

**ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT GRANTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 71, TITLE 36
OF THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW**

THIS INDENTURE made this 27th day of June, 2016, between Owner(s) New York State Electric & Gas Corporation, having an office at 70 Farm View Drive, New Gloucester, Maine 04260, County of Cumberland, State of Maine (the "Grantor"), and The People of the State of New York (the "Grantee."), acting through their Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (the "Commissioner", or "NYSDEC" or "Department" as the context requires) with its headquarters located at 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233,

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that it is in the public interest to encourage the remediation of abandoned and likely contaminated properties ("sites") that threaten the health and vitality of the communities they burden while at the same time ensuring the protection of public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that it is in the public interest to establish within the Department a statutory environmental remediation program that includes the use of Environmental Easements as an enforceable means of ensuring the performance of operation, maintenance, and/or monitoring requirements and the restriction of future uses of the land, when an environmental remediation project leaves residual contamination at levels that have been determined to be safe for a specific use, but not all uses, or which includes engineered structures that must be maintained or protected against damage to perform properly and be effective, or which requires groundwater use or soil management restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that Environmental Easement shall mean an interest in real property, created under and subject to the provisions of Article 71, Title 36 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL") which contains a use restriction and/or a prohibition on the use of land in a manner inconsistent with engineering controls which are intended to ensure the long term effectiveness of a site remedial program or eliminate potential exposure pathways to hazardous waste or petroleum; and

WHEREAS, Grantor, is the owner of real property located at the address of 218 and 221 South Main Street (Route 11) in the Town of Cortlandville, County of Cortland and State of New York, known and designated on the tax map of the County Clerk of Cortland as tax map parcel numbers: Section 76.57 Block 01 Lots 05.200 and 08.200, being the same as that property conveyed to Grantor by deeds dated July 9, 1990 and May 8, 2008 and recorded in the Cortland County Clerk's Office in Liber and Page 506/308 and as Instrument #2008-02641, respectively. The property subject to this Environmental Easement (the "Controlled Property") comprises approximately 2.152 +/- acres, and is hereinafter more fully described in the Land Title Survey dated August 27, 2013 and last revised February 16, 2015 prepared by Rodney L. Carey, PLS of Keystone Associates Architects, Engineers and Surveyors, LLC, which will be attached to the Site Management Plan. The Controlled Property description is set forth in and attached hereto as Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, the Department accepts this Environmental Easement in order to ensure the

protection of public health and the environment and to achieve the requirements for remediation established for the Controlled Property until such time as this Environmental Easement is extinguished pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the terms and conditions of Order on Consent Index Number: D0-0002-9309, Grantor conveys to Grantee a permanent Environmental Easement pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36 in, on, over, under, and upon the Controlled Property as more fully described herein ("Environmental Easement").

1. Purposes. Grantor and Grantee acknowledge that the Purposes of this Environmental Easement are: to convey to Grantee real property rights and interests that will run with the land in perpetuity in order to provide an effective and enforceable means of encouraging the reuse and redevelopment of this Controlled Property at a level that has been determined to be safe for a specific use while ensuring the performance of operation, maintenance, and/or monitoring requirements; and to ensure the restriction of future uses of the land that are inconsistent with the above-stated purpose.

2. Institutional and Engineering Controls. The controls and requirements listed in the Department approved Site Management Plan ("SMP") including any and all Department approved amendments to the SMP are incorporated into and made part of this Environmental Easement. These controls and requirements apply to the use of the Controlled Property, run with the land, are binding on the Grantor and the Grantor's successors and assigns, and are enforceable in law or equity against any owner of the Controlled Property, any lessees and any person using the Controlled Property.

A. (1) The Controlled Property may be used for:

Commercial as described in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(g)(2)(iii) and Industrial as described in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(g)(2)(iv)

(2) All Engineering Controls must be operated and maintained as specified in the Site Management Plan (SMP);

(3) All Engineering Controls must be inspected at a frequency and in a manner defined in the SMP;

(4) The use of groundwater underlying the property is prohibited without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or the Cortland County Department of Health to render it safe for use as drinking water or for industrial purposes, and the user must first notify and obtain written approval to do so from the Department;

(5) Groundwater and other environmental or public health monitoring must be performed as defined in the SMP;

(6) Data and information pertinent to Site Management of the Controlled Property must be reported at the frequency and in a manner defined in the SMP;

(7) All future activities on the property that will disturb remaining contaminated material must be conducted in accordance with the SMP;

(8) Monitoring to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy must be performed as defined in the SMP;

(9) Operation, maintenance, monitoring, inspection, and reporting of any mechanical or physical components of the remedy shall be performed as defined in the SMP;

(10) Access to the site must be provided to agents, employees or other representatives of the State of New York with reasonable prior notice to the property owner to assure compliance with the restrictions identified by this Environmental Easement.

