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# TEXAS INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSUMERS' EIGHTH SET OF REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION TO AXINFRA US LP

Pursuant to § 22.144 of the Commission's Procedural Rules, Texas Industrial Energy Consumers ("TIEC") requests that AxInfra US LP ("AxInfra") provide all of the information requested in Exhibit "A" within 10 calendar days of receipt.

Pursuant to P.U.C. Proc. R. 22.144(c)(2), TIEC further requests that answers to the requests for information be made under oath. Each answer should identify the person responsible for preparing that answer (other than the purely clerical aspects of its preparation) and the name of the witness in this proceeding who will sponsor the answer and who can vouch for its accuracy. In producing documents pursuant to this request for information, please indicate the specific request(s) to which the document is being produced. These requests are continuing in nature, and should there be, for any reason, a change in circumstances which would modify or change an answer supplied by you, such changed answer should be submitted immediately as a supplement to your original answer pursuant to P.U.C. Proc. R. 22.144(i). Please answer each request and sub-request in the order in which they are listed and in sufficient detail to provide a complete and accurate answer to the request. TIEC further requests that each item of information be made available as it is completed, rather than upon compilation of all information requested.

All information responsive to the requests on the attached Exhibit "A" should be sent to the following persons via overnight courier, on a piecemeal basis as individual items become available: Mr. Phillip G. Oldham
Ms. Katherine L. Coleman
Mr. Michael McMillin
Thompson & Knight LLP
98 San Jacinto Blvd., Suite 1900
Austin, Texas 78701
(512) 469-6100
(512) 469-6180 (fax)

## **DEFINITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS**

- A. "AxInfra," refers to AxInfra US LP ("AxInfra"), and its affiliates, subsidiaries, and any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, including without limitation, attorneys, agents, advisors, investigators, representatives, employees or other persons.
- B. "WETT" refers to Wind Energy Transmission Texas, LLC ("WETT") and its affiliates, subsidiaries, and any person acting or purporting to act on their behalf, as it relates to the true-up proceeding and related appeals, including without limitation, attorneys, agents, advisors, investigators, representatives, employees or other persons.
  - C. "Applicants" refers to WETT and AxInfra.
- D. The terms "document" or "documents" are used in their broadest sense to include, by way of illustration and not limitation, all written or graphic matter of every kind and description whether printed, produced, reproduced or stored by any process whether visually, magnetically, mechanically, electronically or by hand, whether final or draft, original or reproduction, whether or not claimed to be privileged or otherwise excludable from discovery, and whether or not in your actual or constructive possession, custody, or control. The terms include writings, correspondence, telegrams, memoranda, studies, reports, surveys, statistical compilations, notes, calendars, tapes, computer disks, data on computer drives, e-mail, cards, recordings, contracts, agreements, invoices, licenses, diaries, journals, accounts, pamphlets, books, ledgers, publications, microfilm, microfiche and any other data compilations from which information can be obtained and translated, by you if necessary, into reasonably usable form. The definition includes electronic information that has been deleted. "Document" or "documents" shall also include every copy of a document where the copy contains any commentary or notation of any kind that does not appear on the original or any other copy.
- E. Pursuant to Rule 196.4 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, TIEC specifically requests that any electronic or magnetic information (which is included in the definition of "document") that is responsive to a request herein be produced on CD-ROM in a format that is compatible with Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft, Macintosh and/or Word Perfect and be produced with your response to these requests. If emails are responsive to these requests, please provide a searchable pdf copy of the entire email string. Attachments to emails should be provided with the

email in searchable .pdf form, unless it is stored in a different format, in which the attachment should be produced in its native format and provided on CD-Rom.

