 2.1 Energy Northwest shall provide the following grant writing services:
 - 2.1.1 Base Services:
 - Tracking state and federal funding opportunities as they come available.
 - Research funding opportunities to match specific utility needs.
 - Provide education of the grant funding process
 - Prepare requests for Information
 - 2.1.2 Grant Specific Services:
 - Assist with writing concept paper
 - Assist with Grant application
 - Milestone tracking
 - Congressional letters of support
 - Ongoing grant compliance
- 2.2 Services shall be requested by District’s General Manager (or designee).
- 2.3 The exact Statement of Work, Period of Performance is March 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024.

3. TERM

The duration of this Agreement, subject to its other provisions, shall be from its effective date when executed by both Parties until February 29, 2024, unless otherwise terminated by either Party consistent with the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

4. PAYMENT AND INVOICING TERMS

4.1 Payment for Services District shall pay Energy Northwest as follows: \$10,362.51 for basic services. Additional services will be billed at an hourly rate of \$195.92 with a not to exceed value of \$25,000.00. Charges will be invoiced to District by Energy Northwest and will provide detail on the number of hours chargeable, travel and subsistence charges, and any special services delivered as they are ordered/approved by District and as outlined in this Agreement.

4.2 Reimbursable Costs District shall reimburse Energy Northwest for all reasonable costs incurred in connection with the Services rendered, including, but not limited to, travel costs, subcontractors, materials (subcontract and materials costs include the supplier's invoiced cost to Energy Northwest plus Energy Services & Development Overhead charge), computer costs, telephone, copies, delivery attributable to a project or Service (Reimbursable Costs). Energy Northwest shall provide to District substantiation of Reimbursable Costs incurred.

4.3 Invoicing Invoices will be submitted monthly by Energy Northwest for payment by District. Payment is due upon receipt and is past due thirty days from receipt of invoice. If District has any valid reason for disputing any portion of an invoice, District will so notify Energy Northwest in writing within seven days of receipt of invoice by District, and if no such notification is given, the invoice will be deemed valid. The portion of an invoice which is not in dispute shall be paid in accordance with the procedures set forth herein. That portion of the invoice in dispute shall be resolved in accordance with Section 8.8 of this Agreement within thirty days of the receipt by Energy Northwest of the notice from District as provided in this section.

Reasonable attorney fees, court costs, or other costs incurred by Energy Northwest in collection of delinquent accounts shall be paid by the District.

4.4 Taxes District shall pay all state, local sales and use taxes applicable to goods and services provided under this Agreement. Energy Northwest shall include sales tax charges, separately identified, in the Energy Northwest invoices to District.4.5

Prevailing Wages Where public work will be performed for District, Energy Northwest shall pay the workers at least prevailing wages, as required under RCW Title 39.12.

5. CHANGES

District may, with the approval of Energy Northwest, issue written directions within the general scope of any Services to be ordered. Such changes shall constitute a Change Order for additional work or a change in the work covered by the Agreement, but no change will be allowed unless agreed to by Energy Northwest in writing. Any such approved Change Order may result in an adjustment to Cost or Schedule or both for the Services.

6. STANDARD OF CARE -WARRANTY

Energy Northwest warrants that services shall be performed by personnel possessing competency consistent with applicable industry standards. Such warranty will be effective for a period of thirty days from the date of acceptance of the performance of such service. No other representation, express or implied, and no warranty or guarantee are included or intended in this Agreement, or in any report, opinion, deliverable, work product, document or otherwise unless specifically set forth in the Agreement. Additionally, no guarantee is made as to the value of any services performed.

For the foregoing warranty to apply, a written claim must be made to Energy Northwest as soon as reasonably practicable after the non-conformance is detected by District and in no event later than the expiration of the aforesaid warranty period. District agrees and hereby acknowledges that this remedy is adequate and serves its essential purpose.

THIS SECTION SETS FORTH THE SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE WARRANTY PROVIDED BY ENERGY NORTHWEST CONCERNING THE SERVICES AND RELATED WORK PRODUCT. THIS WARRANTY IS MADE EXPRESSLY IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, MERCHANTABILITY OR OTHERWISE.

7. INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY

7.1 Indemnification Each party shall indemnify, defend, and hold the other Party, its departments, elected and appointed officials, employees, and agents, harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, losses, actions, liabilities, costs, and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, for any bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or any damage or destruction of property, including the loss of use therefrom, which are alleged or proven to be caused in whole or in part by a negligent act or omission of the other Party, its officials (elected or appointed), officers, directors, employees and agents.

