

## QUALIFIED DATA CENTER HOST MUNICIPALITY FEE AGREEMENT

This QUALIFIED DATA CENTER HOST MUNICIPALITY FEE AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is entered into as of the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2022 (the "Execution Date"), by and between the Town of Bozrah, Connecticut, a municipal corporation with its Town Hall located at 1 River Road, Bozrah, CT 06351 ( Bozrah) and NE Edge LLC, a Connecticut limited liability company with an office at 4433 Post Road, East Greenwich, RI, 02818, its successors and assigns ("NE Edge LLC"). Bozrah and NE Edge, LLC are each referred to individually herein as a "Party and together as "Parties"

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut has enacted legislation known as House Bill No. 6514, Public Act No. 21-1, to incentivize the development of large-scale data centers within Connecticut (the "Legislation"), which Legislation is effective July 1, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Legislation sets forth that any person that anticipates that it will be an "Owner", "Operator" or "Colocation Tenant" of or in a "Qualified Data Center" (as such terms are defined in the Legislation and/or Section 1 of this Agreement) may seek and apply for an exemption from certain taxes imposed under Chapters 203 and 219 of the Connecticut General Statutes subject to satisfying certain requirements required by such Legislation, including but not limited to the obligation to enter into and satisfy the requirements of a written host municipality fee agreement with the municipality in which such Qualified Data Center is located (the "Host Municipality");

WHEREAS NE Edge intends to develop and operate one or more Qualified Data Centers, as defined in the Legislation, in Bozrah;

WHEREAS, the development and operation of Qualified Data Centers are expected to contribute substantially to economic development and employment growth in the Host Municipality, accordingly, Bozrah expects to receive substantial benefits from hosting one or more Qualified Data Centers developed and operated by NE Edge within Bozrah;

WHEREAS, Bozrah supports development of Qualified Data Centers within Bozrah, and NE Edge appreciates and will continue to benefit from the successful operation of any Qualified Data Center located within Bozrah's borders; and

WHEREAS, the Parties mutually desire to enter into this Agreement pursuant to the requirements of the Legislation, subject to the terms and conditions hereinafter contained.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises herein contained, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Definitions; Eligibility for Exemption.

- A. Definitions: The Parties agree that all defined terms set forth in the Legislation shall be deemed incorporated into this Agreement as if fully recited herein, including but not limited to the following defined terms:

- (a) "Eligible qualified data center costs" means expenditures made on or after July 1, 2021, for the development, acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, renovation, repair or operation of a Facility to be used as a Qualified Data Center, including the cost of land, buildings, site improvements, modular data centers, lease payments, site characterization and assessment, engineering services, design services and data center equipment acquisition and permitting related to such data center equipment acquisitions. "Eligible qualified data center costs" does not include expenditures made in connection with real or personal property that is located outside the boundaries of the Facility to be used as a Qualified Data Center;
- (b) "Facility" means one or more contiguous tracts of land and any structure and personal property contained on such land.
- (c) "Qualified Data Center" means a Facility that is developed, acquired, constructed, rehabilitated, renovated, repaired, or operated, to house a group of networked computer servers in one physical location or multiple contiguous locations to centralize the storage, management and dissemination of data and information pertaining to a particular business or classification or body of knowledge.
- (d) "Qualified investment" means the aggregate, non-duplicative eligible qualified data center costs expended by an owner, operator, and colocation tenant of a qualified data center.

To the extent the Legislation changes such that it materially alters the rights afforded by this Agreement or amends any definition utilized in section I(A) above, this Agreement shall continue to control. In such an event, either party may request that the other party modify this Agreement consistent with said modified Legislation; provided no modifications shall be made to this Agreement unless mutually agreed to in writing by both Parties.

B. Eligibility for Exemption. The Parties agree that all requirements of the Legislation, as from time to time amended, are deemed incorporated into this Agreement as if fully restated herein. The Parties agree that NE Edge must satisfy all requirements of the Legislation and this Agreement in order to qualify for and to continue to maintain the benefit of that certain exemption authorized by the Legislation from taxes imposed by Chapter 203 of the Connecticut General Statutes, including but not limited to the following requirements pertaining to the Qualified Data Center(s) that are contemplated by this Agreement:

- (a) The Facility to be developed, acquired, constructed, rehabilitated, renovated, repaired, or operated shall be used as a Qualified Data Center. For purposes of this Agreement, one or more Building(s) (as defined in section 2(a) of this Agreement) may be located on the Facility for Qualified Data Center purposes. The real property(ies) within Bozrah's borders that will ultimately be the subject of this this Agreement shall be that which is the subject of NE Edge's agreement with Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development (the "DECD Commissioner") pursuant to the Legislation and the site plan approval received by NE Edge by the Bozrah Planning and Zoning Commission for

