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December 15, 2023

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. A. Shonta Dunston Chief Clerk North Carolina Utilities Commission Mail Service Center Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300

Re: Application for Transfer of Public Utility Franchise from Meadowlands Development, LLC, to Red Bird Water and for Approval of Rates Docket No. W-1259, Sub 5 Docket No. W-1328, Sub 6

Ms. Dunston:

On behalf of Red Bird Utility Operating Company, LLC ("Red Bird" or the "Company") and pursuant to the Commission's Second Order Determining Application Incomplete issued in these dockets on September 13, 2023, please find Red Bird's response to the item listed in Public Staff's Recommendation Letter dated August 23, 2023, as follows:

It is the Public Staff's opinion that the application remains incomplete because Attachment P and the Deed of Easement filed by Red Bird Water in response to the Public Staff's deficiency letters show that the seller does not have ownership of one of the lift stations required for provision of sewer service.

Please see Attachment 1. The recorded deeds together transfer the Tract 3 easement to Meadowlands Development, LLC.

As always, please contact us if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/Molly M. Jagannathan Molly Jagannathan

/s/Mindy L. McGrath Mindy McGrath

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PREPARED BY & RETURN TO:

Jonathan S. Raymer, Esq. Law Firm Carolinas 3623 N. Elm Street, Ste. 200 Greensboro, NC 27455

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS PREPARED BY JONATHAN S. RAYMER, A LICENSED NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY; DELINQUENT TAXES, IF ANY, TO BE PAID BY THE CLOSING ATTORNEY TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR UPON DISBURSEMENT OF THE CLOSING PROCEEDS.

DEED WITHOUT WARRANTY/QUITCLAIM DEED

This Deed Without Warranty/Quitclaim Deed ("Quitclaim Deed") is executed to be effective as of the 2nd day of October, 2023 ("Effective Date") by MEADOWLANDS GOLF, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company ("Grantor"), for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration paid by MEADOWLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a North Carolina non-profit corporation ("Grantee"), the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged and confessed, Grantor has RELEASED, REMISED AND FOREVER QUITCLAIMED, and by these presents does hereby RELEASE, REMISE AND FOREVER QUITCLAIM, unto Grantee all of Grantor's right, title, interest, claim, and demand in and to that certain real property in Davidson County, North Carolina more particularly described in EXHIBIT A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, by reference, for all purposes.

TOGETHER WITH, all and singular, all of Grantor's right, title and interest in and to the rights, benefits, privileges, easements, tenements, hereditaments, and interests (said land, rights, benefits, privileges, easements, tenements, hereditaments, and interests being hereinafter referred to as the "Property").

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the Property, unto Grantee, and Grantee's successors and assigns, forever so that neither Grantor, or Grantor's heirs, successors and assigns, nor any other person claiming by, through or under Grantor, shall at any time hereafter have, claim, or demand any right, title, or interest in and to the Property or any part thereof.

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2022, a Deed of Easement from Meadowlands Homeowners Association, Inc. to Meadowlands Golf, LLC was recorded in Book DE 2538, Page 741 in the land records of Davidson County, North Carolina (the "Easement") over the Property IN ERROR; The Easement is attached hereto and incorporated herein as EXHIBIT B.

WHEREAS, this Quitclaim Deed is being executed to correct the error made when the Easement was executed and recorded and is meant to extinguish any right of Meadowlands Golf, LLC in and to the Property.

The Grantor is a dissolved North Carolina limited liability company conveying its interest in EXHIBIT A to Grantee under the provisions of N.C.G.S. 57D-6-07 for the "winding up" of the business of a dissolved LLC.

This conveyance may be executed in several counterparts, each which shall be deemed an original, and all such counterparts together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

WITNESS the signature of the undersigned, effective as of the Effective Date.

GRANTOR:

MEADOWLANDS GOLF, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company

By:

Name: C. J. Ramey

Title: Manager

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Forsyth

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this 12thday of December , 2023, within my jurisdiction, the within named C. J. Ramey, who acknowledged that he is the Manager of MEADOWLANDS GOLF, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, and that for and on behalf of said corporation, s/he executed the above and foregoing instrument after first being duly authorized so to do.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

3-25-2027

James W Armentrout NOTARY PUBLIC

Forsyth County, NC

My Commission Expires March 25, 2027

WITNESS the signature of the undersigned, effective as of the Effective Date.

