

## ESCROW AGREEMENT

Nueces County, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2018

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THIS ESCROW AGREEMENT, dated as of October 1, 2018 (herein, together with any amendments or supplements hereto, called the “Agreement”) is entered into by and between Nueces County, Texas (herein called the “Issuer”) and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as escrow agent (herein, together with any successor in such capacity, called the “Escrow Agent”). The addresses of the Issuer and the Escrow Agent are shown on Exhibit A attached hereto and made a part hereof.

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Issuer heretofore issued and there presently remain outstanding the obligations (the “Refunded Obligations”) described in the Verification Report of Grant Thornton LLP (the “Report”) relating to the Refunded Obligations, attached hereto as Exhibit B and made a part hereof; and

WHEREAS, the Refunded Obligations are scheduled to mature in such years, bear interest at such rates, and be payable at such times and in such amounts as are set forth in the Report; and

WHEREAS, when firm banking arrangements have been made for the payment of principal and interest to the maturity or redemption dates of the Refunded Obligations, then the Refunded Obligations shall no longer be regarded as outstanding except for the purpose of receiving payment from the funds provided for such purpose; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 1207, Texas Government Code (“Chapter 1207”), authorizes the Issuer to issue refunding bonds and to deposit the proceeds from the sale thereof, and any other available funds or resources, directly with any paying agent for the Refunded Obligations, or a trust company or commercial bank that does not act as a depository for the Issuer, and such deposit, if made before such payment dates and in sufficient amounts, shall constitute the making of firm banking and financial arrangements for the discharge and final payment of the Refunded Obligations; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 1207 further authorizes the Issuer to enter into an escrow agreement with any such paying agent for any of the Refunded Obligations, or a trust company or commercial bank that does not act as a depository for the Issuer, with respect to the safekeeping, investment, administration and disposition of any such deposit, upon such terms and conditions as the Issuer and such paying agent, trust company or commercial bank may agree, provided that such deposits may be invested only in obligations described in Section 1207.062 of Chapter 1207, which obligations may be in book entry form, and which shall mature and/or bear interest payable at such times and in such amounts as will be sufficient to provide for the scheduled payment of principal and interest on the Refunded Obligations when due; and

WHEREAS, the Escrow Agent is a trust company or commercial bank that does not act as a depository for the Issuer, and this Agreement constitutes an escrow agreement of the kind authorized and required by said Chapter 1207; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 1207 makes it the duty of the Escrow Agent to comply with the terms of this Agreement and timely make available to the place of payment (the “Paying Agent”) for the Refunded Obligations the amounts required to provide for the payment of the principal of and interest on such obligations when due, and in accordance with their terms, but solely from the funds, in the manner, and to the extent provided in this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the issuance, sale, and delivery of Nueces County, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2018 (the “Refunding Obligations”) have been issued, sold and delivered for the purpose, among others, of obtaining the funds required to provide for the payment of the principal of the Refunded Obligations at their respective maturity dates or dates of redemption and the interest thereon to such dates; and

WHEREAS, the Issuer desires that, concurrently with the delivery of the Refunding Obligations to the purchasers thereof, certain proceeds of the Refunding Obligations, together with certain other available funds of the Issuer, if applicable, shall be applied to purchase certain obligations described in Section 1207.062 of Chapter 1207, hereinafter defined as the “Escrowed Securities”, for deposit to the credit of the Escrow Fund created pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and to establish a beginning cash balance (if needed) in such Escrow Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Escrowed Securities shall mature and the interest thereon shall be payable at such times and in such amounts so as to provide moneys which, together with cash balances from time to time on deposit in the Escrow Fund, will be sufficient to pay interest on the Refunded Obligations as it accrues and becomes payable and the principal of the Refunded Obligations on their maturity dates or dates of redemption; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the receipt and transfer of proceeds of the Escrowed Securities, particularly those in book entry form, the Issuer desires to establish the Escrow Fund at the principal corporate trust office of the Escrow Agent.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual undertakings, promises and agreements herein contained, the sufficiency of which hereby are acknowledged, and to secure the full and timely payment of principal of and the interest on the Refunded Obligations, the Issuer and the Escrow Agent mutually undertake, promise, and agree for themselves and their respective representatives and successors, as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS

**Section 1.01. Recitals.** The recitals set forth in the preamble hereof are incorporated herein and shall have the same force and effect as if set forth in this Section.