- construction of Qualified Data Centers contemplated by this Agreement;
- (b) Notwithstanding anything in the Legislation to the contrary, for purposes of this Agreement, NE Edge shall make, on or before the fifth anniversary of the date in which construction, rehabilitation, renovation or repair of a Qualified Data Center first commences, a Qualified Investment of at least Two Hundred Million Dollars (\$200,000,000); provided, however, if the agreement entered into between NE Edge and the DECD Commissioner has a term of greater than twenty (20) years, such Qualified Investment shall be at least Four Hundred Million Dollars (\$400,000,000) with a term of thirty (30) years;
  - (c) NE Edge shall make application for a building permit to construct a Building (as defined in section 2(a) of this Agreement) for use as a Qualified Data Center on each parcel (taking into account any contemplated subdivision, property split and/or boundary line adjustment or similar action) on which it intends to construct such a Qualified Data Center in Bozrah on or before thirty-six months after the Execution Date of this Agreement. In the event NE Edges fails to make such timely application for such building permit(s), Bozrah may terminate this Agreement if this agreement is not further extended under 2 (f).
  - (d) Building Efficiency Standards/Generator Efficiency Standards
    - 1) Within 180 days after being placed in service, the Data Center Owner needs to have attained certification under one or more of the following green building standards. If for any reason the building is not fully occupied at 180 days the certification below shall be allowed additional time to complete to fully occupancy not to exceed 360 days, subject to 2 (f).
      - (i) BREEAM for New Construction or BREEAM In-Use;
      - (ii) ENERGY STAR;
      - (iii) Envision;
      - (iv) ISO 50001-energy management;
      - (v) LEED for Building Design and Construction or LEED for Operations and Maintenance;
      - (vi) Green Globes for New Construction or Green Globes for Existing Buildings;
      - (vii) UL 3223; or
      - (viii) an equivalent program approved by the Department of Economic and Community Development
    - 2) Generators utilized solely for emergency power must meet a minimum EPA tier 2 standard during non-transient, steady state conditions. Any generator utilized for non-emergency power use must meet at a minimum EPA tier 4 standard during non-transient steady state conditions. Diesel engines shall run during required periodic testing, during electrical emergency events, and at the direct instruction of the utility in case of emergency or repairs to electrical infrastructure The generators shall not be used for peak shaving. The Data Center must have the ability to back up 100% of the electricity required to operate the Data Center at all times.
  - (e) NE Edge shall enter into and satisfy all requirements of an agreement with the DECD Commissioner as required by the Legislation with respect to each such Qualified Data Center. In the event said agreement with the DECD Commissioner terminates for any

reason whatsoever, this Agreement shall terminate, without limitation of any other right of Bozrah to sooner terminate this Agreement in accordance with the Legislation and/or this Agreement. As a condition precedent to the tax exemption afforded by this Agreement, NE Edge shall furnish Bozrah with a duly executed copy of its agreement with the DECD Commissioner displaying to Bozrah's reasonable satisfaction that NE Edge has satisfied all requirements of the Legislation related to such agreement with the DECD Commissioner. In the event NE Edge receives any written notice of default or termination from the DECD Commissioner with respect to said agreement, NE Edge shall promptly provide a copy of such notice to Bozrah and keep Bozrah reasonably informed as to NE Edge's plan and actions in response to such notice; and

- (f) NE Edge or its permitted assign shall serve as the "Owner", "Operator" or "Colocation Tenant" (as such terms are defined in the Legislation) of all Qualified Data Center(s) that is/are the subject of this Agreement continuously throughout the term of this Agreement. As a condition precedent to the tax exemption afforded by this Agreement, NE Edge shall provide documentation to the satisfaction of Bozrah that it qualifies as an Owner or Colocation Tenant under the legislation as it relates to the Facilities in Bozrah. NE Edge shall also keep Bozrah informed, and provide documentation reasonably requested by Bozrah to confirm all Owners, Operator(s) and Colocation tenant(s) located or to be located at the Qualified Data Centers in Bozrah and their respective rights to serve in such capacities. In the event NE Edge receives or sends any written notice of default or termination from any Owner, Operator or Colocation Tenant with respect to the Qualified Data Centers in Bozrah, NE Edge shall promptly provide a copy of such notice to Bozrah and keep Bozrah reasonably informed as to NE Edge's plan and actions pertaining to such notice.
- (g) Upon commencement of construction, NE Edge shall provide documentation to the reasonable satisfaction of Bozrah of its anticipated construction schedule for each Building to be utilized as a Qualified Data Center and evidence that such construction is bonded to ensure the completion thereof.
- (h) For each and all buildings located on the properties as defined by section 2 of this agreement the Owner shall retain an Institute Noise Control Engineer Board Certified Noise Control Engineer ("Owner Consultant") who will prepare a sound monitoring protocol to determine the pre-existing background sound level. The monitoring protocol plan shall indicate where, when and how sound monitoring is to be conducted. Said plan shall measure the sound at one or more locations nearest to the residences in hourly increments for one week (168 hours continuously) (hereinafter referred to as "Noise Baseline"). Said monitoring protocol plan shall be submitted to the Town of Bozrah for its consultant's review and any recommendations. The Owner's Consultant shall complete the monitoring per the protocol, analyze the data and create design goals to achieve a standard which is acceptable to the Town of Bozrah as advised by its consultant.

The Owner's Consultant shall then model sound levels transmitted from all facilities to the nearest residences, propose controls and demonstrate compliance through modeling of the Sound Standards approved by the Town. The Owner's Consultant shall prepare a report describing limits/design goals, noise, and vibration control concepts to be implemented in the design of the facility. The report and computer modeling shall be in

Cadna/A compliant format to be submitted to Bozrah for its consultant's review and comment. If approved by Bozrah in consultation with its consultant, the Owner's Consultant will collaborate with the Owner in designing and implementing the acoustical concepts into the design drawings for the approved plan. A final acoustical design report signed by the Owner's Consultant detailing the acoustic design shall be submitted to Bozrah along with the permitting documents which shall be reviewed by the Bozrah's consultants for their review and comment. To be clear, the buildings must meet the protocol set forth herein separately and cumulatively as developed. The Town, in consultation with its consultants, shall determine if the final acoustical design report complies with the approved plan.