B. The Controlled Property shall not be used for Residential or Restricted Residential purposes as defined in 6NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(2)(i) and (ii), and the above-stated engineering controls may not be discontinued without an amendment or extinguishment of this Environmental Easement.

C. The SMP describes obligations that the Grantor assumes on behalf of Grantor, its successors and assigns. The Grantor's assumption of the obligations contained in the SMP which may include sampling, monitoring, and/or operating a treatment system, and providing certified reports to the NYSDEC, is and remains a fundamental element of the Department's determination that the Controlled Property is safe for a specific use, but not all uses. The SMP may be modified in accordance with the Department's statutory and regulatory authority. The Grantor and all successors and assigns, assume the burden of complying with the SMP and obtaining an up-to-date version of the SMP from:

Site Control Section
Division of Environmental Remediation
NYSDEC
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233
Phone: (518) 402-9553

D. Grantor must provide all persons who acquire any interest in the Controlled Property a true and complete copy of the SMP that the Department approves for the Controlled Property and all Department-approved amendments to that SMP.

E. Grantor covenants and agrees that until such time as the Environmental Easement is extinguished in accordance with the requirements of ECL Article 71, Title 36 of the ECL, the property deed and all subsequent instruments of conveyance relating to the Controlled Property shall state in at least fifteen-point bold-faced type:

**This property is subject to an Environmental Easement held
by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation**

pursuant to Title 36 of Article 71 of the Environmental Conservation Law.

F. Grantor covenants and agrees that this Environmental Easement shall be incorporated in full or by reference in any leases, licenses, or other instruments granting a right to use the Controlled Property.

G. Grantor covenants and agrees that it shall, at such time as NYSDEC may require, submit to NYSDEC a written statement by an expert the NYSDEC may find acceptable certifying under penalty of perjury, in such form and manner as the Department may require, that:

(1) the inspection of the site to confirm the effectiveness of the institutional and engineering controls required by the remedial program was performed under the direction of the individual set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(h)(3).

(2) the institutional controls and/or engineering controls employed at such site:

(i) are in-place;

(ii) are unchanged from the previous certification, or that any identified changes to the controls employed were approved by the NYSDEC and that all controls are in the Department-approved format; and

(iii) that nothing has occurred that would impair the ability of such control to protect the public health and environment;

(3) the owner will continue to allow access to such real property to evaluate the continued maintenance of such controls;

(4) nothing has occurred that would constitute a violation or failure to comply with any site management plan for such controls;

(5) the report and all attachments were prepared under the direction of, and reviewed by, the party making the certification;

(6) to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, the work and conclusions described in this certification are in accordance with the requirements of the site remedial program, and generally accepted engineering practices; and

(7) the information presented is accurate and complete.

3. Right to Enter and Inspect. Grantee, its agents, employees, or other representatives of the State may enter and inspect the Controlled Property in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times to assure compliance with the above-stated restrictions.

4. Reserved Grantor's Rights. Grantor reserves for itself, its assigns, representatives, and successors in interest with respect to the Property, all rights as fee owner of the Property, including:

A. Use of the Controlled Property for all purposes not inconsistent with, or limited by the terms of this Environmental Easement;

B. The right to give, sell, assign, or otherwise transfer part or all of the underlying fee interest to the Controlled Property, subject and subordinate to this Environmental Easement;

5. Enforcement

A. This Environmental Easement is enforceable in law or equity in perpetuity by Grantor, Grantee, or any affected local government, as defined in ECL Section 71-3603, against the owner of the Property, any lessees, and any person using the land. Enforcement shall not be defeated because of any subsequent adverse possession, laches, estoppel, or waiver. It is not a defense in any action to enforce this Environmental Easement that: it is not appurtenant to an interest in real property; it is not of a character that has been recognized traditionally at common law; it imposes a negative burden; it imposes affirmative obligations upon the owner of any interest in the burdened property; the benefit does not touch or concern real property; there is no privity of estate or of contract; or it imposes an unreasonable restraint on alienation.

B. If any person violates this Environmental Easement, the Grantee may revoke the Certificate of Completion with respect to the Controlled Property.

C. Grantee shall notify Grantor of a breach or suspected breach of any of the terms of this Environmental Easement. Such notice shall set forth how Grantor can cure such breach or suspected breach and give Grantor a reasonable amount of time from the date of receipt of notice in which to cure. At the expiration of such period of time to cure, or any extensions granted by Grantee, the Grantee shall notify Grantor of any failure to adequately cure the breach or suspected breach, and Grantee may take any other appropriate action reasonably necessary to remedy any breach of this Environmental Easement, including the commencement of any proceedings in accordance with applicable law.

