#### PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR LONG-TERM STORAGE CREDITS

This Purchase and Sale Agreement is made this 2 day of 2023, (the "Effective Date"), between and among the Central Arizona Water Conservation District ("CAWCD"), a multicounty water conservation district organized and existing under the laws of the State of Arizona, and Liberty Utilities (Litchfield Park Water & Sewer) Corp. ("Seller").

#### RECITALS

- A. CAWCD operates the Central Arizona Project ("CAP"). CAWCD also provides replenishment services to member lands and member service areas under authorities provided in Title 48, Chapter 22, Article 4 of the Arizona Revised Statutes. These replenishment authorities are commonly referred to as the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District ("CAGRD"). CAGRD is not a separate legal entity, but functions within and is operated by CAWCD.
- B. CAWCD desires to purchase Long-Term Storage Credits developed by the Seller pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes Title 45, Chapter 3.1, for the benefit of CAGRD member lands and member service areas.
  - C. Seller is willing to sell and transfer certain Long-Term Storage Credits to CAWCD under the price, terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound, the parties hereby agree as follows:

# ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, the following terms, when capitalized, shall mean:

- 1. "ADWR" means the Arizona Department of Water Resources.
- 2. "Agreement" means this Purchase and Sale Agreement for Long-Term Storage Credits.
- 3. "CAGRD" means the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District, the replenishment authority operated by CAWCD.
- 4. "CAGRD's Account(s)" means the long-term storage account established pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 45-859.01 for the Phoenix Active Management Area (Account No. 70-441120.0001).
- 5. "CAWCD" means the Central Arizona Water Conservation District.
- 6. "Long-Term Storage Credit" is as defined in Arizona Revised Statutes § 45-802.01(11).

- 7. "Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form" is a form, approved by ADWR, to effectuate the assignment of Long-Term Storage Credits, as defined in Arizona Revised Statutes § 45-854.01(B), and more specifically described in Article 3 below.
- 8. "Seller" means Liberty Utilities (Litchfield Park Water & Sewer) Corp.
- 9. "Seller's Long-Term Storage Account" means the Long-Term Storage account established pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 45-852.01 in Seller's name in the Phoenix AMA (Account No. 70-441258.0000).

# ARTICLE 2 PURCHASE OF LONG-TERM STORAGE CREDITS

- 2.1 <u>Sale and Purchase.</u> Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Seller agrees to sell, transfer and assign and CAWCD agrees to purchase, accept and pay for 10,000 acre-feet of Long-Term Storage Credits as set forth in Exhibit A.
- 2.2 <u>Type of Water</u>. It is the intent of the parties that all Long-Term Storage Credits purchased and sold under this Agreement shall retain the identity of the source of water used to generate such Long-Term Storage Credits.
- 2.3 <u>Long-Term Storage Credits.</u> The Long-Term Storage Credits to be sold by Seller were stored at the underground storage facility(s), under the ADWR Facility Permit and ADWR Water Storage Permit set forth in Exhibit A hereto.
- 2.4 <u>Purchase Price.</u> The purchase price for the Long-Term Storage Credits to be transferred pursuant to this Agreement is \$4,000,000. ("Purchase Price"). The per-credit price for Long-Term Storage Credits to be transferred pursuant to this Agreement is \$400.

# ARTICLE 3 TIME AND MANNER OF TRANSFER

- 3.1 <u>Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form.</u> To evidence the transfer of Long-Term Storage Credits, the Seller shall complete, sign and deliver the Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form to CAWCD within 20 business days of full execution of this Agreement. A copy of the Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form is attached as Exhibit B to this Agreement. After the Seller has executed and delivered the Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form to CAWCD, CAWCD shall sign and deliver the fully executed Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form to ADWR within 20 business days.
- 3.2 <u>Additional Actions and Documentation.</u> CAWCD shall pay any administrative fees established by ADWR to effectuate the transfer of the Seller's Long-Term Storage Credits into CAGRD's Account(s). The parties shall cooperate to take such further actions and execute such further documents as may be determined by either party to be necessary or advisable in order to complete the transfer of the Long-Term Storage Credits contemplated by this Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

