

**PUBLIC UTILITIES VENDOR AGREEMENT  
COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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The purpose of the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program ("CEAP") funded from the ~~Low-Income~~ <sup>LIHEAP</sup> 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 ("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 ("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)

174 Power Global Retail Texas, LLC dba Chariot Energy

(Vendor)

Vendor and Agency agree to assist customers in the following counties: Webb County

This agreement shall be effective from the 20th day of May 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.

174 Power Global Retail Texas, LLC dba Chariot Energy

(Vendor Name)

2800 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 4100 Houston, Texas 77056

(Vendor Mailing Address)

Webb County c/o Webb County CAA

(Agency Name)

520 Reynolds St 2nd Floor Laredo Texas 78040

(Agency Mailing Address)

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

# Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

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

▶ Go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9) for instructions and the latest information.

Print or type.  
See specific instructions on page 3.

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|  | <b>1</b> Name (as shown on your income tax return). Name is required on this line; do not leave this line blank.<br>Hanwha Energy USA Holdings Corporation   |  |
|  | <b>2</b> Business name/disregarded entity name, if different from above<br>174 Power Global Retail Texas, LLC d/b/a Chariot Energy   |  |
|  | <b>3</b> Check appropriate box for federal tax classification of the person whose name is entered on line 1. Check only <b>one</b> of the following seven boxes.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C Corporation<br><input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Partnership<br><input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate<br><input type="checkbox"/> Limited liability company. Enter the tax classification (C=C corporation, S=S corporation, P=Partnership) ▶ _____<br><b>Note:</b> Check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner. Do not check LLC if the LLC is classified as a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner unless the owner of the LLC is another LLC that is <b>not</b> disregarded from the owner for U.S. federal tax purposes. Otherwise, a single-member LLC that is disregarded from the owner should check the appropriate box for the tax classification of its owner.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other (see instructions) ▶ _____ | <b>4</b> Exemptions (codes apply only to certain entities, not individuals; see instructions on page 3):<br><br>Exempt payee code (if any) _____<br><br>Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any) _____<br><br><i>(Applies to accounts maintained outside the U.S.)</i> |
|  | <b>5</b> Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.) See instructions.<br>300 Spectrum Center Dr., Suite 1020  | Requester's name and address (optional)  |
|  | <b>6</b> City, state, and ZIP code<br>Irvine, CA 92618   |  |
|  | <b>7</b> List account number(s) here (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 instructions for Part I, later. For other entities, it is your employer identification number (EIN). If you do not have a number, see *How to get a TIN*, later.

| Social security number |  |  |   |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |
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**or**

| Employer identification number |   |  |   |  |  |  |   |  |  |  |
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**Note:** If the account is in more than one name, see the instructions for line 1. Also see *What Name and Number To Give the Requester* for guidelines on whose number to enter.

## Part II Certification

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. 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
2. 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
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below); and
4. 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 for Part II, later.

**Sign Here**

Signature of U.S. person ▶

Date ▶

09/29/2020

## General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code unless otherwise noted.

**Future developments.** For the latest information about developments related to Form W-9 and its instructions, such as legislation enacted after they were published, go to [www.irs.gov/FormW9](http://www.irs.gov/FormW9).

### 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.

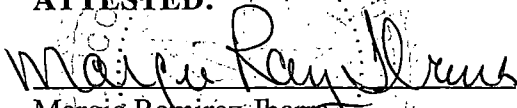
- Form 1099-INT (interest earned or paid)

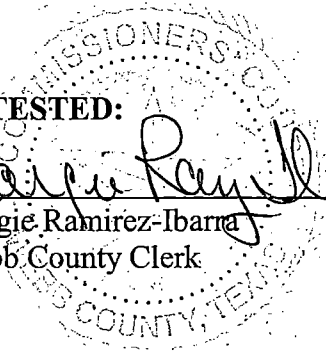
- Form 1099-DIV (dividends, including those from stocks or mutual funds)
- Form 1099-MISC (various types of income, prizes, awards, or gross proceeds)
- Form 1099-B (stock or mutual fund sales and certain other transactions by brokers)
- Form 1099-S (proceeds from real estate transactions)
- Form 1099-K (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.

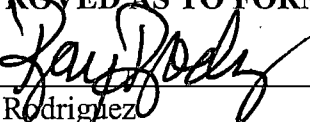
*If you do not return Form W-9 to the requester with a TIN, you might be subject to backup withholding. See What is backup withholding, later.*

**ATTESTED:**

  
Margie Ramirez-Ibarra  
Webb County Clerk



**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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

\*The General Counsel, Civil Legal Division's office, may only advise or approve contracts or legal documents on behalf of its clients. It may not advise or approve a contract or legal document on behalf of other parties. Our review of this document was conducted solely from the legal perspective of our client. Our approval of this document was offered solely for the benefit of our client. Other parties should not rely on this approval, and should seek review and approval of their own respective attorney(s).

**Passed and approved by the Webb County Commissioners Court**  
**On June 14, 2021 item no.10b.**