

**Tax Abatement Agreement between
Rains County, Texas and BT Majewski Storage, LLC**

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This Tax Abatement Agreement (the “**Agreement**”) is made and entered into by and between Rains County, Texas (the “**County**”), acting through its duly elected officers, and BT Majewski Storage, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, owner of Eligible Property (as hereinafter defined) to be located on real property located in the Reinvestment Zone(s) described in this Agreement. This Agreement shall become effective upon final signature by both parties (which date shall be the “**Effective Date**”) and shall remain in effect until fulfillment of the obligations described in Paragraph IV(D), unless terminated earlier as provided herein.

I. Authorization

This Agreement is authorized and governed by Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, as amended, and by the Guidelines and Criteria (as defined below).

II. Definitions

As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meaning set forth below:

- A. “Abatement” means the full or partial exemption from the County’s Maintenance and Operations (“M&O”) ad valorem taxes on property in a Reinvestment Zone(s) as provided herein.
- B. “Abatement Period” means the ten-year period described in Paragraph IV(B)(1) of this Agreement during which the Abatement will apply.
- C. “Base Year” means the Calendar Year in which the Effective Date occurs.
- D. “Calendar Year” means each year beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31.
- E. “Certificate” means a letter, provided by the Owner (as defined below) to the County that certifies that the Project and Improvements have achieved Commercial Operations, outlines the Project and Improvements (including those that are still under construction), and states the overall Nameplate Capacity of all components of the Project and Improvements.
- F. “Certified Appraised Value,” means the appraised value, for property tax purposes, of Owner’s Eligible Property (including the Project and Improvements) within the Reinvestment Zone(s) as certified by the Rains County Appraisal District (“County Appraisal District”) for each tax year.

- G. “COD” means the date that the Project and Improvements commence Commercial Operations.
- H. “Commercial Operations” means that the Project and Improvements have become commercially operational and placed into service for the purpose of storing and dispatching electricity for sale on one or more commercial markets.
- I. “County Property Tax” means any and all current or future property tax rates and property taxes imposed by the County and is limited to the County’s Maintenance and Operations (“M&O”) ad valorem taxes.
- J. “Default Notice” means a written notice delivered by one party to the other under Paragraph IX(A) of this Agreement. Default Notices must be delivered in accordance with the requirements of Paragraph XII of this Agreement.
- K. “Eligible Property” means property eligible for Abatement under the Guidelines and Criteria, including: new, expanded, or modernized buildings and structures; fixed machinery and equipment; power storage, and transmission facilities; site improvements; office space; other related fixed improvements; other tangible items necessary to the operation and administration of a project or facility; and all other real and tangible personal property permitted to receive tax abatement by Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code and the Guidelines and Criteria, with the exception of energy generation equipment. Taxes on Eligible Property may be abated only to the extent the property’s value for a given year exceeds its value for the Base Year. Tangible personal property located in the Reinvestment Zone(s) at any time before the date the Agreement is signed is not eligible for Abatement. Tangible personal property eligible for Abatement shall not include inventory or supplies.
- L. “Force Majeure” includes events not reasonably within the control of the party whose performance is sought to be excused thereby, including the following causes and events: acts of God and the public enemy, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, inability to obtain material or equipment or labor due to an event that meets the definition of a Force Majeure, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, epidemics, pandemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, high water washouts, inclement weather, arrests and restraint of rulers and people, interruptions by government or court orders, present or future orders of any regulatory body, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accident to machinery or lines, freezing of lines any laws, rules, orders, acts or restraint of government or governmental body or court, or the partial or entire failure of fuel supply or any other event that is beyond the reasonable control of the party claiming Force Majeure.
- M. “Guidelines and Criteria” means the *Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements in Reinvestment Zone(s)*, originally adopted by the Rains County Commissioners Court on August 24, 2023 (the “Guidelines and Criteria”), a copy of which is attached hereto as Attachment B to this Agreement.
- N. “Lender” means any entity or person providing, directly or indirectly, with respect to the Project and Improvements any (a) senior or subordinated construction,

interim or long-term debt financing or refinancing, whether that financing or refinancing takes the form of private debt, public debt, or any other form of debt (including debt financing or refinancing), (b) a leasing transaction, including a sale leaseback, inverted lease, or leveraged leasing structure, (c) tax equity financing, (d) any interest rate protection agreements to hedge any of the foregoing obligations, and/or (e) any energy hedge provider. There may be more than one Lender. Owner, at its election, may send written notice to the County with the name and notice information for any Lender.

- O. “Local Outreach Plan” means the plan attached to this Agreement as Attachment D.
- P. “Nameplate Capacity of Two-Hour Storage” means the total or overall two-hour storage capacity of the energy storage system included in the Project and Improvements on the Site (as designated in AC units per hour), which is calculated by multiplying the total megawatt hours of installed storage capacity by Two.
- Q. “Rated Power Capacity” is the maximum instantaneous power discharge capability (in megawatts [MW] AC) that the Project and Improvements can achieve, starting from a fully charged state, as reported to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, and published in its “Stand-Alone Battery Storage Projects GIS Report.”
- R. “Notice of Abatement Commencement” has the meaning assigned in Paragraph IV(B)(6) of this Agreement.
- S. “Notices” means all notices, demands, or other communications of any type in accordance with Paragraph XII, including Default Notices.
- T. “Owner,” on the Effective Date, means BT Majewski Storage, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, the entity that owns the Eligible Property for which the Abatement is being granted, and also includes any assignee or successor-in-interest of such party. An “Affiliate” of an Owner means any entity that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is controlled by or is under common control with such Owner. For purposes of this definition, “control” of an entity means (i) the ownership, directly or indirectly, of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting rights in a company or other legal entity or (ii) the right to direct the management or operation of such entity whether by ownership (directly or indirectly) of securities, by contract or otherwise.
- U. “Payment In Lieu of Taxes” or “PILOT” means a payment made by Owner to the County described in Paragraph IV(F) of this Agreement.
- V. “Project and Improvements” means Eligible Property meeting the definition for improvements provided by Chapter 1 of the Texas Tax Code and includes, but is not limited to, batteries, substation equipment, electrical collection systems, inverters, ventilation, fire suppression, container housing, and any building, structure, or fixture erected on or affixed to the land. Energy generation is not a component of the Project and Improvements. Attachment G attached to this

Agreement includes a list of equipment that is expected to be included in the Project and Improvements.