#### COMPLETION OF DELIVERY AND PAYMENT

- 4.1 <u>Completion of Delivery.</u> Delivery of the Long-Term Storage Credits to be transferred pursuant to this Agreement shall be deemed complete when ADWR notifies CAWCD in writing that ADWR has received and accepted the Long-Term Storage Credit Transfer Form and intends to transfer the Long-Term Storage Credits from the Seller's Long-Term Storage Account to CAGRD's Account(s) ("ADWR Acceptance"). CAWCD and the Seller shall cooperate with ADWR to facilitate completion of such transfer by ADWR.
- 4.2 <u>Payment.</u> CAWCD shall pay the Seller the full purchase price amount pursuant to Article 2.4 above, no later than 20 business days after ADWR Acceptance.

# ARTICLE 5 REJECTION OR INVALIDATION OF TRANSFER

5.1 Rejection or Invalidation of Transfer. If ADWR, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 45-854.01(C), rejects or invalidates any transfer or assignment of Long-Term Storage Credits made hereunder before CAWCD has paid for such Long-Term Storage Credits, CAWCD shall not be obligated to pay for the number of Long-Term Storage Credits affected by such rejection or invalidation. If such rejection or invalidation occurs after payment has been made by CAWCD, the Seller shall refund an amount equal to the number of Long-Term Storage Credits affected by such rejection or invalidation times the price per acre-foot for the affected Long-Term Storage Credits, as such price is established in Article 2.4 above. The Seller shall refund such amount within 20 business days after Seller receives notice from ADWR or CAWCD of such rejection or invalidation. CAWCD shall transfer and assign back to the Seller the number of credits affected by any such rejection or invalidation. The Seller's obligation to refund any payments under this Article 5 shall expire 30 calendar days after ADWR has issued a non-appealable final agency decision approving the transfer and assignment of the Long-Term Storage Credits into CAGRD's Account(s). The Parties' rights and obligations under this Article 5 shall remain in full force and effect, and shall survive termination of this Agreement for purposes of addressing a circumstance where ADWR rejects or invalidates any transfer of Long-Term Storage Credits made hereunder.

# ARTICLE 6 EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERM

6.1 <u>Effective Date and Term.</u> This Agreement shall be effective as of the date it has been executed by both parties hereto, which date is set forth in the introductory paragraph of this Agreement (the "Effective Date"). This Agreement shall stay in effect until all provisions under the Agreement have been met unless terminated earlier in accordance with Article 7.

### ARTICLE 7 DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

7.1 <u>Default</u>. The occurrence of any of the following events constitutes an event of default by a party to this Agreement:

- 7.1.1 The failure of either party to perform any term, covenant, or condition of this Agreement, if that failure continues for 30 days following the receipt of written notice from the other party.
- 7.1.2 (i) The filing by or against either party of a petition to have the party adjudged a bankrupt or a petition for reorganization or arrangement under any law relating to bankruptcy (unless, in the case of a petition filed against a party, the same is dismissed within 60 days); (ii) the making by a party of any general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (iii) the appointment of a trustee or receiver to take possession of substantially all of the party's assets, when possession is not restored to the party within 60 days; or (iv) the attachment, execution, or other judicial seizure of substantially all of a party's assets, where such seizure is not discharged within 60 days.
- 7.2 <u>Remedies</u>. If an event of default occurs, the non-defaulting party may immediately terminate this Agreement by written notice to the defaulting party and/or may pursue any other rights available to it in law or equity. The obligation of the defaulting party to pay any amounts due but unpaid as of the date of termination under this provision shall survive such termination.

