

LETTER OF INTENT

July 16, 2019

Re: Purchase of Delaplain Disposal Company – sewer utility assets

The following terms are set out in this Letter of Intent as the material deal points for Central States Water Resources, Inc., a Missouri corporation, or its affiliate ("CSWR"), to purchase the assets of Delaplain Disposal Company, a company in good standing with the Kentucky Secretary of State, operating a regulated sewer utility ("Utility") in the County of Scott, Commonwealth of Kentucky on or before a date mutually agreed to by the parties (the "Closing Date").

1. <u>Purchase Price</u>. The purchase price shall be \$849,000 (Eight hundred forty nine thousand dollars), which is an estimate of the net book value of the Utility, and may increase or decrease based on determination of the actual net book value of Utility which shall be determined prior to the Closing Date ("Purchase Price").

2. <u>Assets Sold</u>. On the Closing Date, Utility will transfer to CSWR all right, title and interest Utility may have in and to the following described assets ("Assets") of the Utility free and clear of mortgages, liens, security interests or other claims or charges:

- Real property and the improvements thereon known, owned by Utility, together with all rights and appurtenances to the same belonging, located in the County of Scott, Commonwealth of Kentucky;
- b. The following described easements, rights of way, permits and leases______[TBD]______

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- c. All of the Utility's sewer service facilities, equipment, lines, plant, pipes, manholes and appurtenances;
- d. Any machinery and equipment such as meters, tools, devices, mobile work equipment, and all furniture, fixtures, machinery, supplies and other tangible items used or held for use in connection with the Utility, all of Utility's rights, title and interest in and to any franchise agreements, franchise rights, warranties, contracts, supply contracts, agreements, and customer deposits pertaining to, allocable to or arising out of the provision of sewer service, all of Utility's inventory, merchandise, contract rights, supplies, goodwill, and general intangibles including accounts receivable pertaining to the sewer service, **except** accounts receivable accrued prior to the Closing Date; and all assets not described which are located in Scott County, Kentucky, and used or useful to operate the Utility, excepting therefrom, and from any other assets described in the paragraphs above of this Section 2, any and all cash, cash equivalents and banking deposits in existence prior to the Closing Date contemplated under this Letter of Intent.

3. <u>Conditions of Sale</u>: The obligation to purchase the above described property is subject to the following conditions to be satisfied on or before the Closing Date, the non-occurrence of any of which shall allow CSWR to cancel the sale:

- Satisfactory proof, in CSWR's sole and absolute judgment, that the Assets of the Utility include all necessary equipment, real property, easements, permits, and other property and rights sufficient to allow CSWR to legally and economically operate the Utility;
- Execution of a formal purchase agreement between CSWR, as buyer, and Utility, as seller, in a form satisfactory to both parties and legal counsel for each respective party;
- c. Satisfactory proof, in CSWR's sole and absolute judgment, that there is no litigation pending against Utility nor that Utility is a party to any administrative or legal proceeding that would, in CSWR's sole judgment, be detrimental to or adversely affect the operation of the Utility by CSWR.

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4. <u>No Debt Assumption</u>. Except as otherwise agreed to in writing, CSWR does not offer to assume any of the claims, debts, or obligations arising out of the operation of Utility.

5. Access To Information; Expiration. From and after acceptance of this Letter of Intent, CSWR and its bankers or other lenders, accountants and attorneys, shall have access, on reasonable notice during regular business hours, to such books, records, accounts, files, correspondence and legal and accounting documents as it may request of Utility, or its bankers, accountants and attorneys, with permission to photocopy the same so long as they are held in confidence and not divulged to any unauthorized third parties. All such copies of books, records, accounts, files, correspondence and legal and accounting documents (including any such documents stored in electronic media) shall be destroyed or returned to Utility if the transaction contemplated hereunder is not consummated. Each party shall be responsible for its expenses in connection with the transaction contemplated herein, including but not limited to accountant and attorney fees. Assuming Utility's full cooperation, CSWR agrees to complete its investigation and evaluation of the Utility no later than ninety (90) days from the date this Letter of Intent is fully executed after which it shall, unless extended by the mutual agreement of the parties, expire ("Expiration Date").

6. <u>Confidentiality</u>. CSWR and Utility agree that any and all information obtained or received by either of them from the other at any time either in connection with CSWR's evaluation of Utility or in Utility's evaluation of CSWR, in the event the transaction contemplated hereunder is not for any reason consummated, be and remain confidential and will not be disclosed to any party whatsoever other than such agents, accountants, attorneys and advisors to whom disclosure shall be reasonably necessary for the successful completion of CSWR's evaluation of the transaction.

7. <u>Exclusivity</u>. From and after acceptance of this Letter of Intent until the Expiration Date or a formal purchase agreement is entered into between CSWR and Utility, Utility agrees not to negotiate with any other parties and to refrain from entering into binding agreements with any other parties with respect to the transaction contemplated herein without CSWR's written approval.

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8. <u>Binding and Non-Binding Provisions</u>. It is understood that except for the provisions of Sections 5, 6, and 7 hereof, this Letter of Intent is non-binding upon the parties hereto. In addition, it is understood that this Letter of Intent does not set forth all matters upon which agreement must be reached in order for the transaction to be consummated and creates no rights in favor of either party which would require the transaction to occur. A binding commitment with respect to the transaction will result only from execution and delivery of the formal agreement, subject to the conditions and terms expressed therein and others set forth in the formal agreement. Moreover, except as expressly provided in the binding provisions (or as expressly provided in any binding written agreement that the parties have acknowledged herein or may enter into in the future), no past or future action, course of conduct, or failure to act relating to the transaction, or relating to the negotiation of the terms of the transaction or any definitive agreement, will give rise to or serve as a basis for any obligation or other liability on the part of any party hereto.

9. <u>Conduct of the Business</u>. During the period from the date this letter of intent is executed by the last of the parties to do so, until the Expiration Date or the Closing Date, whichever occurs first, the Utility will operate its business in the ordinary course, consistent with past practice, preserve its relationships with customers, suppliers, employees, and others, and refrain from engaging in any extraordinary transactions. Among other things, until the Expiration Date or the Closing Date, the Utility will not make any material change, alteration, or amendment to compensation, pension, welfare, or other fringe benefit arrangements with any of its officers or employees or its operations.

10. <u>Counterparts: Amendments</u>. This Letter of Intent may be executed in any number of counterparts and each counterpart shall be deemed to be an original instrument, but all of such counterparts together shall constitute but one agreement. No amendment or modification of any provisions of this Letter of Intent will be effective unless set forth in a document that purports to amend this Letter of Intent and is executed by all parties hereto.

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If Utility is in agreement with the foregoing and with the commencement by CSWR of further steps to conclude this transaction, as set out in this letter, please date, sign, and return the enclosed copy.

Delaplain Disposal Company
B. D. D.
Title: <u>President</u>
Date: 7 16 19

Accepted and approved:

Central States Water Resources, Inc.

By:

Sandy Neal, Regional Director of Utility Acquisitions

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River Bluffs Inc.

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Title: CHARMAN & MAJORITY STOCK Holder

Date: April 16 2019

Accepted and approved:

Central States Water Resources, Inc.

By: Torre Thrman Todd Thomas, Sr. Vice President

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PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

THIS PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made as of the 2/2 day of August, 2019 by and between CENTRAL STATES WATER RESOURCES, INC., a Missouri corporation, or its assigns ("Buyer"), and DELAPLAIN DISPOSAL COMPANY, a Kentucky corporation qualified and registered to transact business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky ("Seller").

ARTICLE I ACQUISITION OF THE PROPERTY

Section 1.01 <u>The Property</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of this Agreement, Seller agrees to sell to Buyer, and Buyer agrees to purchase from Seller, all of the following described property (the "*Property*"):

(a) All immovable property, including all right, title and interest therein, described in EXHIBIT A attached hereto, including but not limited to any mineral and other subsurface rights, together with all buildings and improvements located thereon, and all appurtenant rights relating thereto, including, but not limited to, warranties and guaranties, access easements and other easements and rights relating thereto, access to utilities, rights of way and similar rights located on or within or relating to any of the foregoing (collectively, the "Immovable Property");

(b) All movable property and intangible property used in connection with the ownership and/or operation of the Immovable Property, including, but not limited to, all such property described in EXHIBIT B attached hereto and made a part hereof (collectively, the "Movable Property");

(c) All of Seller's right, title, and interest in and to the area that the System (as defined below) services (the "Service Area"), as determined by Buyer and set forth in EXHIBIT C to be attached hereto prior to the conclusion of the Feasibility Period (as hereinafter defined), including but not limited to, all real property interests such as easements, rights of way, permits and leases related to the System, and including any and all sewer facilities, equipment, lines, plants, pipes, manholes, meters, lift or pump stations and appurtenances; and

(d) All property or rights of whatever nature and kind that Seller owns which in any way is used or is useful in the operation of a sewer utility system located in Scott County, Kentucky (the "System").