- W. “Reinvestment Zone(s)” means 1) the reinvestment zone(s), as that term is defined in Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code, created by Rains County and known as the “Rains County BT Majewski Storage Project Reinvestment Zone Number 1” by that certain Resolution Adopting and Designating a Reinvestment Zone in the Jurisdiction of Rains County, Texas, adopted and approved by the Rains County Commissioners’ Court on XXXX XX, 2024, a copy of which resolution is attached as Attachment A to this Agreement.
- X. “Site” means the portion of the Reinvestment Zone(s) leased or owned by Owner and on which Owner makes the Project and Improvements and installs and constructs the Eligible Property for which the Abatement is granted hereunder. The Site is described on Attachment C to this Agreement.
- Y. “Term” means the period commencing on the Effective Date of this Agreement and ending on December 31 of the fifteenth Calendar Year after the commencement of the Abatement Period.

III. Project and Improvements in Reinvestment Zone(s)

Owner anticipates constructing the following Project and Improvements on the Site:

- A. Lithium-ion batteries organized in modules to construct a Two- or Four-Hour Energy Storage Facility (the “Project and Improvements”) within the designated Reinvestment Zone(s) with a Rate Power Capacity of 175 megawatts. The total estimated Nameplate Capacity of Two-Hour Storage is 350-700 megawatt hours AC, but shall at a minimum equal 315-630 megawatt hours, AC.
- B. The Project and Improvements will also include any other property in the Reinvestment Zone(s) owned or leased by Owner meeting the definition of “Eligible Property” that is used to store and dispatch electricity and perform other functions related to the storage, distribution, and transmission of electrical power, or that is otherwise related to the storage and sale of electricity, including specifically the equipment listed in Attachment G to this Agreement. Parties acknowledge that energy generation is not a component of the proposed project, and that any valuation attributable to energy generation shall be subject to the County’s full tax levy or a separate abatement agreement.
- C. Owner anticipates that the Project and Improvements will achieve Commercial Operations on or about June 30, 2028 . In the event that the Project and Improvements do not achieve Commercial Operations before July 1, 2028, the County’s sole remedy shall be to cancel this Agreement.
- D. The Certified Appraised Value will depend upon annual appraisals by the Rains County Appraisal District.

IV. Term and Portion of Tax Abatement; Taxability of Property

- A. The County and Owner specifically agree and acknowledge that Owner's property in the Reinvestment Zone(s) shall be taxable in the following ways before, during, and after the Term of this Agreement:
1. Property not eligible for Abatement, if any, shall be fully taxable at all times;
 2. The Certified Appraised Value of property existing in the Reinvestment Zones prior to execution of this Agreement shall be fully taxable at all times;
 3. Prior to commencement of the Abatement Period, the Certified Appraised Value of real and personal property owned by Owner located in the Reinvestment Zones shall be fully taxable at all times;
 4. During the Abatement Period, 100% of Rains County's County Property Taxes on the Certified Appraised Value of the Eligible Property shall be abated for the periods and in the amounts as provided for by Paragraph IV(B) below; and
 5. After expiration of the Abatement Period, 100% of the Certified Appraised Value of real and personal property owned by Owner located in the Reinvestment Zones shall be fully taxable at all times, including during the remainder of the Term.
- B. The County and Owner specifically agree and acknowledge that this Agreement shall provide for tax abatement, under the conditions set forth herein, of the County Property Tax assessed on the Eligible Property in the Reinvestment Zone(s) as follows:
1. Beginning on the earlier of (a) January 1 of the first Calendar Year after the COD or (b) January 1 of the Calendar Year identified in a Notice of Abatement Commencement (as defined below) delivered by Owner (with such Calendar Year being "Year 1" of the Abatement Period) and ending upon the conclusion of ten full Calendar Years thereafter (which 10-year period shall constitute the Abatement Period), the Abatement percentage shall be 100% of County Property Taxes;
 2. The foregoing percentage of property taxes on the Certified Appraised Value of all eligible Project and Improvements described in the Certificate (and actually in place in the Reinvestment Zones) shall be abated for the entire Abatement Period, and shall be replaced by a ten-year series of Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT), as further defined herein;
 3. The Base Year value for the proposed Project and Improvements is agreed to be zero.