## 2. NE Edge Obligation to Pay Host Municipality Fee

### (a) Amount of Host Municipality Fee

NE Edge shall pay to Bozrah in accordance with this Section 2 an annual host municipality fee (the "Host Municipality Fee") for each Campus. (Campus shall be defined as a single parcel or parcels of contiguous property on which a Data Center[s] is located) In the interest of clarity, the Municipal Hosting Fee is not prorated on a per building basis.

- (b) A Qualified Data Center(s) located in Bozrah that contains one or more groups of network computer servers utilized for purposes of centralizing the storage, management, and dissemination of data and information pertaining to a particular business, classification, or body of knowledge. The Host Municipality Fee for each Campus, subject to annual increases as provided herein, shall be Three Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$3,500,000) per annum; based on total development requirements of 980,000 sqft of building floorspace in a single or two building configuration with a single- or two-story configuration.

### Commencement and Payment Dates of Host Municipality Fees

NE Edge's first Host Municipality Fee payment for a Building shall be due one year (365 days) from the date that a certificate of occupancy is issued for such Building. Each subsequent annual Host Municipality Fee for such Building shall be due on each anniversary of the date that a certificate of occupancy was first issued for such Building, and the amount to be paid each year shall be increased annually to be the greater of the following : (a) two (2%) percent over the immediately preceding year's Host Municipality Fee payment for the applicable Building; or, if greater (b) by the percentage increase, if any, reflected by the Consumer Price Index for the Northeast Region , All Urban Consumers, published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor (" CPI Index") which occurred between: (i) the first day of the month that is thirteen months immediately prior to the month that the subject Host Municipal Fee becomes due hereunder; and (ii) the first day of the month immediately prior to the month that the subject Host Municipality Fee

is becoming due hereunder, provided, however, if such CPI Index percentage increase is greater than three (3%) percent, the increase shall then be capped at three (3%) percent .

(c) NE Edge Obligation to Pay Preliminary Payments

Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, prior to NE Edge's entitlement to the municipal tax exemptions afforded by the Legislation with respect to a subject parcel of real property and the improvements and personal property thereon as a result of approval of NE Edge's application to the DECD Commissioner and this Agreement (the "Approval"), Bozrah shall continue to tax all real and personal property in accordance with applicable law. Following qualification for such municipal tax exemptions, NE Edge shall pay Bozrah one or more annual preliminary payment(s) (each a "Preliminary Payment") for each parcel of real property (including but not limited to any parcel of real estate resulting from any subdivision, property split, boundary line adjustment or similar action) within Bozrah upon which NE Edge seeks to develop a Qualified Data Center(s). Such payments are made as a result of Bozrah's support for development of Qualified Data Centers within its borders and NE Edge's endeavors related to same. Nothing in the preceding sentence shall be deemed to create any relationship of partnership or joint venture between Bozrah and NE Edge or any other relationship other than as contemplated by this Agreement, nor shall such preceding sentence limit, modify, alter, or usurp the independent decision-making authority, discretion or duties of any agency, board, commission, council, officer, or employee of Bozrah.

The amount of each Preliminary Payment for each such parcel of real estate shall be calculated according to the following schedule:

- (i) For any year or part of a year between: (i) the date of the subject parcel's Approval and (ii) the date on which Bozrah issues the first building permit for purposes of constructing a Building on such parcel, the preliminary payment shall be in an amount equal to the total annual municipal property tax assessment for such parcel, including any structures thereon, for the Grand List date immediately preceding the Approval date ("the Previous Assessment"), and shall be calculated on a per diem basis.
- (ii) For any year or part of a year between when Bozrah issues the first building permit for purposes of constructing a Building on such parcel until Bozrah issues a certificate of occupancy for the first Building on such parcel, the preliminary payment shall be in an amount equal to 150% of the of the previous assessment and shall be calculated on a per diem basis.

NE Edge's obligation to pay a Preliminary Payment for a parcel shall terminate upon the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the first Building on such parcel at which time the Host Municipality Fee contemplated by sections 2(a) and (b) shall commence with respect to such Building, provided, to avoid ambiguity, nothing herein shall release or be construed to release NE Edge from Preliminary Payments which are due and outstanding for such parcel immediately prior to the date of such certificate of occupancy. NE Edge shall pay the per diem amount for any partial year in

which the certificate of occupancy is issued.

The initial Preliminary Payment for each parcel shall be paid in arrears within one year of the Approval date relating to such parcel but no later than the date that municipal property taxes would have been due for such parcel were it not exempt from municipal taxation. Subsequent annual Preliminary Payments shall be due on the one-year anniversary of the first Preliminary Payment.

(d) Payment of Fees

NE Edge is required to pay all regular and customary fees for any permits issued by Bozrah in accordance with Bozrah's applicable fee schedules then in effect as may be required for purposes of the development, construction, rehabilitation, renovation and/or repair of each Qualified Data Center within the borders of Bozrah;

(e) Effective Date, Term and Termination Events

This Agreement shall be deemed made by and binding on the Parties as of the Execution Date first set forth above. The Agreement shall be deemed effective as of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 (the "Effective Date"). Subject to the provisions concerning conditions precedent set forth in Section 2(f), below, and to the provisions of the following paragraph herein this section 2(e) setting forth grounds for termination, this Agreement shall remain in effect for a period of thirty (30) years (so long as a Qualified Investment of at least \$400,000,000 is made pursuant to section 2(B)(b) above) or for a period of twenty (20) years (so long as a Qualified Investment of at least \$200,000,000 but less than \$400,000,000 is made pursuant to section 2(B)(b) above) following the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the Building constructed on each Qualified Data Center that is the subject of this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, and subject to earlier termination rights as set forth in this Agreement, if a Qualified Data Center consists of more than one (1) Building, then the term of this Agreement shall remain in effect for each such Building starting upon the date a certificate of occupancy is issued for such Building.

