

**VENDOR AGREEMENT  
COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

The purpose of the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program ("CEAP") funded from the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program ("LIHEAP") grant is to maintain an energy supply to heat and cool the residences of eligible low-income clients.

The Energy Services provider, (or "Vendor,") agrees to honor the purpose of the CEAP grant and to accept pledges of payment from CEAP agencies only for certified customers to whom Vendor continues to provide energy services. The Energy Assistance Provider, (or "Agency"), agrees to make payments only for eligible low-income clients.

This vendor agreement is by and between:

Webb County, A political subdivision of the State of Texas for the Community Action Agency and

Energy Assistance Provider (Agency)

Volt Electricity

(Vendor)

Vendor and Agency agree to assist customers in the following counties: WEBB COUNTY

This agreement shall be effective from the 1<sup>ST</sup> day of JAN 2021 for a period not to exceed two years from the effective date. Either party may terminate this agreement by written notice. Such written notice of termination shall not affect any obligation by either party incurred prior to the receipt of such notice. Notice shall be sent via certified mail with return receipt requested.

Volt Electricity

(Vendor Name)

PO Box 692210 Houston Texas 77269

(Vendor Mailing Address)

WEBB COUNTY c/o WEBB COUNTY CAA

(Agency Name)

520 REYNOLDS ST 2nd FLOOR LAREDO TEXAS 78040

(Agency Mailing Address)

Revised December 2017

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WEBB COUNTY, TEXAS  
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The Agency named above represents and warrants to Vendor that it is a subrecipient of the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs ("TDHCA") and as such is authorized and has received funding from the TDHCA to provide bill payment assistance service for eligible low-income households.

The Vendor named above represents and warrants that it will apply any payments received from Agency to the account of the customer that the Agency has determined to be eligible under the CEAP guidelines and such is a "Certified Customer".

**Vendor will, with reference to a Certified Customer:**

- Extend the CEAP applicant's energy service for up to five business days while the Agency determines whether the CEAP applicant is eligible pursuant to the CEAP guidelines.
- Upon accepting pledge from Agency for Certified Customer, continue or restore energy service to Certified Customer with no increases in charges, service charges or other charges affecting the total cost of the bill, except as allowed by the stated tariff cost registered with the Public Utility Commission "PUC" and/or Texas Railroad Commission.
- In the event the full past due balance is not paid by the Agency, the Certified Customer must pay the remaining balance on or before the disconnect date stated in the customer's Disconnect Notice required by PUC regulations in order to avoid disconnection or be eligible for reconnection. Nothing in this agreement requires the Vendor to reconnect the customer upon receipt of a pledge that does not cover the full past due balance or if the customer has already been disconnected by the time the pledge is received by the Vendor.
- Invoice the Certified Customer in accordance with Vendor's normal billing practices.
- Upon verbal or written request from Agency, provide at no cost to the Agency the Certified Customer's billing and usage history for previous twelve months, or available history plus monthly estimates if less than twelve months of billing history and usage is available. Vendor will transmit such billing history via electronic mail or facsimile as soon as possible, but no later than forty-eight hours following the request.
- Work with Agency and Certified Customer to explore the feasibility of offering flexible payment arrangements that may include, without limitation, waiving security deposits, reconnect fees, application fees, and all other fees whenever possible.
- Not discriminate against Certified Customer in price or services, including the availability of deferred payment plans, level or average payment plans, discount, budget, advance payment or other credit plans.
- Not refuse to provide energy service or otherwise discriminate in the marketing and provision of energy service to any Certified Customer because of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, lawful source of income, level of income, disability, financial status, location of customer in an economically distressed geographic area, or qualification for low-income or energy-efficiency services.

- Allow Agency forty-five days from the date of the pledge to forward payment to the Vendor. Vendor agrees not to consider the portion of the Certified Customer's account to be paid by the Agency delinquent if said payment is received within the above mentioned forty-five day period and Vendor is provided with a verbal or signed pledge from the Agency within forty-five days of identifying a Certified Customer.
- Not interrupt service if Certified Customer is eligible under PUC regulations, or other state agency regulations (as applicable), and enters into an agreement with the Vendor concerning how the Certified Customer will pay the balance owed Vendor and the Certified Customer is meeting the obligation under such agreement.
- If the Agency has paid for an initial deposit or similar refundable instrument, upon the termination of service to the Certified Customer, the Vendor shall return funds including interest (after any balance owed) to the Agency in accordance with PUC regulations or other state agency regulations (as applicable).

**The Agency will:**

- Obtain written permission for Agency to request and have access to customer information, including confidential or personal account information, credit and payment history, from customers seeking Agency's assistance. Social Security numbers are not required for the CEAP program and may not be disclosed to Agency.
- Provide to Vendor, at Vendor's request, customer's written permission for Agency's access to customer information as stated above.
- Not provide pledges on behalf of a Certified Customer to Vendor without having adequate funds to pay such pledge.
- Pay pledges within forty-five days of making pledge to Vendor.
- Determine if a customer is a Certified Customer within five days of contacting Vendor.
- Provide Vendor a list of names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of Agency staff designated to make pledges on behalf of the Agency and Certified Clients, if requested from Vendor.