D. The failure of Grantee to enforce any of the terms contained herein shall not be deemed a waiver of any such term nor bar any enforcement rights.

6. Notice. Whenever notice to the Grantee (other than the annual certification) or approval from the Grantee is required, the Party providing such notice or seeking such approval shall identify the Controlled Property by referencing the following information:

County, NYSDEC Site Number, NYSDEC Brownfield Cleanup Agreement, State Assistance Contract or Order Number, and the County tax map number or the Liber and Page or computerized system identification number.

Parties shall address correspondence to: Site Number: 712005
Office of General Counsel
NYSDEC
625 Broadway
Albany New York 12233-5500

With a copy to: Site Control Section
Division of Environmental Remediation
NYSDEC
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233

All notices and correspondence shall be delivered by hand, by registered mail or by Certified mail and return receipt requested. The Parties may provide for other means of receiving and

communicating notices and responses to requests for approval.

7. Recordation. Grantor shall record this instrument, within thirty (30) days of execution of this instrument by the Commissioner or her/his authorized representative in the office of the recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property Law.

8. Amendment. Any amendment to this Environmental Easement may only be executed by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or the Commissioner's Designee, and filed with the office of the recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property Law.

9. Extinguishment. This Environmental Easement may be extinguished only by a release by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, or the Commissioner's Designee, and filed with the office of the recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property Law.

10. Joint Obligation. If there are two or more parties identified as Grantor herein, the obligations imposed by this instrument upon them shall be joint and several.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused this instrument to be signed in its name.

New York State Electric & Gas Corporation:

By: Mary Smith

Print Name: Mary Smith

Title: Vice President – General Services Date: 6-1-2016

By: Tamara Feck (control)

Print Name: Tamara Feck

Title: Manager – Program\Projects Date: 6-1-16

Grantor's Acknowledgment

STATE OF New York)
COUNTY OF Monroe) ss:

On the 1st day of June, in the year 2016, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared **Mary Smith**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her capacity, and that by her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Anna M. Sabers

ANNA M. SABERS
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01SA6072590
Qualified in Monroe County
Commission Expires April 08, 20 18

Notary Public - State of New York

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF Monroe) ss:

On the 2nd day of June, in the year 2016, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared **Tamara Feck**, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her capacity, and that by her signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

ANNA M. SABERS
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01SA6072590
Qualified in Monroe County
Commission Expires April 08, 20 18

Notary Public - State of New York

THIS ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT IS HEREBY ACCEPTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, Acting By and Through the Department of Environmental Conservation as Designee of the Commissioner,

By: 
Robert W. Schick, Director
Division of Environmental Remediation

Grantee's Acknowledgment

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ALBANY)

On the 27th day of JUNE, in the year 2016 before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Robert W. Schick, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/ executed the same in his/her/ capacity as Designee of the Commissioner of the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation, and that by his/her/ signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.


Notary Public - State of New York

**PATRICK EUGENE FOSTER
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF NEW YORK
QUALIFIED IN KINGS COUNTY
NO. 02FO6278032
COMMISSION EXPIRES 03/18/2017**

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

**ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT DESCRIPTION
NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION
TM# 76.57-01-05.2
SOUTH MAIN STREET
VILLAGE OF HOMER
CORTLAND COUNTY, NEW YORK STATE**

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Village of Homer, County of Cortland, State of New York, being all of the property now or formerly of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation described in Liber 506 Page 308 as recorded in the Cortland County Clerk's Office on July 09, 1990 (TM#76.57-01-05.2), bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the centerline of South Main Street (U.S. Route 11) at its intersection with the division line between the property now or formerly of James R. Harder per Instrument # 1955 4822 (TM# 76.57-01-04) on the north and the property now or formerly of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation per Liber 506 P. 308 (TM# 76.57-01-05.2) on the south;

RUNNING THENCE S71°29'44"E across said South Main Street (U.S. Route 11), along said division line, and passing through two (2) 5/8 inch rebar capped "KEYSTONE BING NY" (KEYSTONE capped rebar), a distance of 139.25 feet to a point at its intersection with the approximate centerline of the West Branch of the Tioughnioga River; thence along said centerline of the River the following two (2) courses and distances:

- 1) S07°08'40"W, a distance of 50.26 feet to a point;
- 2) S07°19'54"E, a distance of 230.01 feet to a point; thence N81°01'49"W across said river, along the division line between the property now or formerly of Homer Avenue Inn, LLC per Instrument # 2012-00886 (TM# 76.57-01-06) on the south and said New York State Electric & Gas Corporation on the north, passing through two (2) KEYSTONE capped rebars, and across said South Main Street (U.S. Route 11), a distance of 195.19 feet to a point at its intersection with said centerline of South Main Street (U.S. Route 11); thence along the last mentioned centerline the following three (3) courses and distances:

- 1) N02°18'35"E, a distance of 56.87 feet to a point;
- 2) N08°33'27"E, a distance of 138.29 feet to a point;
- 3) Continuing N08°33'27"E, a distance of 99.19 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The above described parcel contains 45,834 square feet or 1.052 acres, more or less.