Provided, however, notwithstanding the foregoing, this Agreement shall terminate sooner upon the earliest occurrence of the following events:

- (i) Immediately upon termination of the agreement with the DECD Commissioner with respect to the Qualified Data Center(s) contemplated hereunder;
- (ii) Immediately upon failure to make the Qualified Investment pursuant to section 2(B)(b) above within the five-year period contemplated therein, and/or to timely make application for all building permit(s) required by section 2(B)(c) above;
- (iii) immediately as to a particular Building upon it no longer being used as a Qualified Data Center after the date when a certificate of occupancy is issued for such Building allowing such use; provided, if all Buildings on such parcel cease being used as a Qualified Data Center after the date when a certificate of occupancy is issued for all such Building(s) on such parcel allowing such use, this Agreement shall terminate as to such parcel in its

- entirety upon the last date the final Building on such parcel is no longer used as a Qualified Data Center;
- (iv) termination of this Agreement by mutual written agreement of the Parties;
  - (v) upon future modification of the Legislation in such a manner that it materially eliminates, diminishes, or otherwise impairs the tax exemptions, rights and benefits provided for in this Agreement based on the Legislation as initially enacted. The party(s) negatively impacted by such modification shall have the termination right;
  - (vi) termination of this Agreement pursuant to section 2(f) below; or
  - (vii) termination of this Agreement by the non-breaching party upon an event of default by a breaching party, following written notice and expiration of all cure periods without cure pursuant to section 5 below.

Either Party who concludes that a termination event has occurred shall give written notice to the other Party, at which time, absent a longer notice and/or cure period afforded by this Agreement, this Agreement shall be deemed terminated.

Upon termination of its obligation to pay Preliminary Payments or Host Municipality Fee for any Building, NE Edge shall pay Bozrah a final payment for such Building calculated as a percentage of the full annual Host Municipality Fee for the Building pro rata. Such percentage shall be equivalent to the percentage of the year that has expired since the date upon which the last full annual payment was due. Such final payable shall be payable one hundred and twenty (120) days from the date notice was given of the termination event as to the Building.

(f) Condition Precedent to Obligation to Pay Preliminary Payments or Host Municipality Fee

NE Edge's obligation to pay Preliminary Payments or a Host Municipality Fee for any Building shall be conditioned on NE Edge entering into a binding power purchase agreement to serve the Qualified Data Center(s) contemplated herein on or before thirty-six months following the Execution Date of this Agreement meeting its satisfaction for purposes of obtaining power necessary for operation of Qualified Data Center(s) in Bozrah. In the event that NE Edge determines, in its sole discretion, that this condition has not been met and is not likely to be met, it shall give timely written notice to Bozrah of such determination on or before expiration of said thirty-six-month period, in which case this Agreement shall become null and void on the date such notice is given. In the event that NE Edge fails to provide such notice pursuant to the requirements of this section 2(f), the condition precedent set forth in this section 2(f) shall be deemed waived by NE Edge. NE Edge shall remain liable for any payments required under this Agreement owed to Bozrah before exercise of its condition precedent rights set forth in this section 2(f). In no event shall NE Edge be in default of this Agreement if it exercises its rights in accordance with this section 2(f). Extensions to the term of this contract shall be agreed by the parties should the Municipal Utility Provider, Eversource, or infrastructure contractors are delayed in delivering the electricity necessary to fully operate the Data Center(s) within 36 months. The Town of Bozrah and NE Edge LLC shall agree to automatic extensions of up to an additional 36 months should the



electricity infrastructure and delivery of service be delayed for any reason by providing the Town of Bozrah and the Municipal Utility provide progress documentation.

3. Information; Annual Visit

NE Edge shall also perform or cause to be performed, annual inspections of the Qualified Data Centers and furnish to Bozrah a copy of its annual inspection report. In addition, NE Edge agrees to provide, upon Bozrah's request, any documents in the public domain, and in NE Edge's possession or control, as may be requested by Bozrah to allow Bozrah, in its sole discretion, to determine that NE Edge is satisfying its pursuant to this Agreement. The Bozrah tax assessor shall be permitted on an annual basis to visit and tour on site, with advance scheduling, accompanied by NE Edge personnel, each Building covered by this Agreement.

In addition, notwithstanding any exemption afforded by the Legislation, for at least two full tax years prior to the expiration date of this Agreement (or, if this Agreement is terminated prior to the expiration date hereof, for the two full tax years prior to such termination date), NE Edge shall file annual personal property declarations with the Bozrah Tax Assessor declaring all personal property located at the Facilities, along with income and expense statements pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes section 12- 63c, for such tax years. Each declaration shall be accompanied by invoices of all equipment purchases for the prior year applicable to the Qualified Data Center.