4. Owner shall provide County with a copy of the publicly available Amended Standard Generation Interconnection Agreement (SGIA) submitted to ERCOT within thirty (30) days after the COD.
 5. Owner shall provide a Certificate evidencing the commencement date of commercial operations to the County and to the County Appraisal District within sixty (60) days after the COD. The Certificate shall describe any ancillary facilities not required for Commercial Operations that are still under construction on the date that the Certificate is delivered, and if the Certificate indicates any such facilities exist, Owner will deliver an amended Certificate to the County within thirty (30) days after all Project and Improvement construction is complete. If they meet the definition of "Eligible Property," such ancillary facilities, once completed, shall become part of the Project and Improvements eligible for the Abatement under this Agreement.
 6. If Owner, at its sole election, desires that the Abatement Period begin prior to January 1 of the first Calendar Year after the COD, then Owner may deliver a notice to the County and County Appraisal District stating such desire (such notice being referred to herein as a "Notice of Abatement Commencement"). If delivered by Owner, the Notice of Abatement Commencement shall contain the following statement: "Owner elects for the Abatement Period to begin on January 1, ____"; the year stated in the Notice of Abatement Commencement shall be the first year of the Abatement Period, and the Abatement Period shall extend for 10 years beyond such date. Owner shall only be permitted to deliver a Notice of Abatement Commencement if it anticipates achieving COD during the next Calendar Year. Owner shall still be required to deliver the Certificate on or before the date required in the preceding paragraph.
 7. Notwithstanding any statement or implication in this Agreement to the contrary, the parties agree that the Abatement granted in this Agreement shall in no event extend beyond 10 years.
- C. All or a portion of the Project and Improvements may be eligible for complete or partial exemption from ad valorem taxes as a result of existing law or future legislation. This Agreement is not to be construed as evidence that no such exemptions shall apply to the Project and Improvements.
- D. Owner agrees that the Project and Improvements, once constructed, will remain in place for at least the remainder of the Term; provided that nothing herein prevents Owner from replacing equipment or fixtures comprising the Project and Improvements prior to that date. IN THE EVENT OF A BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH IV(D), THE SOLE REMEDY OF THE COUNTY, AND OWNER'S SOLE LIABILITY, WILL BE FOR OWNER TO PAY TO THE COUNTY THE FULL AMOUNT OF ACTUAL TAXES ABATED AT ANY TIME UNDER THIS AGREEMENT ON THE REMOVED PROJECT AND IMPROVEMENTS, LESS ANY PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES MADE TO

THE COUNTY FOR THE REMOVED PROJECT AND IMPROVEMENTS. IN THE EVENT OF A BREACH OF THIS PARAGRAPH IV(D), ANY TAXES DUE BY OWNER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL STATUTORY RIGHTS FOR THE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS TAX CODE.

- E. During the Abatement Period, County shall request that the County Appraisal District annually determine both (i) the Certified Appraised Value of Owner's Eligible Property in the Reinvestment Zone(s) and (ii) the taxable value (taking into account the terms of the Abatement in this Agreement) of Owner's Eligible Property in the Reinvestment Zone(s). The County Appraisal District shall record both the Certified Appraised Value and the abated taxable value of the Eligible Property in the County appraisal records. The Certified Appraised Value listed in the County appraisal records shall be the standard used for calculating the amount of taxes to be recaptured by the County in the event that the County is entitled to recapture abated taxes under this Agreement. Notwithstanding any of the foregoing, Owner at all times shall have the right to appeal, challenge, or protest appraisals of the Site, Improvements, and Eligible Property, including any portion thereof. Owner acknowledges that the outcome of any appeal, challenge, or protest appraisals on the Project and Improvements will have no effect on the annual PILOT payments as identified in Paragraph IV(F) of this agreement.
- F. If the Project and Improvements are constructed and COD is achieved on or before the dates identified in Section III(C), Owner agrees to make an annual PILOT to the County for the corresponding COD year in the amounts set forth in the table below for each year of the Abatement Period. Each PILOT described in this Paragraph IV(F) shall be due on January 31 of the Calendar Year following the Calendar Year for which the Abatement applies. By way of illustration, if Year 1 of the Abatement Period is 2027, then the PILOT owed for 2027 shall be due and payable on January 31, 2028. There shall be a total of ten (10) PILOTs under this Agreement.

YEAR OF ABATEMENT PERIOD	PILOT AMOUNT (PER MWH OF NAMEPLATE CAPACITY AT TWO-HOUR STORAGE)
1	\$774
2	\$774
3	\$774
4	\$774
5	\$774
6	\$774
7	\$774
8	\$774
9	\$774
10	\$774

- G. Annual PILOT remittances shall be made payable to Rains County, shall note the Project's name and corresponding PILOT year, and be mailed as follows:

County Judge
Rains County Courthouse
Attn. County Judge – PILOT Remittance
220 W Quitman Street
Emory, Texas 75440
Phone: 903-473-5000

- H. Within 30 days after the County's approval and execution of this Agreement at a regular called meeting of the Commissioners Court, Owner shall remit to County a fee of \$30,000.00 which shall be used to offset soft costs incurred by the County in the development of this Agreement.

V. Decommissioning

The County and Owner agree that the intent and purpose of Section V is to return and restore the Site substantially to its previous state as is reasonably possible given the nature of the use of the Site by the Project. Owner agrees to remove the Project and Improvements from the Site substantially consistent with the restoration and removal requirements imposed by Utilities Code Chapter 302 for improvements incorporated into a solar energy facility. Further, Owner agrees to restore the Site in substantially the same manner as required in Utilities Code Chapter 302. The text of Texas Utilities Code Chapter 303 is provided in Attachment F to this Agreement.

VI. Covenants

During the Term of this Agreement, Owner shall:

- A. Separately identify labor and materials in any contracts for construction of the Project and Improvements in the taxable amount of \$250,000 or more for the purposes of determining sales and use tax pursuant to Section 151.056(b) of the Texas Tax Code resulting in the value of the materials being separately identified from other costs and state that the situs of any sales and use tax paid and related thereto will be to Rains County, Texas.
- B. Make a good faith effort to require all contractors and vendors of materials to be used in the construction of the Project and Improvements to make Rains County, Texas the situs of sales and use taxes; provided, however, Owner's commitments related to the selection of contractors and vendors is governed solely by the Local Outreach Plan.
- C. Deliver to County:
1. Forty-five (45) days prior to the commencement of construction of the project and improvements;
 - i. A screening plan for equipment located within five hundred feet of a business or residence.