**Section 1.02. Definitions.** Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the following terms shall have the meanings assigned to them below when they are used in this Agreement:

“Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or to the extent applicable the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, together with any other applicable provisions of any successor federal income tax laws.

“Escrow Fund” means the fund created by this Agreement to be administered by the Escrow Agent pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement.

“Escrowed Securities” means, subject to any restrictions set forth in any order, ordinance or resolution of the Issuer authorizing the issuance of the Refunded Obligations, the obligations permitted by Section 1207.062 of Chapter 1207 as described in the Report or cash or other obligations permitted by Section 1207.062 of Chapter 1207 substituted therefor pursuant to Article IV of this Agreement.

“Related Entity” means any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the Escrow Agent.

**Section 1.03. Other Definitions.** The terms “Agreement”, “Issuer”, “Escrow Agent”, “Refunded Obligations”, “Refunding Obligations,” “Report” and “Paying Agent”, when they are used in this Agreement, shall have the meanings assigned to them in the preamble to this Agreement.

**Section 1.04. Interpretations.** The titles and headings of the articles and sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience and reference only and are not to be considered a part hereof and shall not in any way modify or restrict the terms hereof. This Agreement and all of the terms and provisions hereof shall be liberally construed to effectuate the purposes set forth herein and to achieve the intended purpose of providing for the refunding of the Refunded Obligations in accordance with applicable law.

## ARTICLE II

### DEPOSIT OF FUNDS AND ESCROWED SECURITIES

**Section 2.01. Deposits in the Escrow Fund.** Concurrently with the sale and delivery of the Refunding Obligations the Issuer shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, with the Escrow Agent, for deposit in the Escrow Fund, the funds and Escrowed Securities described in the Report, and the Escrow Agent shall, upon the receipt thereof, acknowledge such receipt to the Issuer in writing.

## ARTICLE III

### CREATION AND OPERATION OF ESCROW FUND

**Section 3.01. Escrow Fund.** The Escrow Agent has created on its books a special trust fund and irrevocable escrow to be known as the Nueces County, Texas General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Taxable Series 2018 Escrow Fund (the “Escrow Fund”). The Escrow Agent hereby agrees that upon receipt thereof it will irrevocably deposit to the credit of the Escrow Fund the funds and the Escrowed Securities described in the Report. Such deposit, all proceeds therefrom, and all cash balances from time to time on deposit therein (a) shall be the property of the Escrow Fund, (b) shall be applied only in strict conformity with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and (c) are hereby irrevocably pledged to the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunded Obligations, which payment shall be made by timely transfers of such

amounts at such times as are provided for in Section 3.02 hereof. When the final transfers have been made for the payment of such principal of and interest on the Refunded Obligations, any balance then remaining in the Escrow Fund shall be transferred to the Issuer, and the Escrow Agent shall thereupon be discharged from any further duties hereunder.

**Section 3.02. Payment of Principal and Interest.** The Escrow Agent is hereby irrevocably instructed to transfer from the cash balances from time to time on deposit in the Escrow Fund, the amounts required to pay the principal of the Refunded Obligations at their respective maturity dates and interest thereon to such maturity dates in the amounts and at the times shown in the Report.

**Section 3.03. Sufficiency of Escrow Fund.** The Issuer represents (based solely on the Report) that the successive receipts of the principal of and interest on the Escrowed Securities will assure that the cash balance on deposit from time to time in the Escrow Fund will be at all times sufficient to provide moneys for transfer to the Paying Agent at the times and in the amounts required to pay the interest on the Refunded Obligations as such interest comes due and the principal of the Refunded Obligations as the Refunded Obligations mature, all as more fully set forth in the Report. If, for any reason, at any time, the cash balances on deposit or scheduled to be on deposit in the Escrow Fund shall be insufficient to transfer the amounts required by the Paying Agent for the Refunded Obligations to make the payments set forth in Section 3.02 hereof, notice of any such insufficiency shall be given as promptly as practicable as hereinafter provided, but neither the Escrow Agent nor the Issuer shall in any manner be responsible for any insufficiency of funds in the Escrow Fund.