4. Events of Force Majeure

For purposes of this Agreement, "Event Force Majeure" means acts of God, war, revolution, civil commotion, acts of public enemy, embargo, casualty, or any other circumstances beyond the reasonable control and not involving any fault or negligence of the Party affected that prevents, restricts, or interferes with that Party's performance under this Agreement. A delay of performance hereunder by either Party shall not constitute an event of default or result in any liability under this Agreement to the extent caused by an Event of Force Majeure during the duration of such Event of Force Majeure. The occurrence of an action, circumstance, condition, or event which gives rise to an "Event Force Majeure" shall not excuse, but merely shall delay as provided in this Agreement, the performance of the covenant, obligation or other undertaking, or the observance of a term or condition, contained in this Agreement by the party hereto relying on "Force Majeure" for such purposes and only for so long as the duration of such Event Force Majeure. The financial or fiscal inability of a party hereto to perform any of its obligations, agreements, or other undertakings, or to observe any term or condition contained in the Agreement, shall not constitute "Force Majeure."

5. Defaults and Remedies

(a) Events of Default by Bozrah

Each of the following shall be an event of default by Bozrah under this Agreement. (i) Bozrah fails to observe and perform any material term, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement and such failure continues for, or is not remedied within, a period of sixty (60) days after written notice

to Bozrah specifying the nature of such failure and requesting that it be remedied; or (ii) Bozrah makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, files a petition in bankruptcy or a request to the Governor of the State of Connecticut to file such petition in bankruptcy, is adjudicated insolvent or bankrupt, petitions or applies to any tribunal for any custodian, receiver or trustee for it or any substantial part of its property, commences any proceeding related to it under any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, re-adjustment of debt, dissolution or liquidation law or statute of any jurisdiction whether now or hereafter in effect, or if there shall have been filed any such proceeding, in which an order for relief is entered or which remains undismissed for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days or more or if by any act indicates its consent to, approval of or acquiescence in any such petition, application or proceeding or order for relief or the appointment of any custodian, receiver of or any trustee for it or any substantial part of its property or suffers any such custodianship, receivership or trusteeship to continue undismissed for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days or more.

In no event shall Bozrah be in default or liable for monetary damages or other relief to NE Edge on account of a declaration of termination event pursuant to 2(e), above, made in good faith.

(b) Events of Default by NE Edge

- Each of the following shall be an event of default by NE Edge under this agreement: (NE Edge fails to pay any Preliminary Payments or Host Municipality Fee, which is properly due from NE Edge hereunder, within forty-five (45) days after written notice of delinquency by Bozrah; provided;
- (ii) NE Edge fails to observe and perform any other material term, covenant or agreement contained in this Agreement and such failure continues for, or is not remedied within, a period of sixty (60) days after written notice to NE Edge specifying the nature of such failure and requesting that it be remedied;
  - (iii) NE Edge makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, files a petition in bankruptcy, is adjudicated insolvent or bankrupt, petitions or applies to any tribunal for any custodian, receiver or trustee for it or any substantial part of its property, commences any proceeding related to it under any bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, readjustment of debt, dissolution or liquidation law or statute of any jurisdiction whether now or hereinafter in effect, or if there shall have been filed any such proceeding, in which an order for relief is entered or which remains undismissed for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days or more or if by any act indicates its consent to, approval or acquiescence in any such petition, application or proceeding or order for relief or the appointment of any custodian, receiver of or any trustee for it or any substantial part of its property or suffers any such custodianship, receivership or trusteeship to continue undismissed for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days or more;
  - (iv) Any representation or warranty made by NE Edge under this Agreement was materially inaccurate, misleading, or incomplete when made as of the Effective Date of this Agreement; or
  - (v) NE Edge's agreement with the DECD Commissioner as contemplated herein terminates prior to the expiration date thereof.

## 6. Remedies on Default

Wherever any event of default shall have occurred and be continuing, the non- defaulting Party shall have, in addition to any other rights at law or equity, including but not limited to those afforded by the Legislation, the following rights and remedies:

- (a) Upon sixty (60) days written notice to NE Edge (unless a shorter or longer notice and cure period is afforded by section S(b) above in which case the period set forth in section S(b) shall control), if NE Edge is then in default, Bozrah shall have the option to terminate this Agreement unless the event of the default is cured prior to the expiration of such cure period or unless during such period NE Edge has taken remedial steps the effect of which would be to enable NE Edge to cure such event of default within a reasonable period of time (which, if the event of default is a default in the payment of monies and results from restraint by a court or regulatory agency, shall mean the undertaking and prosecution of prompt , diligent, good faith efforts to remove such restraint); or
- (b) Upon sixty (60) days written notice to Bozrah (unless a shorter or longer notice and cure period is afforded by section 5(a) above in which case the period set forth in section 5(b) shall control), if Bozrah is then in default, NE Edge shall have the option to terminate this Agreement unless the event of default is cured prior to the expiration of such cure period or unless during such period Bozrah has taken remedial steps the effect of which would be to enable Bozrah to cure such event of default within a reasonable period of time (which, if the event of default is a default in the payment of monies and results from restraint by a court or regulatory agency, shall mean the undertaking and prosecution of prompt, diligent, good faith efforts to remove such restraint ).

In no event shall either Party be liable to the other for monetary damages on account of the breach of the terms of this agreement caused by an Event of Force Majeure during the duration of such Event of Force Majeure. All rights and remedies under this Agreement are cumulative to, and not exclusive of, any rights or remedies otherwise available. If an Event of Force Majeure shall prevent the operation of a Building for its intended use, then a pro rata portion of the Host Municipality Fee shall be abated until the operation of such Building may re-commence. The pro rata portion shall be based upon a fraction, the numerator of which shall be the number of days in the 365-day period during which the Building shall be unable to operate, and the denominator of which shall be 365.