Section 1.02 Purchase Price.

(a) The purchase price (the "*Purchase Price*") for the Property shall be **Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$849,000.00)**. The reasonable allocation of the Purchase Price between the categories in Sections 1.01(a) and 1.01(b) of the Property shall be set forth in EXHIBIT D prior to the Closing.

(b) The Purchase Price less any Earnest Money shall be payable in cash at Closing by wired funds and shall be paid by Buyer to Seller (to the account notified by Seller to Buyer prior to the Closing Date) on the Closing Date as defined in Section 4.01.

Section 1.03 <u>Earnest Money</u>. Within fifteen (15) days after the Effective Date (as defined below), Buyer shall deposit with a title company of its choice (the "*Title Company*") the sum of **Twenty-Two Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$22,000.00)** as the earnest money under this Agreement (the "*Earnest Money*"). The Earnest Money shall be returned to Buyer or paid to Seller in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

ARTICLE II SURVEY AND TITLE REVIEW

Section 2.01 Survey. Buyer shall have the right, for its own benefit, to procure one or more ALTA surveys of the Immovable Property, subject to Section 2.03 (the "Survey"). The Survey shall be current, staked, and shall be made on-the-ground and signed, sealed, and certified in favor of Buyer by a duly licensed surveyor selected or approved by Buyer and receipt of the Survey by Buyer prior to Closing, subject to Section 2.03, is a condition to Closing. The cost of the Survey shall be borne by the Buyer.

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Section 2.02 <u>Title Insurance</u>. The Buyer shall, within fifteen (15) days after the Effective Date, order and must receive prior to the Closing, subject to Section 2.03, as a condition to Closing, a commitment for title insurance and complete, legible copies of all exception documents (the "*Title Commitment*") issued by the Title Company covering the Immovable Property, binding the Title Company to issue to Buyer at Closing an owner's policy of title insurance paid for by Buyer (the "*Title Policy*") on the standard form of policy in the amount specified by Buyer insuring good, merchantable, and insurable fee simple title to the Immovable Property in Buyer, free and clear of all restrictions, easements, encumbrances, mortgages, liens, claims and other matters except any Permitted Exceptions as defined in Section 2.03.

Section 2.03 <u>Buyer's Review</u>. Buyer shall have until the expiration of the Feasibility Period to examine the Title Commitment and the Survey, and to deliver to Seller in writing Buyer's objections to any items contained or set forth in the Title Commitment or the Survey (the "Unacceptable Exceptions"). If Seller is unable or unwilling to eliminate and remove all of the Unacceptable Exceptions, then within fifteen (15) days after receipt of Buyer's written notice, Seller shall notify Buyer in writing of its inability or unwillingness to remove the Unacceptable Exceptions (and such notice shall set forth which Unacceptable Exceptions that Seller is unable or unwilling to remove) and Buyer may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of such election delivered to Seller. If Buyer so terminates this Agreement, the Earnest Money shall be promptly returned to Buyer, after which neither Party shall have any further rights, duties or obligations hereunder, except as expressly provided in this Agreement to the contrary. If Buyer does not so terminate this Agreement after receiving Seller's written notice, then the Unacceptable Exceptions together with other exceptions not objected to by Buyer shall become Permitted Exceptions (the "Permitted Exceptions").

Section 2.04 Feasibility Period.

(a) Seller shall allow Buyer and its agents, employees, contractors, and consultants access to the Property to conduct soil and engineering tests, inspections of equipment, personal property, lines and other components of the System and to conduct any other tests Buyer deems necessary or appropriate in its sole and absolute discretion to determine the feasibility of the Property for Buyer's intended use (the "Feasibility Study"), for a period of **One Hundred Twenty (120)** days after the Effective Date (the "Feasibility Period"). Buyer shall bear all costs and expenses of its investigation and restore the Property to its condition prior to such investigation, ordinary wear and tear excepted. In addition, Buyer shall coordinate all such inspections with the Seller for the inspections to result in the least amount of interference with the Seller's current and normal operations as possible.

(b) If Buyer finds the Property unacceptable for any reason or no reason, then Buyer, in its sole and absolute discretion, may terminate this Agreement by written notice to Seller on or before the expiration of the Feasibility Period. If Buyer so terminates this Agreement, the Title Company shall, upon demand by Buyer, promptly return the Earnest Money to Buyer and thereafter neither Party shall have any further rights, duties or obligations to the other hereunder.

(c) Seller shall deliver to Buyer within ten (10) business days after the Effective Date of this Agreement, the most recent title commitments, title policies, surveys, environmental site assessments, preliminary plats and site plans, any cross access and easement documents in connection with the Property, any development agreements affecting the Property, lease agreements affecting the Property, any customer lists for the System and any other documents Buyer may reasonably request related to the Property and/or the System.

Section 2.05 <u>Other Termination Rights</u>. In addition to any other rights and remedies set out herein (including but not limited to the termination rights in Sections 2.03, 2.04, 3.02(b) and 5.02), the Buyer shall have the right to terminate this Agreement as set out below:

(a) At any time up to and including the Closing Date if the regulatory bodies required to approve the sale of the System and the Property to the Buyer have not fully and unconditionally approved the sale upon the terms set out herein. In Buyer's sole and absolute discretion, Buyer may terminate this Agreement if the necessary regulatory approvals are not fully and unconditionally granted to Buyer in a form satisfactory to Buyer (as determined in Buyer's sole and absolute discretion) prior to the Closing by giving written notification of such termination to Seller, and upon such termination the Buyer shall receive a prompt return of the Earnest Money.

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(b) In the event that, prior to the Closing, all or any portion of the Property is taken, condemned, expropriated, or made the subject of any eminent domain proceedings, or any of the foregoing is threatened (interchangeably, a "*Taking*"), Buyer may elect to either move to Closing and receive any Taking proceeds, plus an assignment of Seller's right, title, and interest thereto and claim therefor, as full satisfaction for the Taking, or Buyer may terminate this Agreement. Buyer shall notify Seller as to which option it elects within five (5) days prior to the Closing. If Buyer does not receive written notice of a Taking more than five (5) days prior to the Closing. Date shall be postponed to a date that is not less than five (5) days after Buyer's receipt of written notice of a Taking.

Section 2.06. <u>Effect of Termination</u>. Subject to Article V, upon the termination of this Agreement, the Title Company shall pay the Earnest Money to the appropriate party in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and upon such payment being made the parties shall have no further liability hereunder (except with respect to liabilities of Seller accruing prior to such termination and those obligations hereunder which survive the termination of this Agreement).

ARTICLE III REPRESENTATIONS, WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS

Section 3.01 <u>Representations, Warranties and Covenants of Seller</u>. Seller hereby represents and warrants to Buyer that the facts recited below are true, complete and accurate as of the date hereof and will continue to be true, complete and accurate at Closing:

(a) Seller is a corporation duly formed and in good standing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, is qualified to conduct business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and has the requisite power and authority to enter into and to perform the terms of this Agreement without obtaining any further consents or approvals from, or the taking of any other actions with respect to, any third parties. Seller is not subject to any law, order, decree, restriction or agreement that prohibits or would be violated by this Agreement or the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the consummation of the transaction contemplated hereby have been duly authorized by all requisite action of Seller. This Agreement constitutes, and each document and instrument contemplated hereby to be created and delivered by Seller, when executed and delivered, shall constitute the legal, valid, and binding obligation by Seller, enforceable against Seller in accordance with its respective terms (subject to bankruptcy, reorganization and other similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally).

(b) Neither the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, nor the consummation of the transactions contemplated hereby is prohibited by, or requires Seller to obtain any consent, authorization, approval or registration under any law, statute, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ, injunction or decree which is binding upon Seller, other than any regulatory approvals disclosed in writing to Buyer.

(c) Seller has and will have at Closing good, merchantable, and insurable title, in fee simple, to the Property, free and clear of all mortgages, liens, claims, or other encumbrances (except those required by the Title Company in the Title Commitment to be fully satisfied with the Purchase Price at the Closing).

(d) To be best of Seller's Knowledge there are no pending or threatened condemnation, liens, claims, other encumbrances, special assessments, or similar proceedings or charges affecting the Property or Seller by any governmental authority.

(e) Seller is not a foreign corporation, foreign partnership, foreign trust, or foreign estate, or nonresident alien for purposes of US income taxation, pursuant to Section 1445 of the Internal Revenue Code.