**Section 3.04. Trust Fund.** The Escrow Agent shall hold at all times the Escrow Fund, the Escrowed Securities and all other assets of the Escrow Fund, wholly segregated from all other funds and securities on deposit with the Escrow Agent; it shall never allow the Escrowed Securities or any other assets of the Escrow Fund to be commingled with any other funds or securities of the Escrow Agent; and it shall hold and dispose of the assets of the Escrow Fund only as set forth herein. The Escrowed Securities and other assets of the Escrow Fund shall always be maintained by the Escrow Agent as trust funds for the benefit of the owners of the Refunded Obligations; and a special account thereof shall at all times be maintained on the books of the Escrow Agent. The owners of the Refunded Obligations shall be entitled to the same preferred claim and first lien upon the Escrowed Securities, the proceeds thereof, and all other assets of the Escrow Fund to which they are entitled as owners of the Refunded Obligations. The amounts received by the Escrow Agent under this Agreement shall not be considered as a banking deposit by the Issuer, and the Escrow Agent shall have no right to title with respect thereto except as a constructive trustee and Escrow Agent under the terms of this Agreement. The amounts received by the Escrow Agent under this Agreement shall not be subject to warrants, drafts or checks drawn by the Issuer or, except to the extent expressly herein provided, by the Paying Agent.

**Section 3.05. Security for Cash Balances.** Cash balances from time to time on deposit in the Escrow Fund shall, to the extent not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or its successor, be continuously secured by a pledge of direct obligations of, or obligations unconditionally guaranteed by, the United States of America, having a market value at least equal to such cash balances.

## ARTICLE IV

### LIMITATION ON INVESTMENTS

**Section 4.01. General Limitations.** Except as provided in Sections 3.02, 4.02, 4.03 and 4.04 hereof, the Escrow Agent shall not have any power or duty to invest or reinvest any money held hereunder, or to make substitutions of the Escrowed Securities, or to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of the Escrowed Securities.

**Section 4.02. Reinvestment of Certain Cash Balances in Escrow by Escrow Agent.** In addition to the Escrowed Securities listed in the Report, the Escrow Agent shall reinvest cash balances shown in the Report in United States Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, Notes or Bonds - State and Local Government Series with an interest rate equal to zero percent (0%) (the "Zero SLGs") to the extent such obligations are available from the United States Department of the Treasury. All such re-investments shall be made only from the portion of cash balances derived from the maturing principal of and interest on Escrowed Securities. Unless otherwise instructed by the Issuer in accordance with Section 4.03 hereof, the Escrow Agent shall acquire any Zero SLGs on the dates the Escrowed Securities listed in the Report mature, as shown in the Report, or on the first date Zero SLGs become available thereafter. The Escrow Agent shall purchase Zero SLGs that only mature on the dates shown in the Report.

**Section 4.03. Substitutions and Reinvestments.** At the discretion of the Issuer, the Escrow Agent shall reinvest cash balances representing receipts from the Escrowed Securities, make substitutions of the Escrowed Securities or redeem the Escrowed Securities and reinvest the proceeds thereof in other Escrowed Securities or hold such proceeds as cash, together with other moneys or Escrowed Securities held in the Escrow Fund provided that the Issuer delivers to the Escrow Agent the following:

(a) an opinion by an independent certified public accountant that after such substitution or reinvestment the principal amount of the Escrowed Securities in the Escrow Fund (which shall be noncallable, not pre-payable obligations described in Section 1207.062 of Chapter 1207), together with the interest thereon and other available moneys, will be sufficient to pay, without further investment or reinvestment, as the same become due in accordance with the Report, the principal of, interest on and premium, if any, on the Refunded Obligations which have not previously been paid; and

(b) an unqualified opinion of nationally recognized municipal bond counsel to the effect that (1) such substitution or reinvestment will not cause the Refunded Obligations to be "arbitrage bonds" within the meaning of Section 103 of the Code or the regulations thereunder in effect on the date of such substitution or reinvestment, or otherwise make the interest on the Refunded Obligations subject to federal income taxation, and (2) such substitution or reinvestment complies with the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and with all relevant documents relating to the issuance of the Refunded Obligations.

The Escrow Agent shall have no responsibility or liability for loss or otherwise with respect to investments made at the direction of the Issuer.

**Section 4.04. Substitution for Escrowed Securities.** Concurrently with the initial deposit by the Issuer with the Escrow Agent, but not thereafter, the Issuer, at its option, may substitute cash or direct noncallable and not pre-payable Escrowed Securities described in Section 1207.062 of Chapter 1207 (*i.e.*, obligations which mature and are payable in a stated amount on the maturity date thereof, and for which there are no payments other than the payment made on the maturity date) (the “Substitute Obligations”) for Escrowed Securities, if any, but only if such Substitute Obligations:

(a) are in an amount, and/or mature in an amount, which is equal to or greater than the amount payable on the maturity date of the obligation listed in the Report for which such Substitute Obligation is substituted;

(b) mature on or before the maturity date of the obligation listed in the Report for which such Substitute Obligation is substituted; and

(c) produce the amount necessary to pay the interest on and principal of the Refunded Obligations, as set forth in the Report, as verified by a certified public accountant or a firm of certified public accountants.