Without limitation of the generality of the foregoing or other rights and remedies available to Bozrah at law and in equity (including without limitation under this Agreement), upon the termination of this Agreement pursuant to Section (e)(5) of the Legislation and/or sections 2(e) or 5(b) of this Agreement, or subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of the Legislation, as from time to time amended, the Qualified Data Center, the Owner of the property on which such Qualified Data Center is located or such Owner's successors or assigns shall be subject to all applicable taxes imposed under chapter 203 of the Connecticut General Statutes and shall be liable for payment of such, and

Bozrah may assess, collect and recapture, taxes that would have been assessed with respect to the Facilities during the term of this Agreement had they not been exempted from taxes as a result of this Agreement, retroactively from the date of notice of noncompliance under this Agreement or the date of termination by the DECD Commission of the agreement with NE Edge required of the Legislation, as applicable, whichever is earlier. Upon any such termination, Bozrah, through its Tax Assessor, may issue a supplemental tax bill to assess all such taxes within one hundred eighty (180) days of the date of any such termination. Such assessed taxes shall be payable within thirty (30) days of the associated supplemental tax bill issued by Bozrah. Any unpaid portion of such taxes which are not paid within said thirty (30) day period shall be subject to interest as provided by Connecticut General Statutes §12-146, as amended (or similar provision then in effect), which interest shall accrue from the date such payment was due until paid in full, and Bozrah shall retain all rights and remedies it may have under law if any such payment remains unpaid, including those afforded by Chapters 204 and 205 of the Connecticut General Statutes, including section 12-172 thereof. In addition to and without limitation of other rights and remedies available to Bozrah, said retroactively assessed tax shall constitute a lien on the Facilities and may be foreclosed upon in the same manner as tax liens, and Bozrah shall be entitled to collect its actual costs of collection and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the enforcement of such rights. As an express condition of this Agreement, NE Edge, on behalf of itself and all Owners of the Facilities and their successors and/or permitted assigns, shall not appeal, challenge, judicially or otherwise a retroactive assessment of the Facilities made pursuant to this section unless the value is manifestly excessive within the meaning of Connecticut General Statutes § 12-119, and hereby waives all rights otherwise on its behalf and on behalf of all Owners of the Facilities and their respective successors and/or permitted assigns. The Parties hereto acknowledge and agree that taxes authorized by this section 9 following termination of this Agreement shall be payable by NE Edge to Bozrah are taxes imposed pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 204 (except to the extent such taxes are modified as to amount and timing of payment pursuant to this Agreement) and that all rights and remedies available to Bozrah under applicable law (including, without limitation, Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 205) with respect to nonpayment of taxes shall apply to the payment and collection of such taxes. The Town does not waive and expressly retains all rights and remedies at law or in equity for enforcement of this Agreement and collection of amounts due under this Agreement.

## 7. Representations and Warranties

### (a) Representations and Warranties of Bozrah

As of the Execution Date of this Agreement, Bozrah hereby represents and warrants to NE Edge that:

- (i) this Agreement has been executed by officers of Bozrah acting with the approval and under the authority of the necessary legislative body or bodies of Bozrah, and Bozrah has heretofore delivered to NE Edge evidence of such approval and authority;

- (ii) Bozrah has the full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement to NE Edge and carry out Bozrah's obligations hereunder, all of which have been duly authorized in accordance with Applicable Law, and this agreement shall be in full force and effect and be legally binding upon, and enforceable against, Bozrah in accordance with its terms upon its due execution and delivery by Bozrah and NE Edge; and
- (iii) There is no action, suit, investigation, or other proceeding pending or, to the knowledge of Bozrah, threatened, which questions the enforceability of this Agreement, or which affects or may affect the performance of either Party's obligations hereunder.

(b) Representations and Warranties of NE Edge:

As of the Execution Date of this Agreement, NE Edge hereby represents and warrants to Bozrah that:

- (i) NE Edge has the full power and authority to execute and deliver the Agreement to Bozrah and to conduct NE Edge's obligations hereunder, and this Agreement shall be in full force and effect and be legally binding upon, and enforceable against, NE Edge in accordance with its terms upon its due execution and delivery by NE Edge and Bozrah;
- (ii) there is no action, suit investigation or other proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of NE Edge threatened, which questions the enforceability of this Agreement, or which affects or may affect the performance of either Party's obligations hereunder;
- (iii) NE Edge will display as of the date it makes application to the DECD Commissioner how it anticipates being an "Owner" of all the Qualified Data Center(s) that are the subject of this Agreement as such term is defined in the Legislation;
- (iv) NE Edge is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut. NE Edge is in good standing with the Secretary of the State of Connecticut;
- (v) The execution and delivery of this Agreement, the performance of the obligations of NE Edge contained in this Agreement, the consummation of the other transactions contemplated hereby, and the fulfillment of the compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement by NE Edge are not prevented by or result in a breach of, the terms, conditions or provisions of any statute, law, ordinance or regulation by which NE Edge is bound, or any contractual restriction, financing, agreement or instrument of whatever nature to which NE Edge is now a party by which it is bound, nor do they constitute default under any of the foregoing;
- (vi) NE Edge has duly authorized this Agreement, and is a valid and binding obligation of NE Edge and is enforceable in accordance with its terms against NE Edge; and
- (vii) The member of NE Edge executing this Agreement is authorized to execute and deliver this Agreement in such capacity.