(f) Seller has not: (i) filed any voluntary or had involuntarily filed against it in any court or with any governmental body pursuant to any statute either of the United States or of any State, a petition in bankruptcy or insolvency or seeking to effect any plan or other arrangement with creditors, or seeking the appointment of a receiver; (ii) had a receiver, conservator or liquidating agent or similar person appointed for all or a substantial portion of its assets; (iii) suffered the attachment or other judicial seizure of all, or substantially all of its assets; (iv) given notice to any person or governmental body of insolvency; or (v) made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors or taken any

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other similar action for the protection or benefit of its creditors. Seller is not insolvent and will not be rendered insolvent by the performance of its obligations under this Agreement.

(g) There are no leases affecting any portion of the Property except such leases disclosed to Buyer in writing by Seller and there are no options, rights of first refusal or contracts granting any rights to acquire any right, title or interest in any portion of the Property, except as listed in the Title Commitment, if any.

(h) Seller has not received any notice of any violation of any ordinance, regulation, law or statute of any government agency or instrumentality pertaining to the Property and/or the System or any portion thereof which has not been complied with in all respects.

(i) There is no action, suit, proceeding or claim affecting Seller, the Property and/or the System, relating to or arising out of any lease, option or contract affecting the Property or the System, or the ownership, operation, use or occupancy of the Property or the System, pending or being prosecuted in any court or by or before any agency or other governmental instrumentality nor, to the best of Seller's Knowledge, has any such action, suit, proceeding or claim been threatened or asserted. There is no proceeding pending or presently being prosecuted in connection with the assessed valuation or taxes of other impositions payable in respect of any portion of the Property.

(j) No work has been performed or is in progress at, and no materials have been furnished to, the Property which might give rise to mechanic's, materialman's or other liens against the Property.

(k) The Property currently has or will have at Seller's sole cost and expense prior to the Closing cross access and easements rights and benefits providing pedestrian and vehicular access to and from the Property and all components within the System necessary to operate the same.

(1) The buildings and improvements, if any, that constitute part of the Immovable Property are structurally sound and there are no defects known to Seller that have not been disclosed to the Buyer in writing by Seller.

(m) To the best of Seller's Knowledge, there are no pending or contemplated zoning changes, variances, special zoning exceptions, conditions or agreements affecting, or potentially affecting the Property or any part thereof.

(n) Except as has been disclosed to Seller in writing by Buyer, the Property complies with all applicable laws of all governmental or quasi-governmental authorities having jurisdiction over, against or affecting the Property. Seller has not received written notice of any, and there are no violations of any laws, similar rules and regulations relating and/or applicable to the ownership, use and operation of the Property as it is now operated, and/or other licenses or permits, which remain uncured. All governmental or quasi-governmental occupancy and use permits, licenses, consents, approvals, permits, authorizations, certificates, and other requirements of the authorities necessary or required for the continued use and operation of the System and/or the Property for the purposes for which the same are intended (collectively, "*Approvals*"), if any, have been unconditionally and finally issued and paid for and are in full force and effect in accordance with the respective terms thereof. All work or conditions required to be performed or fulfilled pursuant to the Approvals (on or off-site) have been fully performed in accordance with the requirements thereof and the Property fully complies with the Approvals.

(o) To the best of Seller's Knowledge, there is no fact or condition which materially and adversely affects the business, operations, affairs, properties or condition of Seller or the Property, which has not been set forth in this Agreement or in the other documents, certificates or written statements furnished to Buyer in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby.

(p) To the best of Seller's Knowledge, no representation or warranty made by Seller in this Agreement, in any Exhibit attached hereto, or in any letter or certificate furnished to Buyer pursuant to the terms hereof, each of which is incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof, contains any untrue statement of a fact or omits to state a fact necessary to make the statements contained herein or therein not misleading.

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(q) Environmental Matters.

(i) Except as disclosed on the attached EXHIBIT E, to the best of Seller's Knowledge, the Property is currently and has been in compliance with all Environmental Laws (as defined below) and Seller has not received any: (i) Environmental Notice (as defined below) or Environmental Claim (as defined below); or (ii) written request for information pursuant to Environmental Law, which, in each case, either remains pending or unresolved, or is the source of ongoing obligations or requirements as of the Closing.

(ii) Except as disclosed on the attached EXHIBIT F, to the best of Seller's Knowledge, Seller has obtained and is in material compliance with all Environmental Permits (as defined below) (each of which is disclosed on EXHIBIT F) necessary for operating the System or use of the Property and all such Environmental Permits are in full force and effect and shall be maintained in full force and effect by Seller through the Closing in accordance with Environmental Law, and Seller is not aware of any condition, event or circumstance that might prevent or impede, after the Closing, the operation of the System as currently conducted or the ownership, lease, operation or use of the Property. With respect to any such Environmental Permits, Seller has undertaken, or will undertake prior to the Closing, all measures necessary to facilitate transferability of the same, and Seller is not aware of any condition, event or impede the transferability of the same and has not received any Environmental Notice or written communication regarding any material adverse change in the status or terms and conditions of the same.

(iii) None of the Property is listed on, or to the best of Seller's Knowledge, has been proposed for listing on, the National Priorities List (or CERCLIS) under CERCLA (as defined below), or any similar state list.

(iv) To the best of Seller's Knowledge, there has been no Release of Hazardous Materials (as defined below) in contravention of Environmental Law with respect to the Property or any real property currently or formerly owned, leased or operated by Seller in connection with the System, and Seller has not received an Environmental Notice that any of the Property or real property currently or formerly owned, leased or operated by Seller in connection with the System (including soils, groundwater, surface water, buildings and other structure located thereon) has been contaminated with any Hazardous Material which could reasonably be expected to result in an Environmental Claim against, or a violation of Environmental Law or term of any Environmental Permit by, Seller.

(v) To the best of Seller's Knowledge, no underground storage tanks are located on the Immovable Property and no construction debris has been buried on or under the Immovable Property.

(vi) EXHIBIT G contains a complete and accurate list of all off-site Hazardous Materials treatment, storage, or disposal facilities or locations used by Seller and, to the best of Seller's Knowledge, any predecessors in connection with the System or the Property as to which Seller may retain liability, and none of these facilities or locations has been placed or proposed for placement on the National Priorities List (or CERCLIS) under CERCLA, or any similar state list, and Seller has not received any Environmental Notice regarding potential liabilities with respect to such off-site Hazardous Materials treatment, storage, or disposal facilities or locations used by Seller.

(vii) Seller has not retained or assumed, by contract or operation of Law, any liabilities or obligations of third parties under Environmental Law.

(viii) Seller has provided or otherwise made available to Buyer and listed in EXHIBIT H: (i) any and all environmental reports, studies, audits, records, sampling data, site assessments, risk assessments, economic models and other similar documents with respect to the Property or any real property currently or formerly owned, leased or operated by Seller in connection with the System which are in the possession or control of Seller related to compliance with Environmental Laws, Environmental Claims or an Environmental Notice or the Release of Hazardous Materials; and (ii) any and all material documents concerning planned or anticipated capital expenditures required to reduce, offset, limit or otherwise control pollution and/or emissions, manage waste or otherwise ensure compliance with current or future Environmental Laws (including, without limitation, costs of remediation, pollution control equipment and operational changes).

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(ix) Seller is not aware of nor reasonably anticipates, as of the Closing, any condition, event or circumstance concerning the Release or regulation of Hazardous Materials that might, after the Closing, prevent, impede or materially increase the costs associated with the ownership, lease, operation, performance or use of the System and Property as currently carried out.

Section 3.02 Covenants of Seller.

(a) Seller will own, operate, use and manage the System and the Property only in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and in any event will ensure that, any provisions of this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, (i) the physical and environmental condition of the Property is the same at the time of the Closing as it is as of the Effective Date, only ordinary wear and tear as to the physical condition excepted, and (ii) Seller's title to the Immovable Property and the survey condition of the Immovable Property is the same at the time of the Closing as it is as of the Effective Date, only improvements to the title condition or survey condition performed or undertaken by Seller to address Unacceptable Exceptions excepted.

(b) Seller shall maintain current hazard insurance in force on the Property until the Closing Date. The risk of loss to the Property shall not pass to Buyer unless and until delivery of possession of the Property is delivered to Buyer. If an event of casualty occurs to the Property prior to Closing, the Buyer may elect to either move to Closing and accept any insurance proceeds and deductible, plus an assignment of all of Seller's right, title, and interest in and to any and all insurance claims, as full satisfaction for the damage to the Property or the Buyer may terminate this Agreement. Buyer shall notify Seller as to which option it elects within five (5) days prior to the Closing, but if Buyer does not receive written notice of such casualty more than five (5) days prior to the Closing Date shall be postponed to a date that is not less than five (5) days after Buyer's receipt of written notice of such casualty.

(c) Seller agrees to execute any documents required by the controlling governing authority to replat or rezone the Property.

Section 3.03. Certain Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Agreement:

(a) *"CERCLA"* means the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq.