If, concurrently with the initial deposit by the Issuer with the Escrow Agent, any such Substitute Obligations are so substituted for any Escrowed Securities, the Issuer may, at any time thereafter, substitute for such Substitute Obligations the same Escrowed Securities for which such Substitute Obligations originally were substituted.

## ARTICLE V

### APPLICATION OF CASH BALANCES

**Section 5.01. In General.** Except as provided in Sections 3.02, 4.02, 4.03 and 4.04 hereof, no withdrawals, transfers, or reinvestment shall be made of cash balances in the Escrow Fund.

## ARTICLE VI

### RECORDS AND REPORTS

**Section 6.01. Records.** The Escrow Agent will keep books of record and account in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relating to the receipts, disbursements, allocations and application of the money and Escrowed Securities deposited to the Escrow Fund and all proceeds thereof, and such books shall be available for inspection at reasonable hours and under reasonable conditions by the Issuer and the owners of the Refunded Obligations.

**Section 6.02. Reports.** While this Agreement remains in effect, the Escrow Agent annually shall prepare and send to the Issuer a written report summarizing all transactions relating to the Escrow Fund during the preceding year, including, without limitation, credits to the Escrow Fund as a result of interest payments on or maturities of the Escrowed Securities and transfers from the Escrow Fund for payments on the Refunded Obligations or otherwise, together

with a detailed statement of all Escrowed Securities and the cash balance on deposit in the Escrow Fund as of the end of such period.

## ARTICLE VII

### CONCERNING THE ESCROW AGENT

**Section 7.01. Representations.** The Escrow Agent hereby represents that it (a) is the Paying Agent for the Refunded Obligations and (b) has all necessary power and authority to enter into this Agreement and undertake the obligations and responsibilities imposed upon it herein, and that it will carry out all of its obligations hereunder.

**Section 7.02. Limitation on Liability.** The liability of the Escrow Agent to transfer funds for the payment of the principal of and interest on the Refunded Obligations shall be limited to the proceeds of the Escrowed Securities and the cash balances from time to time on deposit in the Escrow Fund. Notwithstanding any provision contained herein to the contrary, the Escrow Agent shall not have any liability whatsoever for the insufficiency of funds from time to time in the Escrow Fund or any failure of the obligors of the Escrowed Securities to make timely payment thereon, except for the obligation to notify the Issuer as promptly as practicable of any such occurrence.

The recitals herein and in the proceedings authorizing the Refunding Obligations shall be taken as the statements of the Issuer and shall not be considered as made by, or imposing any obligation or liability upon, the Escrow Agent. The Escrow Agent is not a party to the proceedings authorizing the Refunding Obligations or the Refunded Obligations and is not responsible for nor bound by any of the provisions thereof (except as the Paying Agent therefor). In its capacity as Escrow Agent, it is agreed that the Escrow Agent need look only to the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

The Escrow Agent makes no representations as to the value, conditions or sufficiency of the Escrow Fund, or any part thereof, or as to the title of the Issuer thereto, or as to the security afforded thereby or hereby, and the Escrow Agent shall not incur any liability or responsibility in respect to any of such matters.

It is the intention of the parties hereto that the Escrow Agent shall never be required to use or advance its own funds or otherwise incur personal financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or the exercise of any of its rights and powers hereunder.

The Escrow Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or neglected to be taken by it in good faith in any exercise of reasonable care and believed by it to be within the discretion or power conferred upon it by this Agreement, nor shall the Escrow Agent be responsible for the consequences of any error of judgment; and the Escrow Agent shall not be answerable except for its own action, neglect or default, nor for any loss unless the same shall have been through its negligence or willful misconduct.