8. Governing Law

The interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Connecticut without regard to its conflict of law principles. In the event an action is brought to enforce any provision of this Agreement, the exclusive venue and jurisdiction shall be a court of competent jurisdiction located in the State of Connecticut. The prevailing party in any such legal action shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees, arbitration, and court costs.

9. Assignment

Bozrah may not assign or transfer, directly or indirectly, any of its rights or duties under this Agreement. NE Edge may assign all or any portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement or delegate any of its obligations under this Agreement at any time so long as such assignee or delegee shall be an Owner, Operator or Colocation Tenant of the Qualified Data Centers that are the subject of this Agreement, creditworthy and capable of performing the obligations of NE Edge under this Agreement.

10. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties in respect of the subject matter hereof. This Agreement supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, and agreements between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof.

11. Waiver

No delay in exercising or failure to exercise any right or remedy accruing to or in favor of any Party shall impair any such remedy or constitute a waiver thereof. Every right and remedy given hereunder or by law may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient by the Parties. Any extension of time for payment hereunder or other indulgences shall not alter, affect, or waive rights or obligations hereunder.

Acceptance of any payment, whether partial or otherwise, after it shall have become due, shall not be deemed to alter, affect, or waive the obligations of either Party.

12. Modifications

This Agreement may not be modified or amended except in writing signed by or on behalf of both Parties by their duly authorized officers.

13. Successors and Assigns

This agreement shall inure to the benefit of and bind the respective successors and permitted assigns of the Parties. Without limitation of the generality of the preceding sentence, the provisions of this Agreement shall, during the term hereof, bind any Owner, Operator and/or Colocation tenant, or subsequent Owner, Operator, Colocation Tenant, and all affiliates of each of them, of the Qualified Data Center(s) contemplated herein, provided the Facility continues to be used as a

Qualified Data Center.

14. Notices

All notices, reports and other communications required or permitted under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given when delivered personally or deposited in the mails, postage prepaid, registered, or certified mail, return receipt requested, or by commercial overnight courier addressed to the Party to whom notice is being given at its address set forth below. Either Party may change its address by notice similarly given.

Town of Bozrah  
One River Road  
Bozrah, CT  
06334  
Attn: First  
Selectman

With a Copy to:

Conway,  
Londregan,  
Sheehan &  
Monaco, P.C.  
Attn: Jeffery  
Londregan, Esq.  
38 Huntington  
Road,  
New London,  
CT 06320

NE Edge, LLC  
c/o Thomas P. Quinn  
4433 Post Road  
East Greenwich, RI, 02818

15. Further Actions

Each Party agrees that it will, at its own expense, to the extent not reimbursable by the other party under this Agreement, execute any and all certificates, documents, and other instruments, and take such other further actions as may be reasonably necessary to give effect to the terms of this Agreement.

16. Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in several counterparts, any one of which shall be considered

an original hereof for all purposes.

17. Severability

In the event that any of the provisions, portions or applications of this Agreement are held to be unenforceable or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, portions, and applications thereof shall not be affected thereby. In such event, the Parties agree that the court making such determination shall have the power to alter or amend such provisions so that it shall be enforceable; provided, however, in the event the severed and unenforceable provision would release or relieve NE Edge from the obligation to pay any Host Municipality Fee or Preliminary Payment to Bozrah hereunder, or would materially alter the tax exemption afforded by this Agreement, despite a compliance with this Agreement, the parties shall amend this Agreement to the minimum extent necessary to render such provision legal and enforceable to require the exemption and/or payment of Host Municipality Fee or Preliminary Payment to Bozrah hereunder as initially intended. In the event an amendment described in the preceding sentence is not executed within thirty (30) days of such judgment or effective date of such law, whichever is earlier, the party that would benefit from the amendment, at its election, may terminate this Agreement by written notice to the other party.

18. No Third-Party Beneficiaries

Nothing in this agreement is intended to confer any right on any Person other than the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns; nor is anything in this Agreement intended to modify or discharge the obligation or liability of any third party to any Party or give any third party any right of subrogation or action over or against any Party.

19. Heading for Convenience

The headings in this Agreement are for convenience and reference only and in no way define or limit the scope or content of this Agreement or in any way affect its provisions.

20. Confidentiality

- (i) For purposes of this Section 20, "Confidential Information" means all data and information heretofore or hereafter disclosed, directly or indirectly, by or on behalf of NE Edge, any affiliate or predecessor of any of the foregoing persons, any tenant or lessee of NE Edge, any licensor of technology to be used in connection with a Qualified Data Center or any contractor or subcontractor engaged directly or indirectly by any of the foregoing persons (the "Disclosing Party"), including patented and unpatented inventions, trade secrets, know-how, techniques, data, specifications, as-built drawings, blueprints, flow sheets, designs, engineering information, construction information, economic information, customers, suppliers, operation criteria, and other information related to the design, development, construction, improvement, maintenance, rehabilitation, renovation, repair, operation, leasing and/or ownership of a Qualified Data Center; provided, however, Confidential Information does not include information which (a) has become generally available to the



public other than as a result of a disclosure by Bozrah or any of its representatives or agents; (b) was available to Bozrah or any of its representatives or agents on a non-confidential basis prior to its disclosure to Bozrah or any of its representatives or agents; or (c) has become available to Bozrah or any of its representatives or agents on a non-confidential basis from a source other than NE Edge or its representatives if such source is not known by Bozrah or any of its representatives or agents after due inquiry by any of them of such source as to whether it is bound by a confidentiality agreement with NE Edge or its representatives or is otherwise prohibited from transmitting the information to Bozrah or its representatives or agents by a contractual, legal or fiduciary obligation.