- F. The terms "and" and "or" shall be construed both disjunctively and conjunctively as necessary to make the request inclusive rather than exclusive.
- G. "Each" shall be construed to include the word "every" and "every" shall be construed to include the word "each."
- H. "Any" shall be construed to include "all" and "all" shall be construed to include "any."
- I. The term "concerning," or one of its inflections, includes the following meanings: relating to; referring to; pertaining to; regarding; discussing; mentioning; containing; reflecting; evidencing; describing; showing; identifying; providing; disproving; consisting of; supporting; contradicting; in any way legally, logically or factually connected with the matter to which the term refers; or having a tendency to prove or disprove the matter to which the term refers.
- J. The term "including," or one of its inflections, means and refers to "including but not limited to."
- K. Words used in the plural shall also be taken to mean and include the singular. Words used in the singular shall also be taken to mean and include the plural.
- L. The present tense shall be construed to include the past tense, and the past tense shall be construed to include the present tense.
- M. If any document is withheld under any claim of privilege, please furnish a list identifying each document for which a privilege is claimed, together with the following information: date, sender, recipients of copies, subject matter of the document, and the basis upon which such privilege is claimed.
- N. Pursuant to P.U.C. PROC. R. 22.144(h)(4), if the response to any request is voluminous, please provide a detailed index of the voluminous material.
- O. If the information requested is included in previously furnished exhibits, workpapers, and responses to other discovery inquiries or otherwise, in hard copy or electronic format, please furnish specific references thereto, including Bates Stamp page citations and detailed cross-references.
- P. The term "emails" includes the entire email string and all attachments found anywhere within the email string. Please refer to paragraph "D." regarding specific instructions for producing such items.
  - Q. "Communications" refers to correspondence of any kind, including emails.
- R. "Identify" and "describe" shall have the meaning set forth below according to the context in which the term is used:

- i. When used in reference to an individual, shall mean to state his or her full name, present or last known residence address, business affiliation and business address, and residence and business telephone number;
- ii. When used in reference to a corporation, shall mean to state its full name, its state of incorporation, its address and its principal place of business;
- iii. When used in reference to any entity other than an individual or corporation, shall mean to state its official name, its organizational form and its address;
- iv. When used in reference to a document, shall mean to state the type of document, date, author, addressee, title, its present location, the name and address of its custodian, and the substance of the contents thereof. In lieu of identifying any document, copies thereof may be furnished; and
- v. When used in reference to a communication, shall mean to state the form of the communication (e.g., telephone conversation, letter, telegram, teletype, telecopy, written memorandum, face to face conversation, or any other form), the date of the communication or the dates on which the communication was sent and/or received if not the same, the parties to the communication, the party who initiated it, the substance of the communication, and the present location and the name and address of the custodian if the communication was non-verbal and/or of any written memorialization of the communication.

## Respectfully submitted,

### THOMPSON & KNIGHT LLP

/s/ Michael McMillin

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ATTORNEYS FOR TEXAS INDUSTRIAL ENERGY CONSUMERS

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Michael McMillin, Attorney for TIEC, hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served on all parties of record in this proceeding on this 11th day of May, 2020 by facsimile, electronic mail and/or First Class, U.S. Mail, Postage Prepaid.

/s/ Michael McMillin
Michael McMillin

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## **TIEC-AXINFRA 8-1**

Please refer to the response to AxInfra-TIEC 1-6 regarding the private ownership of Axium Infrastruture, Inc. Please list each individual that owns more than 5% of the issued and outstanding securities of Axium Infrastructure, Inc., and each named individual's percentage ownership.

#### **TIEC-AXINFRA 8-2**

Have any executives or owners of Axium Infrastructure US Inc. or Axium Infrastructure Inc. been deposed or otherwise interviewed by Canadian authorities in regard to the charges brought against SNC-Lavalin in 2015 for bribery and corruption? If so, please:

- a. Identify those individuals; and
- b. Describe the subject matter of the interview(s) or deposition(s).

### **TIEC-AXINFRA 8-3**

Have any executives or owners of Axium Infrastructure US Inc. or Axium Infrastructure Inc. been deposed or otherwise interviewed by Canadian authorities in relation to illegal political financing schemes in Quebec during the period 2001-2010? If so, please:

- a. Identify those individuals; and
- b. Describe the subject matter of the interview(s) or deposition(s).

### **TIEC-AXINFRA 8-4**

Were any executives or owners of Axium Infrastucture US Inc., or Axium Infrastructure Inc., involved in SNC-Lavalin's efforts to be granted a deferred prosecution agreement from the Trudeau administration? If so, please:

- a. Identify those individuals; and
- b. Describe the nature of their involvement.

## **TIEC-AXINFRA 8-5**

Please list each of the members of the boards of directors of Axium Infrastructure US Inc. and Axium Infrastructure Inc. Are any of these members independent of management according to NYSE rules? If yes, please identify each independent individual.