Unless it is specifically otherwise provided herein, the Escrow Agent has no duty to determine or inquire into the happening or occurrence of any event or contingency or the performance or failure of performance of the Issuer with respect to arrangements or contracts with others, with the Escrow Agent's sole duty hereunder being to safeguard the Escrow Fund, to

dispose of and deliver the same in accordance with this Agreement. If, however, the Escrow Agent is called upon by the terms of this Agreement to determine the occurrence of any event or contingency, the Escrow Agent shall be obligated, in making such determination, only to exercise reasonable care and diligence, and in event of error in making such determination the Escrow Agent shall be liable only for its own willful misconduct or its negligence. In determining the occurrence of any such event or contingency the Escrow Agent may request from the Issuer or any other person such reasonable additional evidence as the Escrow Agent in its discretion may deem necessary to determine any fact relating to the occurrence of such event or contingency, and in this connection may make inquiries of, and consult with, among others, the Issuer at any time.

**Section 7.03. Compensation.**

(a) Concurrently with the sale and delivery of the Refunding Obligations, the Issuer shall pay to the Escrow Agent, as a fee for performing the services hereunder and for all expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Escrow Agent in the administration of this Agreement, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged by the Escrow Agent. In the event that the Escrow Agent is requested to perform any extraordinary services hereunder, the Issuer hereby agrees to pay reasonable fees to the Escrow Agent for such extraordinary services and to reimburse the Escrow Agent for all expenses incurred by the Escrow Agent in performing such extraordinary services, and the Escrow Agent hereby agrees to look only to the Issuer for the payment of such fees and reimbursement of such expenses. The Escrow Agent hereby agrees that in no event shall it ever assert any claim or lien against the Escrow Fund for any fees for its services, whether regular or extraordinary, as Escrow Agent, or in any other capacity, or for reimbursement for any of its expenses.

(b) Upon receipt of the aforesaid specific sum stated in subsection (a) of this Section 7.03 for Escrow Agent fees, expenses, and services, the Escrow Agent shall acknowledge such receipt to the Issuer in writing.

**Section 7.04. Successor Escrow Agents.** If at any time the Escrow Agent or its legal successor or successors should become unable, through operation or law or otherwise, to act as escrow agent hereunder, or if its property and affairs shall be taken under the control of any state or federal court or administrative body because of insolvency or bankruptcy or for any other reason, a vacancy shall forthwith exist in the office of Escrow Agent hereunder. In such event the Issuer, by appropriate action, promptly shall appoint an Escrow Agent to fill such vacancy. If no successor Escrow Agent shall have been appointed by the Issuer within 60 days, a successor may be appointed by the owners of a majority in principal amount of the Refunded Obligations then outstanding by an instrument or instruments in writing filed with the Issuer, signed by such owners or by their duly authorized attorneys-in-fact. If, in a proper case, no appointment of a successor Escrow Agent shall be made pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this section within three months after a vacancy shall have occurred, the owner of any Refunded Obligation may apply to any court of competent jurisdiction to appoint a successor Escrow Agent. Such court may thereupon, after such notice, if any, as it may deem proper, prescribe and appoint a successor Escrow Agent.

Any successor Escrow Agent shall be a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States or the State of Texas, authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trust powers, authorized under Texas law to act as an escrow agent, having its principal

office and place of business in the State of Texas, having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$5,000,000 and subject to the supervision or examination by Federal or State authority.

Any successor Escrow Agent shall execute, acknowledge and deliver to the Issuer and the Escrow Agent an instrument accepting such appointment hereunder, and the Escrow Agent shall execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor Escrow Agent, subject to the terms of this Agreement, all the rights, powers and trusts of the Escrow Agent hereunder. Upon the request of any such successor Escrow Agent, the Issuer shall execute any and all instruments in writing for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Escrow Agent all such rights, powers and duties.

The Escrow Agent at the time acting hereunder may at any time resign and be discharged from the trust hereby created by giving not less than sixty (60) days' written notice to the Issuer and publishing notice thereof, specifying the date when such resignation will take effect, in a newspaper printed in the English language and with general circulation in New York, New York, such publication to be made once at least three (3) weeks prior to the date when the resignation is to take effect. No such resignation shall take effect unless a successor Escrow Agent shall have been appointed by the owners of the Refunded Obligations or by the Issuer as herein provided and such successor Escrow Agent shall be a paying agent for the Refunded Obligations and shall have accepted such appointment, in which event such resignation shall take effect immediately upon the appointment and acceptance of a successor Escrow Agent.

Under any circumstances, the Escrow Agent shall pay over to its successor Escrow Agent proportional parts of the Escrow Agent's fee hereunder.

