Liberty Utilities Peach State Natural Gas ATTN: BCD C/o Ralph King 2300 Victory Drive Columbus, GA 31901

## GAS UTILITY EASEMENT

This Grant of a Gas Utility Easement is made on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_2024, by <u>HALL COUNTY, GEORGIA</u>, with a business address of <u>2875 BROWNS BRIDGE RD</u>, <u>GAINESVILLE</u>, <u>GA 30504</u>, the owner of the real property described below ("Grantor"), <u>Liberty Utilities (Peach State Natural Gas) Corp.</u>, a <u>Georgia Corporation</u>, ("Grantee") with a business address at <u>2300 VICTORY DRIVE</u>, <u>COLUMBUS</u>, <u>GA 31901</u>.("Agreement").

WHEREAS Grantor owns real property (the "Premises") in the Town of <u>GAINESVILLE</u> known as <u>HALL</u> <u>County</u>, which property is also identified as tax assessor parcel number <u>01140 000009</u> and known as <u>1290 ATHENS STREET SE</u> and being shown on a plat entitled "Minor Plat located in GMD 411, City of <u>Gainesville</u>, <u>Hall County</u>, <u>Georgia</u>" recorded in HALL county plat book 885, page 28-28, and also recorded in the County Registry of Deeds and acquired by Grantor in a warranty deed recorded at the Hall County Registry of Deeds at Book <u>2753</u>, page <u>165</u>; dated 11/26/1996; and

WHEREAS Grantor agrees to grant Grantee, a natural gas public utility company licensed by the <u>State of Georgia</u> to provide natural gas utility service to customers in the Town of <u>GAINESVILLE</u>, an easement on the previously mentioned property in the "Gas Utility Easement Area" described in Exhibit A of this Agreement.

THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual benefits accruing to both parties and other consideration stated below, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. Grant of Easement. For the consideration described in paragraph 2, Grantor grants to Grantee, with Quitclaim Covenants, a perpetual easement and right-of-way ("Gas Utility Easement") in, under, through, over, upon and across real property within a "Gas Utility Easement Area" which is more particularly described on Exhibit A, which is attached to this Agreement and hereby incorporated by reference.
- 2. Consideration. The Gas Utility Easement is granted in consideration of the mutual benefits accruing to both parties and Grantee's payment to Grantor of one dollar (\$1.00), the sufficiency and receipt of which is acknowledged.
- 3. Character of Easement. This Agreement grants an easement in gross.
- 4. Purpose of Easement. The purpose of this Gas Utility Easement is to allow Grantee to install and maintain a gas utility infrastructure to provide gas utility service to HALL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ET AL; NEW NORTH GA PHYSICIANS GROUP @ HALL COUNTY HEALTH; and other existing and potential customer(s) along this utility easement. This easement exists to serve both portions "A" and "B" as described on Exhibit A attached.

- 5. Scope of Easement: The Gas Utility Easement consists of the perpetual right and easement:
  - (a) to place, install, construct, operate, repair, maintain, rebuild, replace, relocate, and remove a pipeline for the transportation and distribution of natural gas (the "Distribution System") in the Gas Utility Easement Area, which Distribution System includes the necessary piping, conduits, valves, fixtures, appurtenances and other relevant equipment installed therein and attached thereto, in, under, through over across and upon the Gas Utility Easement Area as from time to time may be required;
  - (b) to make such excavation or excavations as may be reasonable and necessary to construct, reconstruct, repair, and remove the Distribution System; and
  - (c) to pass over and across the Gas Utility Easement Area as reasonably necessary for all purposes described in this Agreement.
- 6. Covenants Running with the Land. The provisions, terms and obligations contained herein shall constitute covenants running with the land, and each such provision, term or obligation shall run in perpetuity in favor of the Grantee.
- 7. Non-Exclusiveness of Easement. The Gas Utility Easement, rights, and privileges granted by this conveyance are non-exclusive but Grantor covenants not to convey any other conflicting rights in the Gas Utility Easement Area which materially impair Grantee's safe operation, maintenance and repair of its facilities or impair Grantee's access to its facilities. In addition, Grantor covenants not to construct any permanent structure within the boundaries of the Gas Utility Easement Area.
- 8. Construction and Temporary Easement. In addition to the rights contained herein, Grantee shall have the right to use as much of the surface of the Grantor's property adjacent to the Gas Utility Easement Area as may be reasonably necessary for Grantee to construct, install or repair the contemplated facilities in the Gas Utility Easement Area. On completion of construction and installation, Grantee shall replace and reseed any landscaped areas.
- 9. *Trees, Shrubbery, and other Encroachments.* Grantee shall have the right to cut and trim trees or shrubbery that may encroach upon the Gas Utility Easement Area.
- 10. Grantor's Representations Respecting Existing Environmental Conditions. Grantor represents that as of the date on which this Agreement is executed by Grantor, Grantor has no knowledge of any production, use, release, threatened release, or disposal of any hazardous materials at the Gas Utility Easement Area in any material quantity, and has no notice or knowledge of any actual, pending, or threatened environmental claims relating to hazardous materials in the Gas Utility Easement Area.
- 11. Termination. The Gas Utility Easement, along with its rights and privileges shall terminate when the purpose of the Gas Utility Easement, as described in Paragraph 4 of this Agreement, ceases to exist and when the gas infrastructure is abandoned by Grantee, and Grantee and Grantor acknowledge such abandonment in a duly executed and recorded instrument.
- 12. Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the parties relating to its subject matter. Any oral representations or modifications concerning this Agreement shall be of no force and effect. Any subsequent amendment or modification must be in writing and agreed to by both parties.

- 13. Dispute Expenses and Attorneys' Fees. If any controversy, claim, or dispute arises relating to this Agreement or its breach, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party reasonable expenses, attorneys' fees, and costs.
- 14. Assignability and Binding Effect. The Grantee may assign this Agreement without the prior consent of Grantor. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the Grantee and its successors and assigns and to the benefit of Grantor and Grantor's heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused these presents to be signed for that purpose on the date first written above.

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## Exhibit A

"Gas Utility Easement Area" is defined as a fifteen-foot (15') strip of land that is centered on the midline of the gas line installed by Grantee on the Premises in the approximate location depicted on the attached diagram.