If the claim, suit or action for injuries, death or damages as provided for in the preceding paragraph is caused by or results from the concurrent negligence of the Parties or their respective agents or employees, the indemnity provision shall be valid and enforceable only to the extent of the indemnitor's/indemnitee's negligence.

7.2 Industrial Insurance Act The indemnification obligations contained in this Section 7.1 shall not be limited by any worker's compensation, benefit or disability laws, and each indemnifying party hereby waives any immunity that said indemnifying party may have under the Washington Industrial Insurance Act, Title 51 RCW, and similar worker's compensation, benefit, or disability laws. THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE BY THEIR EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT THAT EACH OF THE INDEMNIFICATION PROVISIONS OF THIS AGREEMENT (SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE RELATING TO WORKER'S COMPENSATION BENEFITS AND LAWS) WERE SPECIFICALLY NEGOTIATED AND AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES AFTER AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL.

7.3 Limitation of Liability Except for the indemnifications set forth in Section 7.1, neither Party shall be liable for any special, indirect, consequential, lost profits, or punitive damages. The limitation of liability set forth herein is for any and all matters for which the Parties may

otherwise have liability arising out of or in connection with this Agreement, whether the claim arises in contract, tort (negligence of whatever degree), strict liability, under any warranty, or under any other legal or equitable theory of law, of any nature arising at any time from any cause whatsoever.

District hereby agrees that to the fullest extent permitted by law, Energy Northwest's total aggregate liability to District for any and all injuries, claims, losses, expenses or damages whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to the project or this Agreement from any causes or causes including Energy Northwest's negligence, errors, omissions, strict liability, breach of contract or breach of warranty, shall not exceed the total sum paid to Energy Northwest under the respective Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the provisions of this Section 7.3 shall not apply to Energy Northwest's obligations under Section 7.1.

- 7.4 Insurance Each Party hereto agrees to procure and maintain, at its expense liability insurance of \$1,000,000 per claim for protection against claims, including bodily injury and property damage claims, arising out of the performance or receipt of services under this Agreement caused by negligent acts, errors, or omissions for which it is legally liable. Each party hereto shall deliver to the other party, within ten days subsequent to execution of the Agreement by the parties and prior to commencing work, a Certificate of Insurance, identified on its face as the Agreement Number to which applicable, as evidence that policies providing such coverage and limits of insurance are in full force and effect, which Certificate shall provide that not less than thirty days advance notice will be given in writing to the other party hereto prior to cancellation, termination or alteration of said policies of insurance.
- 7.5 Survival. The Parties agree Sections 6 and 7 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

- 8.1 Insecurity and Adequate Assurances If reasonable grounds for insecurity arise with respect to District's ability to pay for the Services in a timely manner, Energy Northwest may demand in writing adequate assurances of District's ability to meet its payment obligations under this Agreement. Unless District provides the assurances in a reasonable time and manner acceptable to Energy Northwest, in addition to any other rights and remedies available, Energy Northwest may partially or totally suspend its performance while awaiting assurances, without liability to District.
- 8.2 Severability Should any part of this Agreement for any reason be declared invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of any remaining provisions, which remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect as if this Agreement had been executed with the invalid portion thereof eliminated, and it is hereby declared the intention of the Parties that they would have executed the remaining portion of this Agreement without including any such part, parts, or portions which may, for any reason, be hereafter declared invalid. Any provision shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect in all other circumstances.
- 8.3 Waiver Waiver or breach of this Agreement by either Party shall not be considered a waiver of any other subsequent breach
- 8.4 Independent Contractor Energy Northwest is an independent contractor to District; no personnel furnished by Energy Northwest shall be deemed under any circumstances to be the agent, employee, or servant of District.

- 8.5 Termination Each Party shall have the right to terminate this Agreement with or without cause at any time during the initial or extended term of this Agreement by giving thirty days' written notice of the termination to the other party by regular mail to the person identified in Section 8.6. The termination will be effective on the thirty-first day from the date the written notice was sent.
- 8.6 Notices All notices or other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given when delivered to the address specified below or such other address as may be specified in a written notice in accordance with this Section.

Energy Northwest: Energy Northwest
Attn: Loreen Olds
P. O. Box 968, MD1035
Richland, WA 99352-0968
Phone: (509) 372-5765
Email: lcolds@energy-northwest.com

Benton PUD: Benton PUD
Attn: Evan Edwards
2721 W 10th Avenue
Kennewick, WA 99336
Phone: (509)
edwardse@bentonpud.org

A Party may, by notice given in accordance with this Section to the other Party, designate another address or person or entity for receipt of notices hereunder.