(b) "Environmental Claim" means any action, governmental order, lien, fine, penalty, or, as to each, any settlement or judgment arising therefrom, by or from any person alleging liability of whatever kind or nature (including liability or responsibility for the costs of enforcement proceedings, investigations, cleanup, governmental response, removal or remediation, natural resources damages, property damages, personal injuries, medical monitoring, penalties, contribution, indemnification and injunctive relief) arising out of, based on or resulting from: (a) the presence, Release (as defined below) of, or exposure to, any Hazardous Materials; or (b) any actual or alleged non-compliance with any Environmental Law or term or condition of any Environmental Permit.

(c) "Environmental Notice" means any applicable law, and any governmental order or binding agreement with any governmental authority: (a) relating to pollution (or the cleanup thereof) or the protection of natural resources, endangered or threatened species, human health or safety, or the environment (including ambient air, soil, surface water or groundwater, or subsurface strata); or (b) concerning the presence of, exposure to, or the management, manufacture, use, containment, storage, recycling, reclamation, reuse, treatment, generation, discharge, transportation, processing, production, disposal or remediation of any Hazardous Materials.

(d) "Environmental Laws" means any written directive, notice of violation or infraction, or notice respecting any Environmental Claim relating to actual or alleged non-compliance with any Environmental Law or any term or condition of any Environmental Permit. The term "Environmental Laws" includes, without limitation, the following (including their implementing regulations and any state analogs): the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 et seq.; the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and

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Recovery Act of 1976, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984, 42 U.S.C. §§ 6901 et seq.; the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Clean Water Act of 1977, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1251 et seq.; the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976, as amended, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2601 et seq.; the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11001 et seq.; the Clean Air Act of 1966, as amended by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq.; and the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §§ 651 et seq.

(e) "Environmental Permits" means any permit, letter, clearance, consent, waiver, closure, exemption, decision or other action required under or issued, granted, given, authorized by or made pursuant to Environmental Law.

(f) "Hazardous Materials" means: (a) any material, substance, chemical, waste, product, derivative, compound, mixture, solid, liquid, mineral or gas, in each case, whether naturally occurring or manmade, that is hazardous, acutely hazardous, toxic, or words of similar import or regulatory effect under Environmental Laws; and (b) any petroleum or petroleum-derived products, radon, radioactive materials or wastes, asbestos in any form, lead or lead-containing materials, urea formaldehyde foam insulation and polychlorinated biphenyls.

(g) *"Knowledge"* or *"Seller's Knowledge"* means the actual knowledge of Seller and each of Seller's Representatives; in each case, after due inquiry.

(h) "Release" means any actual or threatened release, spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emitting, emptying, discharging, injecting, escaping, leaching, dumping, abandonment, disposing or allowing to escape or migrate into or through the environment (including, without limitation, ambient air (indoor or outdoor), surface water, groundwater, land surface or subsurface strata or within any building, structure, facility or fixture).

 "Representatives" in relation to a person means such person's managers, shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, advisors, affiliates, successors, and permitted assigns and for the avoidance of doubt the Representatives of Seller.

Indemnification. From and after the Closing, Seller shall defend, hold harmless and Section 3.04 indemnify the Buyer and/or Buyer's Representatives (as defined below) (collectively, "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all losses, damages, diminutions in value, liabilities, deficiencies, claims, actions, judgements, settlements, interest, awards, penalties, fines, costs, or expenses of any kind, including professional fees and attorneys' fees, that are suffered or incurred by the Indemnified Party or to which the Indemnified Party may otherwise become subject to at any time (collectively, "Losses") arising out of or as a result of: (i) any inaccuracy in or breach of any representation, warranty and/or covenant made by Seller in this Agreement; (ii) any breach or non-fulfillment of any covenant, agreement or obligation to be performed by Seller pursuant to this Agreement; (iii) any actual or alleged liability of Seller and/or Seller's Representatives, or any actual or alleged liability of Buyer that derives from any such liability of Seller and/or Seller's Representatives, whether such liability arises before or after the Closing; and (d) any claim by a third party based upon, resulting from or arising out of (A) the business, operations, properties, assets or obligations of Seller conducted, existing or arising on or prior to the Closing; (B) any inaccuracy in or breach of any representation or warranty made by Seller in this Agreement, or any breach or non-fulfillment of any covenant, agreement or obligation to be performed by Seller pursuant to this Agreement; (C) any negligent or more culpable act or omission of Seller or its Representatives (including any reckless or willful misconduct) in connection with the performance of its obligations under this Agreement; or (D) any failure by Seller or its Representatives to comply with any applicable federal, state or local laws, regulations or codes in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Seller is not obligated to indemnify, hold harmless, or defend Indemnified Party against any claim (whether direct or indirect) if such claim or corresponding Losses arise out of or result from Indemnified Party's gross negligence or more culpable act or omission (including recklessness or willful misconduct).

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ARTICLE IV CLOSING

Section 4.01 Closing.

(a) Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Closing of the purchase and sale of the Property pursuant to this Agreement (the "Closing") shall take place at the Title Company thirty (30) days after the expiration of the Feasibility Period, or (i) such earlier date as is elected by Buyer by giving not less than three (3) days prior notice to Seller, or (ii) such later date as agreed in writing by Seller and Buyer (the "Closing Date").

(b) At the Closing, Seller shall deliver to Buyer the following:

(i) A certificate of good standing for Seller plus the requisite duly executed corporate approvals for the sale;

(ii) A general warranty deed in executed form, conveying good, merchantable, and insurable title in fee simple to all of the Immovable Property, free and clear of any and all mortgages, liens, encumbrances, claims, conditions, easements, assessments, and restrictions, except for the Permitted Exceptions, if any;

(iii) A duly executed bill of sale, conveying all of the Movable Property described in EXHIBIT B, free and clear of any and all mortgages, liens, claims, restrictions, and encumbrances;

(iv) A duly executed termination of lease, terminating any existing lease agreements encumbering or relating to the Property;

 A duly executed assignment of any interest in any other Property used and/or useful in the operation of the System that is owned by Seller;

(vi) Such other instruments and documents that are customarily executed by a seller of immovable property in the county in which the Property is located, including, but not limited to, resolutions or unanimous written consents of the Board of Directors of Seller, and if required the shareholders of Seller, to authorize the sale of the Property to Buyer pursuant to this Agreement;

- (vii) Tax statements for calendar year of Closing;
- (viii) Possession of the Property;

(ix) If requested by Buyer, and to the extent assignable, duly executed, conveyances and assignments to Buyer of any and all consents, authorizations, variances, waivers, licenses, permits, and approvals from any federal, state, county, municipal, or other governmental or quasi-governmental agency, department, board, commission, bureau, or other entity or instrumentality relating to the Property, including, without limitation, those relating to environmental, foundation, use, utilities, building, fire, traffic, and zoning heretofore or hereafter held by or granted to Seller (collectively, the "*Approvals*"). No additional consideration shall be due by Buyer for the Approvals, it being understood and agreed by Seller that the Purchase Price covers the Property, the Approvals, and the Claims (as hereinafter defined); and

(x) If requested by Buyer, duly executed assignments to Buyer, with full substitution and subrogation, of any and all claims, actions, rights, causes of action, rights of action, and warranties, whether arising in contract, tort, or otherwise, including, but not limited to, environmental claims, actions, rights, causes of action, rights of action, and warranties, that Seller has or may have against any and all persons and entities as a result of any apparent or non-apparent damage to, destruction of, or diminution in value of the Property, or any part thereof, occurring prior to the Closing (collectively, the "*Claims*"). No additional consideration shall be due by Buyer for the Claims, it being understood and agreed by Seller that the Purchase Price covers the Property, the Approvals, and the Claims.

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(c) At the Closing, Buyer shall deliver to Seller the following:

(i) The Purchase Price; and

(ii) Such other instruments and documents that are customarily executed by a buyer of immovable property in the county in which the Property is located.

Section 4.02 Closing Costs and Prorations. Buyer and Seller hereby covenant and agree that:

(a) Seller shall pay the costs of any roll back taxes, one-half (1/2) of the escrow fee charged by the Title Company (conditioned upon such escrow fee being reasonable and customary within the market), and Seller's attorneys' fees and expenses. Seller shall also pay all fees, costs, and expenses for title curative work and any other work that Seller agrees to perform or undertake in order to address any Unacceptable Exceptions and/or to otherwise enable Seller to sell and deliver to Buyer good, merchantable, and insurable fee simple title to the Property as required by this Agreement.

(b) Buyer shall pay all remaining title fees charged by the Title Company, recording fees, and Buyer's attorneys' fees.

(c) All ad valorem real estate taxes and assessments levied or assessed against the Property shall be prorated according to the calendar year as of the Closing Date, based on the most recent tax bill and assessments levied for the same.

ARTICLE V DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 5.01 Buyer's Default and Seller's Remedies.