- (ii) Prior to the disclosure of the Confidential Information by NE Edge, Bozrah or its representatives or agents under this Agreement or Applicable Law, NE Edge may require Bozrah and its representatives and agents, as the case may be, to execute and deliver to NE Edge a reasonable confidentiality agreement that will require the signatory to: (a) treat as confidential all Confidential Information which may be made available to Bozrah or any agent or representative of Bozrah; (b) maintain in a secure place all Confidential Information made available to it and limit access to the Confidential information to those agents or representatives of Bozrah to whom it is necessary to disclose the Confidential Information in furtherance of Bozrah obligations under this Agreement; (c) prevent disclosure of any Confidential Information by any agent or representative of Bozrah to unauthorized parties and assumes liability on the part of Bozrah and the signatory for any breach of this Agreement and/or such confidentiality agreement, or for any unauthorized disclosure or use of Confidential Information by Bozrah or any of its agents or representatives; and (d) not use any Confidential Information other than in furtherance of its obligations under this Agreement.
- (iii) If Bozrah receives a request for a disclosure of any Confidential Information under the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act ('FOIA') Bozrah shall, before complying with such a request, provide written notice of the request, and the opportunity to review and discuss it, to NE Edge. If NE Edge asserts in good faith that all or part of the requested information is exempt from disclosure under FOIA or other applicable law, Bozrah shall not disclose such information (the "Exempt Information") and shall assert the exemptions claimed by NE Edge. If a complaint is thereafter filed with the Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission ("FOIC"), Bozrah shall give NE Edge prompt notice of such complaint to allow NE Edge to file a motion to intervene in the FOIC proceeding and shall not oppose such motion or disclose the Exempt Information during the pendency of such proceeding. If the FOIC proposes to issue or issues an order requiring disclosure of all or part of the Exempt Information, NE Edge shall within fourteen (14) days give written notice thereof to Bozrah. In such case Bozrah shall not disclose the Exempt Information for a period of five (5) business days after the date of issuance of such order to allow NE Edge to file a motion for a stay of the order and an appeal, and further shall not disclose the Exempt Information

while the motion for stay is pending. If the stay is granted, Bozrah shall not disclose the Exemption Information until there is a final unappealable order requiring disclosure. If the stay is not granted, Bozrah may comply with the terms of an FOIC order requiring disclosure. NE Edge shall indemnify and hold Bozrah harmless from any costs, damages, fines, penalties, liability, and expenses (including attorney's fees and costs) resulting from its compliance with the provisions of this section 20.

- (iv) If Bozrah receives any other requests or demand for disclosure of any Confidential Information (whether in the form of a subpoena, an investigative inquiry by a governmental agency, discovery demands in litigation, or otherwise), Bozrah agrees to give prompt notice to NE Edge of such request or demand and to allow NE Edge an opportunity to seek judicial protection for the Confidential Information, unless Bozrah is expressly prohibited by court order from so disclosing the demand. The provisions of this Section 20 and any confidentiality agreement executed Pursuant to Section 20 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.
21. No additional municipal tax benefits. NE Edge agrees that it will not pursue from Bozrah any additional tax incentives, tax exemptions or tax abatements or any subsequent adjustment to its taxes or payments to Bozrah that are the subject of this Agreement unless permitted herein. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit NE Edge from seeking additional tax relief and rebates from the State of Connecticut, federal authorities, or authorities other than Bozrah, provided that no such relief shall reduce the amounts payable by NE Edge to Bozrah under this Agreement.
22. Late Payments. If NE Edge fails to make a Host Municipality Fee or Preliminary Payment to Bozrah required hereunder within thirty (30) days following the due date provided for payment, interest at the rate set forth in CGS §12-146 shall accrue on any unpaid portion of such Host Municipality Fee or Preliminary Payment from the date such payment was due until paid, and Bozrah shall retain all rights and remedies it may have under law if any such payment remains unpaid. Without limitation of the generality of the foregoing, in the event NE Edge fails to make a Host Municipality Fee payment or Preliminary Payment, as applicable, within the time afforded by this section, such payments shall for an intents and purposes of this Agreement be deemed the equivalent of tax payment subject to the same precedence, collection and enforcement, including all lien rights, as afforded by Connecticut General Statutes § 12- 172, as amended.
23. Commencing on the expiration or termination of the term of this Agreement, all property, real and personal, previously exempted by this Agreement shall be assessed in the manner required by applicable law and taxes shall be calculated and be due and payable as provided by applicable law.
24. During the term of this Agreement, NE Edge shall not apply to the Board of Assessment

Appeals to seek any full or partial exemption from municipal property taxation, nor appeal any assessed values for Facilities to said Board of Assessment Appeals or any court having jurisdiction.

25. In the event that any clerical error or typographical error is discovered within this Agreement that results in language that neither party intended upon the Execution Date of this Agreement, the parties shall promptly execute an amendment to this Agreement to correct such error upon the discovery thereof prior to the Effective Date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed the Agreement as of the Effective Date.

Town of Bozrah  
Glenn Planka, First Selectman

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NE Edge LLC  
Thomas Quinn, Manager and President

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

**VERSION DATE: 06/27/2022**