# ARTICLE 8 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- 8.1 <u>Interpretation.</u> This Agreement is governed by and must be construed and interpreted in accordance with and in reference to the laws of the State of Arizona, without regard to its conflicts of laws provisions. Any action to resolve any dispute regarding this Agreement shall be taken in a state court of competent jurisdiction located in Maricopa County, Arizona.
- 8.2 <u>No Third-Party Beneficiaries.</u> This Agreement is solely for the benefit of the parties and does not create, nor shall it be construed to create, rights in any third party unless expressly provided herein. No third party may enforce the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 8.3 <u>Amendments.</u> This Agreement may be modified, amended or revoked only by the express written agreement of the parties hereto.
- 8.4 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and no understandings or obligations not expressly set forth in this Agreement are binding upon the parties.
- 8.5 <u>Waiver.</u> No delay in exercising any right or remedy shall constitute a waiver unless such right or remedy is waived in writing signed by the waiving party. A waiver by any party of any right or remedy hereunder shall not be construed as a waiver of any other right or remedy, whether pursuant to the same or a different term, condition or covenant.
- 8.6 <u>Captions.</u> All captions, titles, or headings in this Agreement are used for the purpose of reference and convenience only and do not limit, modify, or otherwise affect any of the provisions of this Agreement.
- 8.7 <u>Rules, Regulations and Amendment or Successor Statutes.</u> All references in this Agreement to the Arizona Revised Statutes include all rules and regulations promulgated by ADWR under such

statutes and all amendment statutes and successor statutes, rules, and regulations to such statutes, rules, and regulations.

- 8.8 Conflicts of Interest. The parties to this Agreement are hereby notified of A.R.S. § 38-511.
- 8.9 <u>Severability</u>. The provisions of this Agreement are severable to the extent that if any provision is held unenforceable under applicable law, the remaining provisions of the Agreement shall remain in effect, if the intent of the Agreement can be accomplished.
- 8.10 <u>Indemnification</u>. Each party to this Agreement is independently responsible in the event of its own negligence. Neither party agrees to indemnify the other party.
- 8.11 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be considered an original and all of which together constitute only one Agreement.
- 8.12 <u>Notices</u>. Except as otherwise required by law, any notice given in connection with this Agreement must be in writing and must be given by personal delivery, overnight delivery, or United States certified or registered mail. Any such notice must be addressed to the appropriate party at the following address (or at any other address as a party may hereafter designate by written notice given as required by this paragraph):

#### CAWCD:

For delivery use:

c/o General Manager

23636 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Phoenix, AZ 85024

For U.S. Mail use:

c/o General Manager

P.O Box 43020

Phoenix, AZ 85080-3020

#### LIBERTY UTILITIES (LITCHFIELD PARK WATER & SEWER) CORP.:

For delivery or U.S. Mail use:

Liberty Utilities (Litchfield Park Water & Sewer) Corp. Attn: Moses Thompson 14920 West Camelback Road

Litchfield Park, Arizona

85340

Notice is deemed to have been given on the date on which notice is personally delivered, delivered to an overnight delivery service, or mailed. Notice is deemed to have been received on the date on which the notice is actually received, or delivery is refused.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties to this Agreement have executed this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

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CENTRAL	ARIZONA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT
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Its: Pres	ident
ATTEST	: Kam Come Secretary

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### LIBERTY UTILITIES (LITCHFIELD PARK WATER & SEWER) CORP.:

Ву:

Its: President

### **EXHIBIT A**

to

### Purchase and Sale Agreement for Long-Term Storage Credits

### LONG-TERM STORAGE CREDITS

Facility	ADWR Facility	ADWR Water	ADWR Long-Term	Credits (AF)	Water
Name	Permit No.	Storage Permit No.	Storage Account No.		Source
RID GSF	72-572386.0004	73-572386.0200	70-441139.000	10,000	Effluent

### **EXHIBIT B**

to

### Purchase and Sale Agreement for Long-Term Storage Credits

### ADWR LONG-TERM STORAGE CREDIT TRANSFER FORM A.R.S. §45-854.01