(a) <u>Buyer's Default</u>. Buyer shall be in default under this Agreement if and only if any and all conditions to be satisfied under the terms of this Agreement prior to Closing have been satisfied (or duly waived) and Buyer fails or refuses to perform Buyer's obligations at Closing for any reason other than a default by Seller. For the avoidance of doubt, a termination under Section 2.04 will not constitute an event of default by Buyer.

(b) <u>Seller's Remedies</u>. If Buyer is in default under this Agreement, the sole and exclusive remedy of Seller, shall be receipt of the Earnest Money. Buyer and Seller agree that in such case the Earnest Money shall be liquidated or stipulated damages under Kentucky law for a breach or default by Buyer under this Agreement and/or any other actions or claims that could arise out of or are related to this Agreement because of the difficulty, inconvenience, and uncertainty of ascertaining actual damages for such default. Therefore, in no event shall Buyer be liable for or Seller be entitled to any actual damages or any other type of damages or remedy under any action or claim that could arise out of or that could any way relate to this Agreement other than the right to receive the stipulated amount of the Earnest Money as full satisfaction of Seller's claims.

Section 5.02 Seller's Defaults and Buyer's Remedies.

(a) <u>Seller's Defaults</u>. Seller shall be in default under this Agreement on the occurrence of any of one or more of the following events:

(i) Any breach of a representation or warranty made by Seller in this Agreement or failure of any such representation or warranty to be true, accurate and complete; or

(ii) Any breach or non-fulfillment of any covenant, agreement or obligation to be performed by Seller pursuant to this Agreement.

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(b) <u>Buyer's Remedies</u>. If Seller defaults under this Agreement (whether before or after the Closing or before termination or after termination in relation to provision that survive termination) Buyer may:

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(i) If such default is identified prior to Closing, terminate this Agreement by written notice to Seller and Title Company, in which event the Title Company shall promptly refund the Earnest Money to Buyer;

(ii) Enforce specific performance of this Agreement against Seller; and/or

(iii) Pursue such other remedies as may be available at law or in equity, including a suit for any damages and the right to recover attorneys' fees and costs.

Section 5.03 <u>Attorneys' Fees</u>. If either party defaults under this Agreement, and the non-defaulting party employs an attorney to enforce the terms hereof, such non-defaulting party shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs from the defaulting party.

Section 5.04 <u>Survival</u>. The provisions of this Section 5 and of Article III, Article VI, Article VII shall survive the termination of this Agreement. The provisions of Article III shall survive the Closing for a period of five (5) years, except that the representations and warranties in Sections 3.01(a), (b), and (c), and Section 3.04 shall survive indefinitely. All other provisions of this Agreement shall survive Closing unless otherwise expressly stated.

ARTICLE VI COMMISSIONS

Section 6.01 <u>Commission</u>. No commissions are due and/or owing for the procurement of this Agreement to any third parties. Seller shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Buyer from and against any and all claims by any person or entity for brokerage fees, brokerage commissions, finder's or other fees, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, any and all court costs, attorneys' fees and other costs and expenses relating thereto, alleged to be due to any broker and/or agent with whom Seller has dealt in connection with this Agreement or the sale of the Property to Buyer, and Buyer shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Seller from and against any and all claims by any person or entity for brokerage fees, brokerage commissions, finder's or other fees, which shall include, but shall not be limited to, any and all court costs, attorneys' fees and other costs and expenses relating thereto, alleged to be due to any broker and/or agent with whom Buyer has dealt in connection with this Agreement or the purchase of the Property by Buyer.

ARTICLE VII MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 7.01 <u>Effective Date of Agreement</u>. The term "Effective Date" as used herein shall mean the date this Agreement has been fully executed by Seller and Buyer, as indicated by their signatures below, and a signed copy thereof is delivered to and acknowledged by the Title Company.

Section 7.02 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, demands and requests which may be given or which are required to be given by either party to the other, and any exercise of a right of termination provided by this Agreement, shall be in writing and shall be deemed effective when sent to the address or telecopy number of the party to receive such notice set forth below if effected by telecopy, e-mail or other electronic transmission, hand delivery, by Federal Express or other reputable courier service, or when deposited in any post office or mail receptacle regularly maintained by the United States Government, certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to Buyer:

with a copy to:

Josiah M. Cox Central States Water Resources, Inc. 500 Northwest Plaza Drive Suite 500 St. Ann, MO 63074

James A. Beckemeier The Beckemeier Law Firm, LC

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Section 7.03 <u>Governing Law</u>. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY AND ALL PROCEEDINGS OR OBLIGATIONS HEREUNDER SHALL BE MADE AND ARE PERFORMABLE IN SCOTT COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

Section 7.04 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall apply to, inure to the benefit of and be binding upon and enforceable against the parties hereto and their respective heirs, administrators, successors and assigns. Buyer shall have the right to assign this Agreement to another entity or affiliate by providing written notice to Seller of such assignment. However, Seller shall not have the right to assign this Agreement without the written consent of the Buyer.

Section 7.05 <u>Counterparts and Amendments</u>. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which shall constitute but one and the same instrument. This Agreement may only be amended by a written document signed by each of the parties hereto, which document shall make specific reference to this Agreement.

Section 7.06 <u>Time</u>. Time is of the essence in the performance of each term, condition, and covenant contained in this Agreement. No extension of time for performance of any obligation or act shall be deemed an extension of time for performance of any other obligation or act. If any date for performance of any term, condition or provision hereof shall fall on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the time of such performance shall be extended to the next business day.

Section 7.07 <u>Severability</u>. This Agreement is intended to be performed in accordance with, and only to the extent permitted by, all applicable laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall, for any reason and to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby but shall be enforced to the greatest extent permitted by law.

Section 7.08 Entire Agreement. Buyer and Seller each acknowledges and agrees that at all times each have intended that none of the preliminary negotiations concerning this Agreement would be binding on any party. This Agreement and the Exhibits attached hereto prior to the Closing Date contain all the covenants, conditions, agreements and understandings between the parties and shall supersede all prior covenants, conditions, agreements,

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If to Seller:

with a copy to:

letters of intent, term sheets, and understandings between Seller and Buyer with respect to the purchase and sale of the Property and all other matters contained in this Agreement.

Section 7.9 Final Exhibits. The legal description of the Immovable Property contained in the Survey shall be substituted for the legal description of the Immovable Property used in EXHIBIT A as of the date hereof without the necessity of the parties executing any additional amendments to this Agreement. EXHIBIT C shall be included as part of this Agreement when, and in the form, notified to Seller by Buyer in writing. EXHIBIT D shall be included as part of this Agreement if and when it is in the form, agreed by Seller and Buyer in writing prior to Closing. EXHIBITS E, F, G and H will be completed by Seller and provided to Buyer within ninety (90) days of the Effective Date.

Section 7.10 <u>Buyer Exchange</u>. Seller and Buyer agree to cooperate should the other elect to purchase the Property or other real property as part of a like-kind exchange under IRC section 1031. Any contemplated exchange shall not impose upon the cooperating party any additional liability or financial obligation, and Buyer or Seller, as appropriate agrees to hold the other harmless from any liability that might arise from such exchange. This Agreement is not subject to or contingent upon either party's ability to acquire a suitable exchange property or effectuate an exchange. In the event any exchange contemplated by Buyer or Seller should fail to occur, for whatever reason, the sale of the Property shall nonetheless be consummated as provided herein.

Section 7.11 <u>Rollback Taxes, Standby Fees and Special Assessments</u>. If this sale results in the assessment after Closing of additional taxes, standby fees or special assessments for periods of Seller's ownership (including taxes assessed as a result of a change in ownership or usage), the additional taxes, fees or assessments plus any penalties and interest shall be paid by Seller to Buyer within fifteen (15) days of receipt by Buyer of a statement for such taxes, fees or assessments.

Section 7.12 <u>Ambiguities Not to Be Construed against Party Who Drafted Agreement</u>. The rule of construction that ambiguities in a document will be construed against the party who drafted it will not be applied in interpreting this Agreement.

Section 7.13 <u>No Special Relationship</u>. The parties' relationship is an ordinary commercial relationship of seller and buyer, and they do not intend to create and have not created the relationship of principal and agent, partnership, joint venture, or any other special relationship.

Section 7.14 <u>Confidentiality</u>. The parties will keep confidential this Agreement, this transaction, and all information learned in the course of this transaction, except to the extent disclosure is required by law or court order or to enable third parties to advise or assist Buyer to investigate the Property or either party to close this transaction.

Section 7.15 <u>Business Day</u>. As used in this Agreement, the term "business day" means Monday through Friday of each week, except for days on which banks in Scott county, Kentucky are closed for business. If the final date of any period which is set out any section of this Agreement falls upon a day which is not a business day, then, and in such event, the time of such period will be extended to the next business day.