The above described parcel is subject to the following:

- 1) The Rights of the Public in, over and across that portion of the premises which lies within the bounds of South Main Street A/K/A U.S. Route 11.
- 2) The Rights of the Public to that portion of the premises which lies within the bounds of the West Branch of the Tioughnioga River.
- 3) An easement recorded in the Cortland County Clerk's Office in Liber 329 Page 903.
- 4) Parcel is listed in the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites filed August 31, 1993.

The above described parcel is subject to any and all easements of record and/or as found in the field.

Bearings are referred to True North at the 76°35' Meridian of West Longitude.

The above described parcel is shown on the map entitled "Environmental Easement Description, Department Site No. 712005, NYSEG Former Cortland-Homer MGP Site, South Main Street (U.S. Route 11), Village of Homer, Cortland County, New York State" prepared by Keystone Associates Architects, Engineers and Surveyors, LLC as project number 1677.13413, sheet SU-2 dated August 27, 2013.

**SURVEYOR'S DESCRIPTION
ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT DESCRIPTION
NEW YORK STATE ELECTRIC & GAS CORPORATION
TM# 76.57-01-08.2
216 SOUTH MAIN STREET
VILLAGE OF HOMER
CORTLAND COUNTY, NEW YORK STATE**

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND situate in the Village of Homer, County of Cortland, State of New York, being all of the property now or formerly of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation described in Instrument # 2008-02641 as recorded in the Cortland County Clerk's Office on May 09, 2008 (TM#76.57-01-08.2), bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the centerline of South Main Street (U.S. Route 11) at its intersection with the division line between the property of Homer Village (Map 1C Parcel 36) formerly of Harold A. Atkinson per Inst. # 2012-07573 (TM# 76.57-01-07 in Homer and TM# 76.15-01.18 in Cortlandville) on the south and the property now or formerly of New York State Electric & Gas Corporation per Instrument # 2008-02641 (TM# 76.57-01-08.2) on the north;

RUNNING THENCE N86°00'37"W across said South Main Street (U.S. Route 11) and along said division line, passing through a 1/2" rebar and a 5/8 inch rebar capped "KEYSTONE BING NY" (KEYSTONE capped rebar) at a distance of 33.16 feet, a total distance of 165.28 feet to a 1/2 inch pipe at its intersection with the division line between the property now or formerly of Cortland County Industrial Development Agency per L. 372 P. 1085 (TM# 76.49-01-14) on the west and said New York State Electric & Gas Corporation on the east; thence N04°08'35"E along the last mentioned division line, a distance of 303.51 feet to a KEYSTONE capped rebar at its intersection with the division line between the property now or formerly of Irving D. Booth, Inc. per L. 329 P. 907 (TM# 76.57-01-08.1) on the north and said New York State Electric & Gas Corporation on the south; thence S85°42'25"E along the last mentioned division line and passing through a KEYSTONE capped rebar 130.76 feet, a total distance of 163.86 feet to a point at its intersection with said centerline of South Main Street (U.S. Route 11); thence along said centerline the following three (3) courses and distances:

- 1) S08°33'27"W, a distance of 138.39 feet to a point;
- 2) S02°18'35"W, a distance of 69.95 feet to a point;
- 3) S01°47'04"E, a distance of 95.25 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

The above described parcel contains 47.928 square feet or 1.100 acres, more or less.

The above described parcel is subject to the following:

- 1) The Rights of the Public in, over and across that portion of the premises which lies within the bounds of South Main Street A/K/A U.S. Route 11.
- 2) A Right of Way recorded in the Cortland County Clerk's Office in Liber 326 Page 437.

The above described parcel is subject to any and all easements of record and/or as found in the field.

Bearings are referred to True North at the 76°35' Meridian of West Longitude.

The above described parcel is shown on the map entitled "Environmental Easement Description, Department Site No. 712005, NYSEG Former Cortland-Homer MGP Site, 216 South Main Street (U.S. Route 11), Village of Homer, Cortland County, New York State" prepared by Keystone Associates Architects, Engineers and Surveyors, LLC as project number I677.13413, sheet SU-1 dated August 27, 2013.