

**NOTICE OF CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT LIEN
PURSUANT TO
PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY ACT**

STATE OF TEXAS §
 §
COUNTY OF HIDALGO §

RECITALS

A. The Property Assessed Clean Energy Act (“**PACE Act**”), Texas Local Government Code Chapter 399, authorizes the governing body of a local government to establish a program and designate a region within the local government’s jurisdiction within which an authorized representative of the local government may enter into written contracts with the record owners of commercial, industrial, agricultural, and large multifamily residential (5 or more dwelling units) real property to impose assessments on the property to finance the cost of permanent improvements fixed to the property intended to decrease water or energy consumption or demand. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, all terms used herein have the same meanings ascribed to them in the PACE Act.

B. Hidalgo County Texas (“**Local Government**”) has established a program under the PACE Act pursuant to a resolution dated December 15, 2016, adopted by the commissioners court (the “**PACE Program**”), and has designated The Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council (“**Authorized Representative**”) as the representative authorized to enter into and enforce the Assessment, Owner Contract and Lender Contract described herein, and has designated the entire territory within Hidalgo County’s jurisdiction as a region (“**Region**”) within which the Authorized Representative and the record owners of such real property may enter into written contracts to impose assessments to repay the financing by owners of qualified improvements on the owner’s property pursuant to the PACE Program.

C. _____ (“**Property Owner**”) is the legal and record owner of the qualified “real property,” as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act, within the Region located at _____, _____, Texas, and more fully described in Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof (the “**Property**”).

D. Property Owner has applied to Local Government to participate in the PACE Program by installing or modifying on the Property certain permanent improvements described in Exhibit B attached hereto and made a part hereof, which are intended to decrease water or energy consumption or demand, and which are or will be fixed to the Property as “qualified improvements”, as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act (the “**Qualified Improvements**”). The installation or modification of such Qualified Improvements on the Property will be a “qualified project” as defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act. Property Owner has entered into a written contract (the “**Owner Contract**”) with Local Government pursuant to the PACE Act and the PACE Program and has requested Local Government to impose an assessment on the Property to repay the financing of such Qualified Improvements.

E. The financing of such Qualified Improvements will be provided to Property Owner by _____ (“**Lender**”), a qualified lender selected by Property Owner, pursuant to a written contract executed by Lender and Local Government as required by Section 399.006(c) of the PACE Act and by the PACE Program (the “**Lender Contract**”). Lender will be responsible for all servicing duties other than those specifically undertaken by Local Government in the Lender Contract.

THEREFORE, Local Government hereby gives notice to the public pursuant to Section 399.013 of the PACE Act that it has imposed an assessment on the Property in the amount of \$_____, as set forth on Exhibit C attached hereto, which together with all interest, fees, penalties, costs and other sums due under and/or authorized by the PACE Act, PACE Program and the financing documents between Property Owner and Lender (the “**Financing Documents**”) is herein referred to as the “**Assessment**”.

Pursuant to Section 399.014 of the PACE Act,

1. The Assessment, including interest and any penalties, costs, or fees accrued thereon,
 - (i) is a first and prior lien on the Property from the date that this Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien is recorded in the Official Public Records of Hidalgo County, Texas, until such Assessment, interest, penalties, costs, and fees are paid in full; and
 - (ii) such lien has the same priority status as a lien for any other ad valorem tax, pursuant to Section 399.014(a)(2) of the PACE Act.
2. The lien created by the Assessment runs with the land, and according to Section 399.014(b) of the PACE Act, any portion of the Assessment that has not yet become due is not eliminated by foreclosure of: (i) a property tax lien, or (ii) the lien for any past due portion of the Assessment. Additionally, in the event of a sale or transfer of the Property by Property Owner (excluding a transfer as part of a foreclosure sale for a past due portion of the Assessment), the obligations under the Financing Documents, including, without limitation, any unpaid installments of the Assessment then due and owing and the portion of the Assessment that has not yet become due, will be transferred to the succeeding owner without recourse on Local Government or Authorized Representative.
3. After this Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien is recorded in the real property records of the county in which the Property is located as provided under Section 399.013 of the PACE Act, the lien created by the Assessment may not be contested on the basis that the improvement is not a “qualified improvement” or the project is not a “qualified project”, as such terms are defined in Section 399.002 of the PACE Act.

EXECUTED on _____, _____.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT:
Hidalgo County, Texas

By: Lower Rio Grande Valley Development
Council

Name: _____

Title: _____

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE
Pursuant to Tex. Local Gov't Code §399.006(b)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF _____ §

This Notice of Contractual Assessment Lien pursuant to Property Assessed Clean Energy Act was acknowledged before me on _____, _____ by _____, _____, on behalf of _____, Texas.

_____(print name)

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF TEXAS

INDEXING INSTRUCTION:

Grantor: _____, Property Owner
Grantees: _____, Local Government
 _____, Lender

After recording, return to- _____

EXHIBIT A

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

EXHIBIT B

QUALIFIED IMPROVEMENTS