Section 7.16 <u>Further Assurances</u>. From the date hereof, Seller and Buyer each agrees to do such things, perform such acts and make, execute, acknowledge and deliver such documents as may be reasonably necessary and customary to complete the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. In particular, Seller and Buyer each agrees to do such things as may be reasonably necessary with respect to the transfer of the Property.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed under proper authority and effective and binding as of the date first set above.

BUYER:

Central States Water Resources, Inc., a Missources Mission

N By: 144020014408400

Josiah M. Cox, President

SELLER:

DELAPLAIN DISPOSAL COMPANY, a Kentucky corporation, By: Name: 0 Title: Tresident

RECEIPT OF EARNEST MONEY

The undersigned Title Company hereby acknowledges its receipt of an executed copy of this Agreement and, the Earnest Money provided herein and, further, agrees to comply with and be bound by the terms and provisions of this Agreement, without demand, including, without limitation, those terms relating to the disposition of the Earnest Money.

Name of Title Company

Ву:_____

Name: _____

Title:

Date:

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EXHIBIT A

Description of the Immovable Property (The legal description(s) of the Land, Improvements thereon, Easements, & Rights of Way shall be determined by survey and title commitments, which shall be inserted prior to the Closing).

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EXHIBIT B Description of the Movable Property (tools, devices, equipment, furniture, fixtures, machinery, supplies, and other tangible items)

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EXHIBIT C Service Area Map

(area in which the System service lines, plant, pipes, manholes, meters, lift or pump stations and appurtenances, utility facilities, etc. are located)

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EXHIBIT D [Purchase Price Allocation]

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EXHIBIT E [Environmental Non-Compliance]

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EXHIBIT F [List of Permits and Non-Compliance with Permits]

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EXHIBIT G [Off-site Hazardous Materials Locations]

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AGREEMENT FOR SALE OF UTILITY SYSTEM

THIS AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), is made and entered into this $\int \frac{0}{2} day$ of $\int \sqrt{2} day$ of $\sqrt{2} day$

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Seller has developed and operates as a regulated sewer corporation sewer facilities, in the area more particularly described and depicted in the documents attached hereto as *Exhibit "A"*, situated in Oldham County, Kentucky (hereinafter the "System"); and

WHEREAS, Buyer is a corporation, organized and existing under the constitution and the laws of the State of Missouri, with all the requisite power necessary to enter into the transaction described hereinafter; and

WHEREAS, Seller is a corporation, organized and existing under the constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, with all the requisite power necessary to enter into the transaction described hereinafter; and

WHEREAS, Seller desires to sell, and Buyer desires to purchase, all the assets, property and real estate connected with the System including, but not limited to, all associated improvements for the conveyance of sewer to each of the customers connected to the service area (defined further below as "Assets"); and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached an understanding with respect to the sale by Seller and the purchase by Buyer of all of the Assets (as hereinafter defined) of the System.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is mutually agreed that:

1. <u>SALE OF ASSETS</u>.

For and in consideration of the receipt of the Purchase Price, as set forth below, and the covenants and promises hereinafter set forth, Seller agrees that on the date of the Closing (as hereinafter defined), Seller shall sell, transfer, assign and deliver to Buyer, or Buyer's designated affiliate, all of Seller's then existing assets pertaining to the provision of sewer service in the System located in Oldham County, in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and related properties, including, without limitation, the following:

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A. The land, improvements thereon, easements, rights of way, permits and leases related to the System area depicted in *Exhibit "A"* and/or generally described in *Exhibit "B"*, attached hereto;

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B. All of Seller's sewer service facilities, equipment, lines, plant, pipes, manholes and appurtenances;

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C. Excluding the mower, shed, trailer, four (4) phones, printers and four (4) computers and monitors, any machinery and equipment such as meters, tools, devices, mobile work equipment, and all furniture, fixtures, machinery, supplies and other tangible items, if any, located in Oldham County, Kentucky, and used or held for use in connection with the System as generally described in *Exhibit "C"*, attached hereto;

D. All of Seller's rights, title and interest in and to any franchise agreements, franchise rights, warranties, contracts, supply contracts, agreements, bonds or other financial assurances or guaranties, and customer deposits, if any, pertaining to, allocable to or arising out of the provision of sewer service in Oldham County, Kentucky as generally described in *Exhibit "D*", attached hereto;

E. All of Seller's inventory, merchandise, contract rights, supplies, goodwill, customer list (non-depreciable asset), and general intangibles including accounts receivable pertaining to the sewer service, except accounts receivable accrued prior to the Closing, Buyer shall deliver to Seller within ten (10) days of receipt, any accounts receivable received by Buyer for sewer treatment services provided by Seller prior to Closing; and

F. All assets not described which are located in Oldham County, Kentucky, and used or useful to operate the System, excepting therefrom, and from any other assets described in the paragraphs above of this Section 1, any and all cash, cash equivalents and banking deposits in existence prior to the Closing, which cash, cash equivalents and banking deposits shall remain Seller's property after the Closing.

The assets to be sold and delivered, as above described, are hereinafter collectively described as the "Assets."

2. <u>CONVEYANCES OF REAL ESTATE</u>.

The real estate to be conveyed by Seller will include all facilities described herein and all interest of Seller in any sewer and other utility easements. The real estate will be conveyed by general warranty deed, in a form satisfactory to Buyer, and will vest marketable title in fact in the Buyer. Easements shall be assigned by written assignment or other means, in a form satisfactory to Buyer.

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At Buyer's expense, Buyer shall obtain, at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Closing, a Commitment to issue an Owner's Policy of Title Insurance to Buyer in the amount of the Purchase Price issued by a company authorized to issue title insurance in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, which policy shall insure the owner's title to be marketable as the same is described and defined in the American Land Title Association ("ALTA") title examination standards ("Title Standards"). After delivery of said title insurance commitment and Buyer's completion of the examination and/or review of the commitment and other relevant title information, Buyer shall notify Seller, in writing, of any objections thereto (the Parties agreeing that any objection falling within the said Title Standards shall not constitute a valid objection so long as Seller furnishes affidavits or other papers as described in such standards in order for the title company to delete the same). If there shall be no such notice of objection, then any exceptions in such Commitment or deficiencies in the title to the property noted on such Commitment shall be deemed waived and delivery of a deed in compliance with the terms of the Commitment shall be deemed compliance with the terms of this Agreement. If notice of any objections to defects in the title, as defined above, shall be delivered to Seller, then Seller shall have five (5) business days to correct the title and the Closing shall be postponed until such time, if necessary. If Seller elects not to, or cannot, correct such defects, then Buyer, at Buyer's option, may waive such defects and proceed to close or may cancel the contract and all obligations hereunder shall be null and void.

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3. REGULATORY APPROVAL.

Buyer and Seller shall act diligently and cooperate with each other to obtain any regulatory approvals required from the Kentucky Public Service Commission ("PSC"), Kentucky Division of Water (with respect to Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("KPDES") permit), or any other regulatory agency in the State of Kentucky, as determined by Buyer in its sole discretion, and to obtain transfer of Seller's permits, if any.

4. <u>PURCHASE PRICE</u>. Buyer agrees to pay to Seller at the Closing **Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000.00)**, for purchase of the Assets ("Purchase Price").

5. <u>CLOSING</u>.

The Closing of the sale shall take place at a mutually agreeable location no later than forty-five (45) days after the effective date of any necessary regulatory authority approval, satisfaction of Seller's Representations and Warranties and Conditions Precedent set forth herein, and Buyer having obtained financing under terms acceptable to Buyer in Buyer's sole discretion, or at such other time as the parties

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Agreement for Sale of Utility System 31785;2:FRANKFORT hereto may mutually agree (the "Closing"). At the Closing, Seller shall have delivered to Buyer such deeds, bills of sale, endorsements, assignments and other sufficient instruments of transfer and conveyance as shall be effective to vest in Buyer such title to the Assets to be sold as provided in this Agreement and as set forth in Section 6.D, and Buyer will deliver to Seller the Purchase Price. From time to time, at Buyer's request and expense, whether at or after the Closing and without further consideration, Seller shall execute and deliver such other instruments of conveyance and transfer and take such other action as Buyer reasonably may require to more effectively convey and transfer to Buyer any of the Assets to be sold hereunder, and will assist Buyer in the collection or reduction to possession of such Assets. Buyer will pay all sales, transfer and documentary taxes, if any, payable in connection with the sale, transfers and deliveries to be made to Buyer hereunder. All ad valorem real estate taxes and assessments levied or assessed against the Assets and utility taxes shall be prorated according to the calendar year as of the Closing based on the most recent tax bill and assessments levied for the same, and Buyer shall receive a credit against the Purchase Price for the amount of taxes owed by Seller at the time of the Closing. Buyer shall pay the costs of recording all instruments required for the Closing to occur, the fees charged by the title company, and Buyer's attorneys' fees. Seller shall pay for all attorneys' fees incurred by Seller.