- ii. Engineering drawings illustrating pre- and post-development topographic information.
 - iii. Internal site-road layouts and relevant site road construction drawings that document Owner's plans to construct all-weather access to accommodate the provision of emergency services, including fire protection.
 - iv. Project's Geotechnical Report.
 - v. Project's Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment.
 - vi. Project's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan.
 - vii. List of vegetation control methods to include chemicals planned for application, if applicable.
2. Thirty (30) days prior to the delivery of any battery storage equipment:
- i. Manufacturer information on batteries to be installed to include battery chemistry and list of materials used in the battery modules to include Material Safety Data Sheets ("MSDS") or warnings that are relevant to the handling, installation, or maintenance of the equipment.
 - ii. Documentation illustrating Owner's plan to promote the recycling of battery storage equipment and fluids.
 - iii. In the event water is to be utilized as the primary fire suppression method, provide minimum water requirements along with a letter from the water supplier stating that sufficient water capacity is available for fire suppression purposes.
 - iv. In the event water is to be utilized as the primary fire suppression method, provide the chemical composition of wastewater that hazardous material first responders will be required to remove.
 - v. Drawings of the battery storage containers to be used in the Project and Improvements showing multiple containment barriers.
 - vi. Emergency response plan that addresses on-site response for upset conditions, to include thermal runaways.
 - vii. Acknowledgement that battery storage equipment meets or exceeds all current TCEQ and EPA requirements.
 - viii. List of hazardous chemicals or fumes emitted during an upset condition and modeled exposure limits for a one-hundred-foot radius around the battery containers in the event of venting.

3. Owner shall, on or before May 1 of each Calendar Year after COD certify annually to the County its compliance with this Agreement by providing a written statement of compliance to the County Judge.

VII. Representations

The County and Owner make the following respective representations:

- A. Owner represents and agrees that (i) Owner, its successors and/or assigns, will have a taxable interest with respect to Project and Improvements to be placed on the Site; (ii) construction of the proposed Project and Improvements will be performed by Owner, its successors and/or assigns and/or their contractors or subcontractors; (iii) Owner's and its successors' and assigns' use of the Site will be limited to the use described in this Agreement (and ancillary uses) during the Abatement Period; (iv) all representations made in this Agreement are true and correct in all material respects to the best of Owner's knowledge; (v) Owner will make any filings with the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts and other governmental entities concerning this Agreement that may be required now or in the future; (vi) Owner agrees to conduct any environmental studies for the Project and Improvements in accordance with state and federal law and meet or exceed the permit requirements identified by the environmental study; (vii) Owner agrees to observe all state and federal law restricting the diversion and impoundment of the natural flow of surface water across the Project and Improvements; (viii) Owner shall follow all laws related to minimizing the risk of environmental toxicity emitted by the Project and Improvements; and (ix) Owner agrees that in the event of any assignment of this Agreement, said assignment shall include a commitment by the successor and/or assignee to and be bound the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- B. The County represents that (i) the County has formally elected to be eligible to grant property tax abatements under Chapter 312 of the Tax Code; (ii) the Reinvestment Zone(s) has been designated and this Agreement has been approved in accordance with Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code and the Guidelines and Criteria as both exist on the effective date of this Agreement; (iii) no interest in the Project and Improvements is held, leased, or subleased by a member of the County Commissioners Court, (iv) that the property within the Reinvestment Zone(s) and the Site is located within the legal boundaries of the County and outside the boundaries of all municipalities located in the County, and (v) the County has made and will continue to make all required filings with the Office of the Comptroller of Public Accounts and other governmental entities concerning the Reinvestment Zone(s) and this Agreement.

VIII. Maintenance of County Infrastructure, Access to and Inspection of Property by County Employees, and Periodic Statement of Compliance

- A. Owner shall, by contract, cause its prime contractor and major equipment suppliers to restrict their travel to and from the Project and Improvements site to the County roads depicted on Attachment E (the "County Roads"). The County acknowledges and approves that (i) the Owner will need to cross the County Roads with heavy

construction equipment during the construction, operation, maintenance, and de-commissioning of the Project (and that such use may require tree trimming within the rights-of-way) and (ii) Owner may need to place certain electrical cables for the Project and Improvements across or within the shoulder of certain County Roads for the collection, distribution, and transmission of electricity to and from various parts of the Project and Improvements, in which case Owner and County agree to negotiate in good faith a crossing and / or access agreement for such cables. Owner shall use commercially reasonable efforts to require its prime contractor to restrict all subcontractor travel to and from the Project and Improvements to the County Roads. Owner will be wholly responsible for damage (normal wear and tear excluded) to the County Roads and rights-of-way (including bridges, culverts, ditches, etc.), if damage is caused directly thereto as a result of the construction of the Project and Improvements, or directly as a result of operations and maintenance activity conducted on the Project and Improvements (normal wear and tear excluded), including:

1. Actual costs incurred by the County to maintain County Roads and rights-of-way, if needed, utilized for construction of the Project and Improvements in an effort to keep the road safe for the traveling public will be tracked by Rains County and damage caused by Owner shall be reasonably documented by Rains County, discussed with Owner, and invoiced to Owner, who shall remit payment within thirty days of receipt of billing.
 2. Charges to Owner shall be based on a methodology designed to evaluate the isolated impact of the Owner's use of the County roads and rights-of-way and will be limited to actual repair costs incurred by the County and reasonably documented and invoiced to Owner. These costs will include all construction costs as well as all related professional services for the repair work, not to exceed 110% of a cost estimate delivered to Owner by a qualified third-party road construction contractor. Owner shall remit payment within thirty days of receipt of billing.
 3. Costs associated with the issuance of a County driveway permit, which shall be required in the event the Project and Improvements are accessed directly by a County Road, shall be paid by Owner within thirty days of receipt of billing. Owner agrees to promptly submit a completed County driveway permit application to the precinct Commissioner.
 4. Subject to County approval, Owner may conduct dust control and grading activities on County Roads utilized for the Project and Improvements.
 5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the County hereby preserves all rights and remedies provided under Chapter 251 of the Texas Transportation Code.
- B. Owner shall allow the County's employees and consultants access to the Site for the purpose of inspecting the Project and Improvements erected to ensure that the same are conforming to the minimum specifications of this Agreement and to ensure that all terms and conditions of this Agreement are being met. All such

inspections shall be made only after giving Owner fourteen (14) days' notice and shall be conducted in such a manner as to avoid any unreasonable interference with the construction and/or operation of the Project and Improvements. All such inspections shall be made with one (1) or more representatives of Owner in accordance with all applicable safety standards.

IX. Default, Remedies and Limitation of Liability

- A. No party may terminate this Agreement unless (i) such party provides a written Default Notice to the other party specifying a material default in the performance of a material covenant or obligation under this Agreement and (ii) such failure is not (x) excused by the occurrence an event of Force Majeure or (y) cured by the other party within sixty (60) days after the delivery of the Default Notice, or if such failure cannot be cured within such sixty (60)-day period, the other party shall have such additional time, up to 365 days, to cure such default as is reasonably necessary as long as such party has commenced remedial action to cure such failure and continues to diligently and timely pursue the completion of such remedial action before the expiration of the maximum 365-day cure period. Notwithstanding the preceding portions of this paragraph, if any default arises from a violation of law resulting from a change in law or a change in the interpretation or enforcement of law by a governmental entity, then such default shall not give rise to the termination of this Agreement so long as the defaulting party acts in accordance with a commercially reasonable plan of action to minimize the effect of such default prepared by the defaulting party and delivered to the other party. If Owner believes that any alleged termination is improper, Owner may file suit in the proper court challenging such termination. OWNER'S SOLE REMEDY WILL BE REINSTATEMENT OF THIS AGREEMENT AND SPECIFIC PERFORMANCE BY THE COUNTY. In the event of default which remains uncured after all applicable notice and cure periods, the County may pursue the remedies provided for in Paragraph IX(D) and (E) below or the preceding Paragraph IV(D), as applicable.
- B. The County shall not declare a default, and no default will be deemed to have occurred, when the circumstances giving rise to such declaration are the result of Force Majeure. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, in the event a party is rendered unable, wholly or in part, by Force Majeure to carry out its obligations under this Agreement (other than any obligation to make payment of any amount when due and payable hereunder), the obligation of such party, so far as it is affected by such Force Majeure, shall be suspended during the continuance of any condition or event of Force Majeure, but for no longer period, and such condition or event shall so far as possible be remedied with all reasonable dispatch. The party prevented or hindered from performing shall give prompt (but in no event later than twenty business days after the occurrence of such event) notice and reasonably full particulars of such event to the other party and shall take all reasonable actions within its power to remove the basis for nonperformance (including securing alternative supply sources) and after doing so shall resume performance as soon as possible. The settlement of strikes or lockouts or resolution of differences with workers shall be entirely within the discretion of the affected

party, and that the above requirement that any Force Majeure shall be remedied with all reasonable dispatch shall not require the settlement of strikes, lockouts or differences by acceding to the demands of the opposing party in such strike, lockout or difference when such course is inadvisable in the reasonably exercised discretion of the affected party.

- C. The County shall notify Owner and any Lender (but only if the County has been provided with the name and notice information of the Lender) of any default by delivery of a Default Notice in the manner prescribed herein. The Default Notice shall specify the basis for the declaration of default, and Owner shall have the periods of time specified in Paragraph IX(A) above to cure any default. If Owner provides notice to the County of the existence of a Lender under Paragraph XI(E) and includes the Lender's contact information, then the County shall be required to deliver a copy of any Default Notice to the Lender at the same time that it delivers the Default Notice to Owner. Such Lender shall have the right to cure any Owner default on Owner's behalf and shall be entitled to the same cure periods provided for Owner under this Agreement.
- D. As required by section 312.205 of the Texas Tax Code, if an Owner default remains uncured after all applicable notice and cure periods, the County shall be entitled to cancel the Agreement and recover the property tax revenue abated under this Agreement through the cancellation date, less any and all PILOTs made by Owner to County under this Agreement. Owner agrees to pay such amounts within sixty (60) days after the cancellation of this Agreement.
- E. **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY: CANCELLATION OF THE AGREEMENT (RESULTING IN A FORFEITURE OF ANY RIGHT TO ABATEMENT HEREUNDER BEYOND THE CANCELLATION DATE) AND RECAPTURE OF PROPERTY TAXES ABATED ONLY AS PROVIDED FOR AND ONLY UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES DEFINED IN PARAGRAPH IX(D) OF THIS AGREEMENT OR PARAGRAPH IV(D) OF THIS AGREEMENT (BUT LESS ANY AND ALL PILOTS MADE BY OWNER PRIOR TO CANCELLATION), ALONG WITH ANY REASONABLY INCURRED COURT COSTS AND ATTORNEYS' FEES, SHALL BE THE COUNTY'S SOLE REMEDY, AND OWNER'S SOLE LIABILITY, IN THE EVENT OWNER FAILS TO TAKE ANY ACTION REQUIRED BY THIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING ANY FAILURE TO PAY AMOUNTS OWED UNDER THIS AGREEMENT. OWNER AND COUNTY AGREE THAT THE LIMITATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS PARAGRAPH ARE REASONABLE AND REFLECT THE BARGAINED FOR RISK ALLOCATION AGREED TO BY THE PARTIES. IN THE EVENT OF A BREACH OF THIS AGREEMENT, ANY TAXES DUE BY OWNER SHALL BE SUBJECT TO ANY AND ALL STATUTORY RIGHTS FOR THE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS TAX CODE.**
- F. Any Default Notice delivered to Owner and any Lender under this Agreement shall prominently state the following at the top of the notice:

NOTICE OF DEFAULT UNDER TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF THE FOLLOWING DEFAULT UNDER YOUR TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY. FAILURE TO CURE THIS DEFAULT WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS PROVIDED BY THE AGREEMENT SHALL RESULT IN CANCELLATION OF THE TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT AND, IF PERMITTED, RECAPTURE OF TAXES ABATED PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT.

X. Compliance with State and Local Regulations

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to alter or affect the obligations of Owner to comply with any order, rule, statute, or regulation of the County or the State of Texas.

XI. Assignment of Agreement

- A. The rights and responsibilities of Owner hereunder may be assigned, in whole or in part, only after obtaining the County's prior consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. Except as to an any assignment to an Affiliate of Owner, any assignment by Owner under this paragraph without first obtaining the consent of the County shall be a default under this Agreement subject to the notice provisions, cure provisions, remedies, and other terms and conditions of Article VIII above. Owner shall give forty-five (45) days' written notice of any such intended assignment to the County, and the County shall respond with its consent or refusal within thirty-five (35) days after receipt of Owner's notice of assignment. If the County responds to Owner's notice of assignment with a refusal, the parties agree to work together in good faith to resolve the County's objections to the assignment. Owner's assignment of the Agreement shall be final only after the execution of a formal assignment document between Owner and the assignee and the delivery of notice of the execution of such assignment agreement to the County. Neither Owner's notice of an intended assignment nor the County's formal consent to an intended assignment shall constitute an assignment of the Agreement, and Owner's request for a consent to assignment shall not obligate Owner to assign the Agreement.
- B. No assignment under Paragraph XI(A) shall be allowed if (a) the County has declared a default hereunder that has not been cured within all applicable notice and cure periods, or (b) the assignee is delinquent in the payment of ad valorem taxes owed to the County or any other taxing jurisdiction in the County.
- C. The parties agree that a transfer of all or a portion of the ownership interests in Owner to a third party shall not constitute an assignment under Paragraph XI(A) nor require the consent of the County. However, Owner shall provide the County with written notice of any such assignment within thirty (30) days after completion of the assignment.
- D. Upon any assignment and assumption under Paragraph XI(A) of Owner's entire interest in the Agreement, Owner shall have no further rights, duties or obligations

under the Agreement. Upon any assignment and assumption under Paragraph XI(A) of only a portion of Owner's interest in the Agreement (for example, if only portion of the Project and Improvements is transferred by Owner to a third party), then (i) each of Owner and each assignee of a portion of this Agreement shall be considered an Owner party under this Agreement, (ii) the County shall cause the property taxes owned by each of the Owner parties to be separately assessed, and (iii) neither of the Owner parties shall have any further rights, duties, or obligations under the Agreement as to the portion of the Project and Improvements owned by another Owner party.

- E. In addition to its rights under Paragraph XI(A), Owner may, without obtaining the County's consent, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise encumber its interest in this Agreement or the Project and Improvements to a Lender for the purpose of financing the operations of the Project and Improvements or constructing the Project and Improvements or acquiring additional equipment following any initial phase of construction. Owner's encumbering its interest in this Agreement may include an assignment of Owner's rights and obligations under this Agreement for purposes of granting a security interest in this Agreement. In the event Owner takes any of the actions permitted by this subparagraph, it may provide written notice of such action to the County with such notice to include the name and notice information of the Lender. If Owner provides the name and contact information of a Lender to the County, then the County shall be required to provide a copy to such Lender of all Notices delivered to Owner at the same time that the Notice is delivered to Owner. If Owner does not provide the name and contact information of a Lender to the County, then such Lender shall not have the notice rights or other rights of a Lender under this Agreement.

XII. Notice

All Notices (including Default Notices) shall be given in accordance with this Section. All Notices shall be in writing and delivered, by commercial delivery service to the office of the person to whom the Notice is directed (provided that that delivery is confirmed by the courier delivery service); by United States Postal Service (USPS), postage prepaid, as a registered or certified item, return receipt requested in a proper wrapper and with proper postage; by recognized overnight delivery service as evidenced by a bill of lading, by facsimile transmission, or by email. Notices delivered by commercial delivery service shall be deemed delivered on receipt or refusal; notices delivered by USPS shall be deemed to have been given upon deposit with the same; facsimile and email notices shall be effective upon receipt by the sender of an electronic confirmation. All Default Notices shall be given by at least two (2) methods of delivery and in a manner consistent with Section IX(F). All Notices (including Default Notices) shall be mailed or delivered to the following addresses:

To the Owner: BT Majewski Storage , LLC
 c/o Matrix Renewables USA LLC
 1200 Brickell Ave., Suite PH 2030
 Miami, FL 33131
 Tel: 618-919-2006
 Email: nbountas@matrixrenewables.com

To the County: County Judge
Rains County Courthouse
220 W Quitman St.
Emory, TX 75440
Phone: 903-473-5000
Email: linda.wallace@co.rains.tx.us

Any party may designate a different address by giving the other party at least ten (10) days written notice in the manner prescribed above.