**Section 7.05. Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295.** The Escrow Agent represents and warrants that it is exempt from the requirements of Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code, as amended, pursuant to subsection (c)(4) thereof, and, accordingly, the Escrow Agent is not required to file a Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 otherwise prescribed thereunder.

**Section 7.06. Representations Regarding Not Boycotting Israel.** The Escrow Agent represents and warrants, for purposes of Chapter 2270 of the Texas Government Code, that at the time of execution and delivery of this Agreement, neither the Escrow Agent, nor any Related Entity boycotts Israel. The Escrow Agent agrees that, except to the extent otherwise required by applicable federal law, including, without limitation, 50 U.S.C. Section 4607, neither the Escrow Agent nor any Related Entity will boycott Israel during the term of this Agreement. The terms "boycotts Israel" and "boycott Israel" as used in this Section means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes.

**Section 7.07. Not a Listed Company.** Pursuant to Subchapter F, Chapter 2252, Texas Government Code, to the extent applicable to this agreement, the Escrow Agent represents that it is not a company (as defined in Section 2270.0001(2), Texas Government Code) engaged in business with Iran, Sudan, or a foreign terrorist organization (as defined in Section 2252.151(2), Texas Government Code) and that it is not on a list prepared and maintained by the Comptroller

of Public Accounts of the State of Texas under Sections 2270.0201 or 2252.153, Texas Government Code.

ARTICLE VIII  
MISCELLANEOUS

**Section 8.01. Notice.** Any notice, authorization, request, or demand required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when mailed by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid addressed to the Issuer or the Escrow Agent at the address shown on Exhibit "A" attached hereto. The United States Post Office registered or certified mail receipt showing delivery of the aforesaid shall be conclusive evidence of the date and fact of delivery. Any party hereto may change the address to which notices are to be delivered by giving to the other parties not less than ten (10) days prior notice thereof. Prior written notice of any amendment to this Agreement contemplated pursuant to Section 8.08 and immediate written notice of any incidence of a severance pursuant to Section 8.04 shall be sent to Moody's Investors Service, Attn: Public Finance Rating Desk/Refunded Bonds, 99 Church Street, New York, New York 10007, Standard & Poor's Corporation, Attn: Municipal Bond Department, 25 Broadway, New York, New York 10004 and Fitch, Inc., One State Street Plaza, New York, New York 10004.

**Section 8.02. Termination of Responsibilities.** Upon the taking of all the actions as described herein by the Escrow Agent, the Escrow Agent shall have no further obligations or responsibilities hereunder to the Issuer, the owners of the Refunded Obligations or to any other person or persons in connection with this Agreement.

**Section 8.03. Binding Agreement.** This Agreement shall be binding upon the Issuer and the Escrow Agent and their respective successors and legal representatives, and shall inure solely to the benefit of the owners of the Refunded Obligations, the Issuer, the Escrow Agent and their respective successors and legal representatives.

**Section 8.04. Severability.** In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement, but this Agreement shall be construed as if such invalid or illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

**Section 8.05. Texas Law Governs.** This Agreement shall be governed exclusively by the provisions hereof and by the applicable laws of the State of Texas.

**Section 8.06. Time of the Essence.** Time shall be of the essence in the performance of obligations from time to time imposed upon the Escrow Agent by this Agreement.

**Section 8.07. Effective date of Agreement.** This Agreement shall be effective upon receipt by the Escrow Agent of the funds described in the Report and the Escrowed Securities, together with the specific sums stated in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 7.03 for Escrow Agent and paying agency fees, expenses, and services.

**Section 8.08. Amendments.** This Agreement shall not be amended except to cure any ambiguity or formal defect or omission in this Agreement. No amendment shall be effective

unless the same shall be in writing and signed by the parties thereto. No such amendment shall adversely affect the rights of the holders of the Refunded Obligations.

**Section 8.09. Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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EXECUTED as of the date first written above.

Nueces County, Texas

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County Judge

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

## INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit "A" Addresses of the Issuer and the Escrow Agent

Exhibit "B" Verification Report of Grant Thornton LLP

EXHIBIT "A"

ADDRESSES OF THE ISSUER AND THE ESCROW AGENT

ISSUER

Nueces County, Texas  
901 Leopard Street, Room 303  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Attention: County Auditor

ESCROW AGENT

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A.  
2001 Bryan St., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Dallas, Texas 75201

Attention: Corporate Trust Department

EXHIBIT "B"

Verification Report of Grant Thornton LLP

(See Attached)