**EnergyPlusTM Contributor Agreement**

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You provide Your Contributions on as “AS IS” BASIS, WITHOUT WARRANTIES OR CONDITIONS OF ANY KIND, either express or implied, including, without limitation, any warranties or conditions of TITLE, NON-INFRINGEMENT, MERCHANTABILITY, or FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

**4. Miscellaneous**

The Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Colorado, without regard to the conflict of laws provisions thereof.

Any provision of this Agreement that is determined to be unenforceable or unlawful shall not affect the remainder of the Agreement and shall be severable therefrom, and the unenforceable or unlawful provision shall be limited or eliminated to the minimum extent necessary to that this Agreement shall otherwise remain in full force and effect and enforceable.

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any and all prior agreements between them, whether written or oral, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

This Agreement may not be amended, modified or provision hereof waived, except in a writing signed by the parties hereto.

No waiver by either party, whether express or implied, of any provision of the Agreement, or of any breach thereof, shall constitute a continuing waiver of such provision or a breach or waiver of any other provision of this Agreement.

Indicate your acceptance of this Agreement by signing and dating below.

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