The terms of any confidential transaction under this agreement or any other information exchanged by the Agency and Vendor relating to any transaction shall not be disclosed to any person not employed or retained by the Agency or Vendor, their affiliates, or brokers, except to the extent disclosure is 1) required by law; 2) necessary to disclose to the other party in connection with a dispute between the parties; 3) otherwise permitted by written consent of the other party; 4) required by guarantors to be disclosed; 5) information which must be disclosed to a third party to transmit energy; 6) to meet reliability council, regulatory, administrative, judicial, governmental, or regulated commodity exchange requirements where necessary; or 7) of information which was or is hereafter in the public domain (except by breach of this Agreement).



December 2, 2020

Authorized Vendor Signature

Date

Kristee Santucci,

Authorized Signatory

Typed Name of Authorized Signature

Title

281-369-5900 Ext.18

Vendor (Area Code) Telephone Number

billing@voltep.com

Vendor Email Address



1-11-2021

Authorized Agency Signature

Date

TANO E TIJERINA

WEBB COUNTY JUDGE

Typed Name of Authorized Signature

Title

956-523-4600

Agency (Area Code) Telephone Number

## Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

**Give Form to the  
 requester. Do not  
 send to the IRS.**

Print or type  
 See Specific instructions on page 2.

**1** Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.  
**VOLT ELECTRICITY PROVIDER LP**

**2** Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above

**3** Check appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes:  
 Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC  
 C Corporation  
 S Corporation  
 Partnership  
 Trust/estate  
 Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Note. For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner.  
 Other (see instructions) ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**4** Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):  
 Exempt payee code (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)*

**5** Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)  
**10318 LAKE RD B-102**

**6** City, state, and ZIP code  
**HOUSTON TX. 77070**

**7** List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

**Part I Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)**

Enter your TIN in the appropriate box. The TIN provided must match the name given on line 1 to avoid backup withholding. For individuals, this is generally your social security number (SSN). However, for a resident alien, sole proprietor, or disregarded entity, see the Part I instructions on page 3. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN* on page 3.

Note. If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1 and the chart on page 4 for guidelines on whose number to enter.

Social security number									
OR									
Employer identification number									
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**Part II Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

- The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me); and
- I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
- The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

**Certification instructions.** You must cross out item 2 above if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions on page 3.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of U.S. person ▶ <i>Donald E. Babcock</i>	Date ▶ <i>Jan 01, 2020</i>
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**General Instructions**

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.  
 Future developments. Information about developments affecting Form W-9 (such as legislation enacted after we release it) is at [www.irs.gov/fw9](http://www.irs.gov/fw9).

**Purpose of Form**

An individual or entity (Form W-9 requester) who is required to file an information return with the IRS must obtain your correct taxpayer identification number (TIN) which may be your social security number (SSN), individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN), adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN), or employer identification number (EIN), to report on an information return the amount paid to you, or other amount reportable on an information return. Examples of information returns include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (merchant card and third party network transactions)

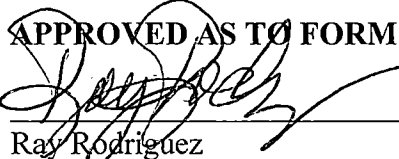
- Form 1098 (home mortgage interest), 1098-E (student loan interest), 1098-T (tuition)
  - Form 1099-C (canceled debt)
  - Form 1099-A (acquisition or abandonment of secured property)
- Use Form W-9 only if you are a U.S. person (including a resident alien), to provide your correct TIN.
- If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See *What is backup withholding?* on page 2.
- By signing the filed-out form, you:
- Certify that the TIN you are giving is correct (or you are waiting for a number to be issued),
  - Certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or
  - Claim exemption from backup withholding if you are a U.S. exempt payee. If applicable, you are also certifying that as a U.S. person, your allocable share of any partnership income from a U.S. trade or business is not subject to the withholding tax on foreign partners' share of effectively connected income, and
  - Certify that FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that you are exempt from the FATCA reporting, is correct. See *What is FATCA reporting?* on page 2 for further information.

**ATTESTED:**

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Margie Ramirez-Ibarra  
Webb County Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**



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Ray Rodriguez  
Assistant General Counsel  
Webb County Civil Legal Division\*

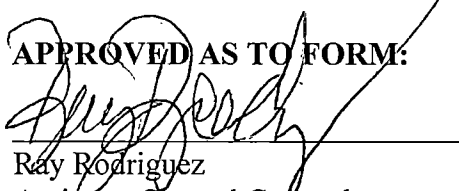
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**Passed and approved by the Webb County Commissioners Court  
On January 11, 2021 item no. 7.a.**

**ATTESTED:**

The seal of the Webb County Commissioners Court is circular, featuring a five-pointed star in the center. The words "COMMISSIONERS COURT" are written around the top inner edge, and "WEBB COUNTY TEXAS" is written around the bottom inner edge. A signature is written across the seal.  
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Mergie Ramirez-Ibarra  
Webb County Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray Rodriguez", is written over a horizontal line.  
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Ray Rodriguez  
Assistant General Counsel  
Webb County Civil Legal Division\*

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