XIII. Severability

In the event any section or other part of this Agreement is held invalid, illegal, factually insufficient, or unconstitutional, the balance of this Agreement shall stand, shall be enforceable and shall be read as if the parties intended at all times to delete said invalid sections or other part. In the event that (i) the term of the Abatement with respect to any property is longer than allowed by law, or (ii) the Abatement applies to a broader classification of property than is allowed by law, then the Abatement shall be valid with respect to the classification of property not deemed overly broad, and for the portion of the term of the Abatement not deemed excessive. Any provision required by the Tax Code to be contained herein that does not appear herein is incorporated herein by reference.

XIV. Applicable Law

This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of Texas. Venue for any dispute hereunder shall be exclusively in the courts of the County.

XV. Amendment

This Agreement may be modified by the parties hereto upon mutual written consent pursuant to the procedures set forth in Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code.

XVI. Guidelines and Criteria

This Agreement is entered into by the parties consistent with the Guidelines and Criteria.

XVII. Entire Agreement

This Agreement contains the entire and integrated Tax Abatement Agreement between the County and Owner, and supersedes any and all other negotiations and agreements, whether written or oral, between the parties. This Agreement has not been executed in reliance upon any representation or promise, except those contained herein.

XVIII. Relationship of the Parties

Owner enters into this Agreement as, and shall continue to be, an independent contractor. Under no circumstances shall Owner, or any of Owner's employees, look to Rains

County as his/her employer, or as a partner, agent or principal. Neither Owner nor any of Owner's employees shall be entitled to any benefits accorded to Rains County's employees, including without limitation worker's compensation, disability insurance, vacation or sick pay. Owner shall be responsible for providing, at Owner's expense and election, and in Owner's name, unemployment, disability, worker's compensation and other insurance that Owner elects to provide, as well as all licenses and permits that are usual or necessary in connection with the Project and Improvements.

XIX. Local Outreach Plan

Owner shall comply with the provisions of the Local Outreach Plan.

XX. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be an original, but such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

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IN TESTIMONY OF WHICH, THIS AGREEMENT has been executed by the County as authorized by the County Commissioners Court and executed by the Owner on the respective dates shown below.

RAINS COUNTY, TEXAS

By: _____
Linda Wallace, County Judge

Date: _____

Attest: County Clerk

OWNER:

BT Majewski Storage, LLC,
a Delaware limited liability company

By: _____
Print Name:
Print Title:
Date:

Attachment A

Attached is the Order Designating the Rains County BT Majewski Storage Project Reinvestment
Zone Number 1

Attachment B

Attached is a copy of the Guidelines and Criteria for Granting Tax Abatements.

Attachment C

Attached is a description of the Site.

Attachment D

Attached is the Local Outreach Plan.

Attachment E

A list of County Roads to be utilized by Owner during the development of the Project and Improvements is provided below.

- **Rains County Road 3425**

Attachment F

Attached is Title 6, Chapter 303 of the Texas Utilities Code.

CHAPTER 303. BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY AGREEMENTS

Sec. 303.0001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Battery energy storage facility" includes:

(A) a battery energy storage resource; and

(B) any facility or equipment necessary to support the operation of a battery energy storage resource, other than a facility or equipment owned by an electric utility, as defined by Section 31.002.

(2) "Battery energy storage facility agreement" means a lease agreement between a grantee and a landowner that authorizes the grantee to operate a battery energy storage facility on the leased property.

(3) "Battery energy storage resource" means an electrochemical device, whether connected at the transmission or distribution level, with a capacity of one megawatt hour or greater that charges from the grid or a co-located generation resource and discharges that energy at a later time.

(4) "Battery operation date" means the date on which a battery energy storage resource is first used for its intended purpose.

(5) "Grantee" means a person, other than an electric utility as defined by Section 31.002, who:

(A) leases property from a landowner; and

(B) operates a battery energy storage facility on the property.

(6) "Recycle" means the processing, including disassembling, dismantling, and shredding of battery energy storage cells, modules or other equipment, or their components, to recover a usable product.

Sec. 303.0002. APPLICABILITY. Except as provided by Section 303.0004(c), this chapter applies only to an agreement that authorizes a grantee to operate a battery energy storage facility that is not subject to Chapter 301 or 302.

Sec. 303.0003. WAIVER VOID; REMEDIES. (a) A provision of a battery energy storage facility agreement that purports to waive a right or exempt a grantee from a liability or duty established by this chapter is void.

(b) A person who is harmed by a violation of this chapter is entitled to appropriate injunctive relief to prevent further violation of this chapter.

(c) The provisions of this section are not exclusive. The remedies provided in this section are in addition to any other procedures or remedies provided by other law.

Sec. 303.0004. REQUIRED AGREEMENT PROVISIONS ON FACILITY REMOVAL. (a) A battery energy storage facility agreement must provide that the grantee is responsible for removing the battery energy storage facility from the landowner's property and that the grantee shall, in accordance with any other applicable laws or regulations, safely:

(1) clear, clean, and remove from the property each battery energy storage resource, transformer, and substation installed and owned by the grantee;

(2) for each foundation installed in the ground for a battery energy storage resource, transformer, or substation installed and owned by the grantee:

(A) clear, clean, and remove the foundation from the ground to a depth of at least three feet below the surface grade of the land in which the foundation is installed; and

(B) ensure that each hole or cavity created in the ground by the removal is filled with soil of the same type or a similar type as the predominant soil found on the property;

(3) for each buried cable, including power, fiber-optic, and communications cables, installed and owned by the grantee:

(A) clear, clean, and remove the cable from the ground to a depth of at least three feet below the surface grade of the land in which the cable is installed; and

(B) ensure that each hole or cavity created in the ground by the removal is filled with soil of the same type or a similar type as the predominant soil found on the property; and

(4) clear, clean, and remove from the property each overhead power or communications line installed and owned by the grantee on the property.