On the date of the Closing, Buyer shall accept and assume ownership and title to the Assets to be conveyed hereunder and Buyer shall assume liability, and become responsible, for all obligations in connection with the Assets going forward, excepting responsibility for any liabilities and/or obligations of Seller in connection with the Assets that existed prior to the date of the Closing, which liabilities and/or obligations of Seller are listed on Exhibit E. Buyer shall be fully responsible for the operation and maintenance of the System after the Closing.

6. SELLER'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.

The Seller represents and warrants as follows:

A. Organization and Standing of Seller.

Seller is a corporation organized and existing under the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky in good standing with the Kentucky Secretary of State.

B. Liabilities.

All liabilities or obligations of Seller listed on Exhibit E hereto, whether accrued, absolute, contingent or otherwise pertaining to or arising out from the Assets are liabilities and obligations of the Seller and shall remain the obligations of Seller after the date of the Closing.

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C. Absence of Certain Changes.

After Buyer's inspection and acceptance of the Assets, there shall not be:

i. Any material change in the use of the Assets in connection with the business or operations of the System;

ii. Any damage, destruction or loss whether or not covered by insurance, materially and adversely affecting the Assets.

D. <u>Title to Properties</u>.

Within twenty (20) days prior to the Closing and with Buyer's assistance, Seller shall have obtained legal right to transfer all of the Assets. To the best of Seller's knowledge, unless Seller has disclosed any information in writing to the Buyer to the contrary, Seller owns the Assets to be sold under this Agreement, in all cases, free and clear of all liens, mortgages, pledges, leases, options, rights of first refusal, conditional sales agreements, encumbrances or other charges, except liens for taxes not yet due or payable, easements or right of ways, streets, railways, pipelines, electric transmission and distribution lines, telephone lines, drainage rights and other similar rights or restrictions of record which do not, either individually or in the aggregate have a materially adverse effect on the value or utility of the Assets to be sold hereunder.

Notwithstanding, but not in limitation of, the foregoing, Seller agrees to work with Buyer's surveyor prior to closing to establish, at Buyer's expense, the property boundaries and easement locations and to create a written plat of the distribution and collection lines showing the location of said lines with respect to lot lines, platted utility easements, if any, to the extent the same can be • shown with reference to such lot lines and platted utility easements.

Within twenty (20) days prior to the Closing and with Buyer's assistance, Seller agrees to have identified any and all interests in land (including easements or license agreements) it has obtained in connection with its operation and maintenance of the System and will provide Buyer or Buyer's representatives copies of the same or a reference to the book and page number of the records of the Oldham County Recorder's Office where such easements are recorded. The cost of such identification and any related search being the sole responsibility of the Buyer.

Buyer shall have until twenty (20) calendar days prior to the Closing to determine: 1) if Seller lacks an easement or other interest necessary for operation of the System or 2) an easement is defective in title or interest conveyed. If it appears that Seller lacks a valid easement for any

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portion of the System, or any easement identified suffers from a defect in title or interest conveyed, Buyer at its option and in its sole discretion may: 1) cancel this Agreement, 2) independently negotiate with the owner of the affected property toward acquisition of the treatment plant and collection lines easements or other easements, 3) notify Seller that Buyer will cancel the Agreement unless a necessary easement is acquired or a defect satisfactorily cured or remedied, and 4) undertake any action, which in Buyer's sole and absolute discretion, would correct an easement or remedy the situation caused by a lack of an easement or proper land interest. Buyer's failure to cancel this Agreement, however, shall not relieve Seller from any of its duties of indemnification set forth in subsequent paragraphs herein, nor shall such failure be construed as Buyer's waiver of any such provisions.

E. Authority to Operate.

The Assets, as described at Section 1 of this Agreement, constitute all of the assets presently owned by the Seller pertaining to the System. Seller works, and will continue to work until Closing, to conduct and/or operate the System in full compliance with requirements of all regulatory bodies exercising jurisdiction with regard to rates and conditions of service, and with local building and zoning codes.

F. Litigation.

There is no litigation or proceeding pending, or to the knowledge of Seller threatened, against or relating to Seller, the Assets, or the System, nor does Seller know, or have reasonable grounds to know, of any basis for any such action, or of any governmental investigation relative to Seller, the Assets, or the System, except as otherwise disclosed to Buyer on Exhibit E.

G. <u>No Violation or Breach</u>.

The performance of this Agreement by Seller, including any preconditions or surviving warranties or representations, is not in violation of any laws, statutes, local ordinances, state or federal regulations, court orders or administrative order or ruling, nor is such performance in violation of any loan documents, conditions or restrictions in effect for financing, whether secured or unsecured.

7. BUYER'S REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES.

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Buyer represents and warrants as follows:

A. Organization and Standing of Buyer.

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Buyer is a corporation, organized and existing under the constitution and laws of the State of Missouri in good standing, and has the requisite power to purchase the Assets which are to be sold pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

B. <u>Authority</u>.

The execution and delivery of this Agreement by Buyer and the purchase of the Assets as contemplated hereby have been duly authorized by Buyer, and all necessary action on the part of Buyer has been taken to authorize the execution and delivery of this Agreement and to consummate the sale contemplated hereby.

8. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT FOR BUYER TO CLOSE.

All obligations of Buyer under this Agreement are subject to the fulfillment, prior to or at the Closing, of each of the following conditions:

A. Regulatory Approval.

Both Parties shall diligently pursue the required approvals and authorizations contemplated herein. In the event the Parties are unable to obtain the required regulatory approval or authorization to complete the transactions contemplated herein, Buyer may terminate this Agreement by providing written notice to Seller at Buyer's sole and absolute discretion.

B. <u>Representations and Warranties True at Closing</u>.

Seller's representations and warranties contained in this Agreement shall be true at the time of the Closing as though such representations and warranties were made at such time.

C. Performance.

Seller shall have performed and complied with all agreements and conditions required by this Agreement to be performed or complied with by Seller prior to or at the Closing, including the payment of all taxes and assessments, or portions thereof, attributable to periods prior to or ending on the day of the Closing, to include PSC assessments.

D. Feasibility.

Completion of Buyer's examination, testing and inspection of the Assets, the securing of any and all licenses, permits or governmental approvals Buyer deems necessary for Buyer's proposed uses of the Assets, and any other due diligence determined by the Buyer as necessary in order to determine the feasibility of this acquisition, the results of any of the foregoing to be satisfactory to Buyer, in its sole and absolute discretion. For purposes of this Agreement, the period

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from the date this Agreement is fully executed by both parties to the date that is twenty (20) days prior to the Closing, shall be referred to herein as the "Inspection Period." During the Inspection Period, Buyer, its employees, agents and contractors, shall have the right to enter onto any property owned by Seller that is related to the operation of the System, as it deems necessary or desirable, on reasonable prior notice to Seller to perform and complete architectural, environmental, engineering and/or other surveys, studies, inspections and tests on the Assets; to review zoning laws and applicable building codes; to obtain all necessary city, county, and state zoning approval, site plan or subdivision approvals, licenses and permits to authorize the uses of the Assets as intended by Buyer.

E. No Casualty.

The Assets shall not have been adversely affected in any material way as a result of any strike, lockout, accident or other casualty or act of God or the public enemy, or any judicial, administrative or governmental proceeding.

F. '<u>Buyer's Right to Terminate</u>. If Buyer determines,' in its sole and absolute discretion, that any of the aforementioned conditions have not been met, Buyer shall have the right to terminate this Agreement at any time prior to the Closing upon written notice to Seller.

9. CONDITIONS PRECEDENT FOR SELLER TO CLOSE

All obligations of Seller under this Agreement are subject to the fulfillment, prior to or at the Closing, of each of the following conditions:

A. <u>Representations and Warranties True at Closing</u>.

Buyer's representations and warranties contained in this Agreement shall be true at the time of the Closing as though such representations and warranties were made at such time.

B. <u>Performance</u>.

Buyer shall have performed and complied with all agreements and conditions required by this Agreement to be performed or complied with by Buyer prior to or at the Closing.

10. **INDEMNIFICATION**.

Seller shall, and hereby does agree to indemnify and hold harmless Buyer, at any time after the Closing against and in respect of:

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A. All liabilities or obligations of Seller, whether accrued, absolute, contingent or otherwise, and including all liabilities or obligations arising out of the transactions entered into, or

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any state of facts existing, prior to the date of the Closing, including, without limitation, such liabilities or obligations as are described in paragraph B of Section 6 hereof. All such liabilities and/or obligations of Seller for which Seller shall have an indemnification liability and/or obligation shall be listed on Exhibit E;

B. Any claim, damage or deficiency resulting from any misrepresentation, untrue warranty, breach of warranty, or nonfulfillment of any agreement on the part of Seller under this Agreement or from any misrepresentation in or omission from any certificate or other instrument furnished or to be furnished to Buyer under this Agreement and of which Seller had knowledge prior to Closing;

C. Any claim, liability, damage or obligation arising out of or attributable to, directly or indirectly, the storage or disposal of hazardous waste or materials prior to the date of the Closing and of which Seller had knowledge prior to Closing;

D. All actions, suits, proceedings, demands, assessments, judgments, costs (including attorney's fees) and expenses incident to any of the foregoing.