- 8.7 Assignment This Agreement is not assignable or transferable by either party without the written consent of the other party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- 8.8 Disputes Energy Northwest and District recognize that disputes arising under this Agreement are best resolved at the working level by the Parties directly involved. Both Parties are encouraged to resolve disputes at this level. Such efforts shall include the referral of any remaining issues in dispute to higher authority within each Party's organization for resolution. Failing resolution of conflicts at the organizational level, then the Parties may take other appropriate action subject to the other terms of this Agreement and as available at law.
- 8.9 Section Headings Title and headings of sections of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction of any provision of this Agreement.
- 8.10 Representations; Counterparts Each person executing this Agreement on behalf of a Party represents and warrants that such person is duly and validly authorized to do so on behalf of such Party, with full right and authority to execute this Agreement and to bind such Party with respect to all its obligations hereunder.
- 8.11 Residuals Nothing in this Agreement or elsewhere will prohibit or limit Energy Northwest's ownership and use of ideas, concepts, know-how, methods, models, data, techniques, skill knowledge and experience that were used, developed, or gained in connection with this

Agreement. Energy Northwest and District shall each have the right to use all data collected or generated under this Agreement.

- 8.12 Non-solicitation of Employees During and for one year after the term of this Agreement, District will not solicit the employment of, or employ Energy Northwest's personnel, without Energy Northwest's prior written consent.
- 8.13 Cooperation District will cooperate with Energy Northwest in taking actions and executing documents, as appropriate, to achieve the objectives of this Agreement. District agrees that the Energy Northwest's performance is dependent on District's timely and effective cooperation with Energy Northwest. Accordingly, District acknowledges that any delay by District may result in Energy Northwest being released from an obligation or scheduled deadline or in District having to pay extra fees for Energy Northwest's agreement to meet a specific obligation or deadline despite the delay.
- 8.14 Governing Law and Interpretation This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law. Each party agrees that any action arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall be brought solely in courts of the State of Washington, in Benton County.
- 8.15 Entire Agreement; Survival This Agreement, including any Exhibits, states the entire Agreement between the parties and supersedes all previous contracts, proposals, oral or written, and all other communications between the parties respecting the subject matter hereof, and supersedes any and all prior understandings, representations, warranties, agreements, or contracts (whether oral or written) between District and Energy Northwest respecting the subject matter hereof. This Agreement may only be amended by an agreement in writing executed by the Parties.
- 8.16 Force Majeure Energy Northwest shall not be responsible for delays or failures (including any delay by Energy Northwest to make progress in the prosecution of any Services) if such delay arises out of causes beyond its control. Such causes may include, but are not restricted to, acts of God or of the public enemy, fires, floods, epidemics, riots, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, earthquakes, electrical outages, computer or communications failures, and severe weather, and acts or omissions of subcontractors or third parties.
- 8.17 Use by Third Parties Work performed by Energy Northwest pursuant to this Agreement are only for the purpose intended and may be misleading if used in another context. District agrees not to use any documents produced under this Agreement for anything other than the intended purpose without Energy Northwest's written permission. This Agreement shall not create any rights or benefits to parties other than to District and Energy Northwest.
- 8.18 Entity Status This Agreement shall not require formation of any new governance entity. No property will be acquired or held, and no joint board or administrator is necessary to accomplish the purpose of this Agreement.
- 8.19 Audits District, shall, during the life of this Agreement, and for a period of three (3) years from the last day of the Agreement term, and at its sole expense, retain accurate books, records and original documentation (or to the extent approved by Energy Northwest, photographs, or other authentic reproductions) which shall be freely disclosed to Energy Northwest, its representatives, the Washington State Auditor, and the Bonneville Power Administration, to permit verification of performance and Energy Northwest's entitlement to

payment under this Agreement, and to support any change requests, termination claims or any other claim submitted by Energy Northwest. A copy of these records shall be available to Energy Northwest upon Energy Northwest's request.

8.20 Public Records In the event a request under the Washington Public Records Act is received by either Party for records associated with this Agreement, the Parties shall cooperate with each other for purposes of responding to such requests.

8.21 Non-Discrimination The Parties agree not to discriminate in the performance of this Agreement on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, marital status, disabled or Vietnam era veteran status, or the presence of any physical, mental, or sensory handicap.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year last below written:

BENTON PUD
DocuSigned by:
Accepted by: *Rick Dunn*
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Name: Rick Dunn
Title: General Manager
Date: 03/14/2023

ENERGY NORTHWEST
DocuSigned by:
Accepted By: *Loreen Olds*
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Loreen C. Olds
Procurement Specialist II
Date: 3/15/2023