(b) The agreement must provide that the grantee is responsible for:

(1) collecting and reusing or recycling, or shipping for reuse or recycling, all components of the battery energy storage facility practicably capable of being reused or recycled, in accordance with any other applicable laws or regulations; and

(2) properly disposing of components of the battery energy storage facility not practicably capable of being reused or recycled:

(A) at a facility authorized under state and federal law to dispose of hazardous substances for a component considered hazardous under those laws; or

(B) for nonhazardous components, at a municipal solid waste landfill or other appropriate waste disposal facility authorized under state and federal law to dispose of that type of component.

(c) A wind power facility agreement entered into under Chapter 301 or solar power facility agreement entered into under Chapter 302 that authorizes the operation of a battery energy storage facility must include the provisions described by Subsection (b) and the financial assurance required by those chapters must be sufficient to secure the performance of the grantee's obligations under that subsection, in the manner provided by Section 303.0005.

(d) The agreement must provide that, at the request of the landowner, the grantee shall:

(1) clear, clean, and remove each road constructed by the grantee on the property; and

(2) ensure that each hole or cavity created in the ground by the removal is filled with soil of the same type or a similar type as the predominant soil found on the property.

(e) The agreement must provide that, at the request of the landowner, if reasonable, the grantee shall:

(1) remove from the property all rocks over 12 inches in diameter excavated during the decommissioning or removal process;

(2) return the property to a tillable state using scarification, V-rip, or disc methods, as appropriate; and

(3) ensure that:

(A) each hole or cavity created in the ground by the removal is filled with soil of the same type or a similar type as the predominant soil found on the property; and

(B) the surface is returned as near as reasonably possible to the same condition as before the grantee dug holes or cavities, including by reseeding pastureland with native grasses prescribed by an appropriate governmental agency, if any.

(f) The landowner shall make a request under Subsection (d) or (e) not later than the 180th day after the later of:

(1) the date on which the landowner receives from the grantee via certified mail a copy of a notification of intent to suspend operations filed with a grid operator indicating an intent to permanently cease operations; or

(2) the date the landowner receives written notice of intent to decommission the battery energy storage facility from the grantee.

Sec. 303.0005. REQUIRED AGREEMENT PROVISIONS ON FINANCIAL ASSURANCE. (a) A battery energy storage facility agreement must provide that the grantee shall obtain and deliver to the landowner evidence of financial assurance that conforms to the requirements of this section to secure the performance of the grantee's obligations under Section 303.0004. Acceptable forms of financial assurance include a parent company guaranty with a minimum investment grade credit rating for the parent company issued by a major domestic credit rating agency, a letter of credit, a bond, or another form of financial assurance reasonably acceptable to the landowner.

(b) The amount of financial assurance must be at least equal to the estimated amount by which the cost of removing the battery energy storage facilities from the landowner's property, recycling or disposing of all the components of the battery energy storage facilities, and restoring the property to as near as reasonably possible the condition of the property as of the date the agreement begins, as described by Section 303.0004, exceeds the salvage value of the battery energy storage facilities, less any portion of the value of the battery energy storage facilities pledged to secure outstanding debt.

(c) The agreement must provide that:

(1) the estimated cost of removing the battery energy storage facilities from the landowner's property, recycling or disposing of all the components of the battery energy storage facilities, and restoring the property to as near as reasonably possible the condition of the property as of the date the agreement begins, as described by Section 303.0004, and the estimated salvage value of the battery energy storage facilities must be determined by an independent, third-party professional engineer licensed in this state;

(2) the grantee must deliver to the landowner the estimated cost of removal and recycling or disposal of the battery energy storage facilities and the salvage value on or before the 10th anniversary of the battery operation date of the grantee's battery energy storage resources located on the landowner's property; and

(3) the grantee must deliver an updated estimate of the cost and salvage value described by Subdivision (2) at least once every five years after the initial estimate for the remainder of the term of the agreement.

(d) The grantee is responsible for the costs of obtaining financial assurance described by this section and determining the estimated removal, recycling, and disposal costs and salvage value.

(e) The agreement must provide that the grantee shall deliver financial assurance not later than the earlier of:

(1) the date the battery energy storage facility agreement is terminated; or

(2) the 15th anniversary of the battery operation date of the grantee's battery energy storage resources located on the landowner's property.

(f) The grantee is responsible for ensuring that the amount of financial assurance remains sufficient to cover the amount required by Subsection (b), consistent with the estimates required by this section.

(g) The grantee may not cancel financial assurance before the date the grantee has completed the grantee's obligation to remove the grantee's battery energy storage facilities located on the landowner's property in the manner provided by this chapter, unless the grantee provides the landowner with replacement financial assurance at the time of or before the cancellation. In the event of a transfer of ownership of the grantee's battery energy storage facilities, financial assurance provided by the grantee shall remain in place until the date evidence of financial assurance meeting the requirements of this chapter is provided to the landowner.

SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to an agreement entered into on or after the effective date of this Act. An agreement entered into before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect on the date the agreement was entered into, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

Attachment G

List of Anticipated Equipment for the Project and Improvements

1. Concrete Foundations
2. Batteries
3. Containers
4. Transformers
5. Inverters
6. Cabling
7. Substation