Seller shall reimburse Buyer, on demand, for any payment involuntarily made, required by law to be made, or with the consent of Seller made by Buyer at any time after the date of the Closing in respect of any liability, obligation or claim to which the indemnity and hold harmless by Seller contained in this section relates.

11. FEES AND COMMISSIONS.

• Each Party represents that it has not retained any broker or finder and is not paying, and is not obligated to pay, any finder's fee, commission or other transactional fee in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Each Party shall pay its own fees for attorneys, accountants, appraisers or others engaged by it in the course of negotiating or executing this Agreement and in closing and completing the transactions hereunder provided. Fees for professional advisors retained jointly by the Parties for their mutual benefit shall be equally divided.

12. HAZARD INSURANCE & CASUALTY LOSS.

Seller shall maintain current hazard insurance in force on the Assets until the Closing. The risk of loss to the Assets shall pass to Buyer upon delivery of possession of the Assets to Buyer. If an event of casualty occurs to the Assets prior to the Closing, the Buyer may elect to either move to the Closing and accept any insurance proceeds as full satisfaction for the damage to the Assets or the Buyer may terminate

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this Agreement. Buyer shall notify Seller as to which option it elects within five (5) days prior to the Closing.

13. **BENEFIT**.

All of the terms of this Agreement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the respective legal representatives of Seller, its successors and assigns, and the successors and assigns of Buyer.

14. GOVERNING LAW.

This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Kentucky.

<u>COUNTERPARTS</u>.

This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement shall not be binding until executed by all Parties.

16. NO THIRD PARTY BENEFICIARIES.

This Agreement shall not confer any rights or remedies upon any Person other than the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

17. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

This Agreement (including the documents referred to herein) constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties and supersedes any prior understandings, agreements or representations by or among the Parties, written or oral, to the extent they have related in any way to the subject matter hereof.

18. SUCCESSION AND ASSIGNMENT.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties named herein and their respective successors and permitted assigns. Buyer shall be permitted to assign its rights in this Agreement to an affiliated entity that the Buyer controls without need of consent by the Seller by providing written notice to the Seller of such assignment. Other than the foregoing permitted assignment, no Party may assign either this Agreement or any of its rights, interests or obligations hereunder without the prior written approval of Buyer and Seller, said approval not to be unreasonably withheld.

19. HEADINGS.

The section headings contained in this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.

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20. <u>NOTICES</u>.

All notices, demands, consents, requests or other communications required to or permitted to be given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing, shall be given only in accordance with the provisions of this Section 20, shall be addressed to the parties in the manner set forth below, and shall be conclusively deemed to have been properly delivered: (a) upon receipt when hand delivered during normal business hours (provided that, notices which are hand delivered shall not be effective unless the sending party obtains a signature of a person at such address that the notice has been received); (b) upon receipt when sent by facsimile if sent between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (the recipient's time) on a business day to the number set forth below with written confirmation of a successful transmission by the sender's facsimile machine; (c) when sent by electronic mail if (1) identified in the subject line as a notice under this Agreement, (2) sent between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on a business day to the email address set forth below, and (3) acknowledged as received by the recipient, by reply or separate email, (d) upon the day of delivery if the notice has been deposited in an authorized receptacle of the United States Postal Service as first-class; registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, with a return receipt requested (provided that, the sender has in its possession the return receipt to prove actual delivery); or (e) one (1) business day after the notice has been deposited with FedEx, United Parcel Service or other reliable overnight courier to be delivered by overnight delivery (provided that, the sending party receives a confirmation of actual delivery from the courier). The addresses of the parties to receive notices are as follows:

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If to Buyer:

Josiah Cox, President Central States Water Resources, Inc. 500 Northwest Plaza Drive #500 St. Ann, MO 63074 Facsimile: (314) 238-7201 Email: jcox@cswrgroup.com

With a Copy to:

James A. Beckemeier The Beckemeier Law Firm, LC 13421 Manchester Road, Suite 103 St. Louis, MO 63131 Facsimile: (314) 965-0127 Email: jim@beckemeierlaw.com

If to Seller:

Harold Helm River Bluffs, Inc. 94 Monte Cresta Ave Pleasant Hill, CA 94523 Phone: (925) 300-3634 Mobile: (502) 419-3514 Email: slomosey@iglou.com

With a Copy to:

Betsy Helm 5501 West Highway 524 Westport, KY 40077 Phone: (502) 222-9096 Mobile: (502) 221-0555 Email: Betsyhelm@msm.com

Wade Helm 6511 Bass Avenue Prospect, KY 40059 Phone: (502) 744-9491

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Any Party may change the address to which notices, requests, demands, claims and other communications hereunder are to be delivered by giving the other Party notice in the manner herein set forth.

21. AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS.

No amendment of any provision of this Agreement shall be valid unless the same shall be in writing and signed by Buyer and Seller. No waiver by any party of any default, misrepresentation or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder, whether intentional or not, shall be deemed to extend to any prior or subsequent default, misrepresentation or breach of warranty or covenant hereunder or affect in any way any rights arising by virtue of any prior or subsequent such occurrence.

22. <u>SEVERABILITY</u>.

Any term or provision of this Agreement that is invalid or unenforceable in any situation in any jurisdiction shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining terms and provisions hereof or the validity or enforceability of the offending term or provision in any other situation or in any other jurisdiction.

<u>EXPENSES</u>.

Buyer and Seller shall each bear its own costs and expenses (including legal and accounting fees and expenses) incurred in connection with the preparation of this Agreement and activities necessary for the Closing.

24. <u>CONSTRUCTION</u>.

The Parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any Party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement. Any reference to any federal, state, local or foreign statute or law shall be deemed also to refer to all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, unless the context requires otherwise. The word "including" shall mean including without limitation.

25. INCORPORATION OF EXHIBITS.

The Exhibits identified in this Agreement are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.

<u>DEFAULT; ATTORNEY'S FEES</u>.

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If either Party shall default in their performance under this Agreement, which default results in the expenditure of attorneys' fees to enforce the terms of this Agreement or to recover damages for breach of this contract, then the prevailing party shall be entitled to receive their reasonable and actually incurred attorneys' fees and costs in addition to any other damages that the Party is entitled to recover at law or in equity.

27. <u>AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE</u>. Each person whose signature appears hereon represents, warrants and guarantees that he or she has been duly authorized and has full authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the party on whose behalf this Agreement is executed.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

SELLER:

RIVER BLUFFS, INC.

By: <u>Betsy Citelm</u> Name: <u>Betsy CHelm</u> Title: <u>President</u>

BUYER: CENTRAL STATES WATER RESOURCES, INC. By: Josiah Cox, President

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have duly executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

SELLER:

RIVER BLUFFS, INC.

By: 19 Helen II Name: HAROld H. HEING IL

Title: CHAIRMAN & BOARD & MAJORITY STOCK Holder 6-10.19

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BUYER:

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CENTRAL SPANIES WATER RESOURCES, INC.

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EXHIBIT "A" to Agreement to Sale of Utility System between Central States Water <u>Resources, Inc. and River Bluffs, Inc.</u>

Service Area Description

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EXHIBIT "B" to Agreement to Sale of Utility System between Central States Water Resources, Inc. and River Bluffs, Inc.

Description of Land, Improvements thereon, Easements, Rights of Way, Permits and Leases (The legal description(s) of the Land, Improvements thereon, Easements, Rights of Way shall be determined by survey and title commitments, which shall be inserted prior to the Closing).

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EXHIBIT "C" to Agreement to Sale of Utility System between Central States Water Resources, Inc. and River Bluffs, Inc.

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Personal Property and Equipment (meters, tools, devices, mobile work equipment, furniture, fixtures, machinery, supplies, and other tangible items)

Description	Balance of Associated Debt & Lender Information
Mower	
Shed	
Trailer	
Four (4) cell phones (502-419-3614; 502-608- 5622)	
Printers	
4 computers and associated monitors	

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EXHIBIT "D" to Agreement to Sale of Utility System between Central States Water Resources, Inc. and River Bluffs, Inc.

Rights Via Agreements, Contracts, Misc.

(franchise agreements, franchise rights, warranties, contracts, supply contracts, agreements, bonds and/or other financial assurances and customer deposits)

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<u>EXHIBIT "E" to Agreement to Sale of Utility System between Central States Water</u> <u>Resources, Inc. and River Bluffs, Inc.</u>

Liabilities and/or obligations of Seller for which Seller shall have an indemnification liability and/or obligation

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NONE

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