GRANTEE:

MEADOWLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a North Carolina nonprofit corporation

By: Jennifer Baker

Name: Jennifer Baker

Title: President

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF ___Forsyth

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this 12thday of December ______, 2023, within my jurisdiction, the within named Jennifer Baker, who acknowledged that s/he is the President ______ of MEADOWLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a North Carolina non-profit corporation, and that for and on behalf of said corporation, s/he executed the above and foregoing instrument after first being duly authorized so to do.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

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Forsyth County, NC
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EXHIBIT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION

BEGINNING at a point in the southern right-of-way line of Southern Woods Drive as shown on a plat of Meadowlands, Section 1, Southern Woods recorded in Plat Book 45, Page 68 Davidson County, North Carolina Register of Deeds, said beginning point also being the northeast corner of Lot 335, Southern Woods, running thence from said beginning point with the eastern boundary of Lot 335 South 00 08' 55" East 46.73 feet to a point; running thence on a new line South 25 49' 40" East 147.33 feet to a point; continuing thence on a new line South 86 48' 57" East 217.49 feet to a point; running thence on a new line North 86 48' 57" West 196.71 feet to a point, the southwest corner of Lot 336 Southern Woods (Plat Book 45, Page 68); running thence with the western boundary of Lot 336 North 25 49' 40" West 154.28 feet to a point in the southern right-of-way line of Southern Woods Drive (Plat Book 45, Page 68) which is also the northwestern corner of Lot 336, Southern Woods; running thence with the southern right-of-way line of Southern Woods South 80 45' 39" West 20.61 feet to a point, the northeast corner of Lot 335, the point and place of BEGINNING; same as described in General Access and Utility Easement for the Pump Station #1, including the station, paved access roadway, fence with gate, sewer manholes, sewer lines and accessory equipment serving the Meadowlands community and which is located in the common area of Meadowlands as shown on a tract in Deed Book 2018, Page 87, Davidson County Registry.

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BY: TARA W. WHITMAN DEPUTY

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Excise tax paid:

Parcel Identifier No. 01012B0000-0001-B

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS PREPARED BY JAMES W. ARMENTROUT, A LICENSED NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY. DELINQUENT TAXES, IF ANY, TO BE PAID BY THE CLOSING ATTORNEY TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR UPON DISBURSEMENT OF CLOSING PROCEEDS.

Mail after recording to/future tax bills to: GRANTEE This instrument was prepared by: James W. Armentrout (no title search requested or performed)

NORTH CAROLINA **DAVIDSON COUNTY**

DEED OF EASEMENT

THIS GRANT OF EASEMENT is made this _day of March, 2022 by Meadowlands Homeowners Association, Inc. a North Carolina non-profit corporation, of Davidson County, North Carolina (hereinafter GRANTOR) to Meadowlands Golf, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, of Davidson County, North Carolina, (hereinafter GRANTEE);

WITNESSETH

That GRANTOR, in consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other valuable consideration to it paid by GRANTEE, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, has bargained and sold and by these presents does bargain, sell and convey unto GRANTEE, its successors and assigns, an easement or right-of-way across the property of GRANTOR for the use, maintenance, replacement and/or removal by GRANTEE, its agents, successors or assigns, of a golf course cart path, said property of GRANTOR being situated in Abbotts Creek Township, Davidson County, North Carolina, and the easement and right-of-way hereby

ATTACHMENT A HERETO

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid easement or right-of-way and all privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging to GRANTEE and their agents, successors and assigns, including, but not limited to, the free and full right of ingress and egress over and across said easement and the right from time to time, in the opinion of GRANTEE, to use, maintain, replace and/or remove an existing golf course cart path in said easement. The easement or right-of-way hereby granted shall continue for so long as same is necessary for direct access from the nearest public roadway to parts of the playable golf course.

GRANTOR covenants that it is seized of the aforesaid premises in fee and has the right to convey the easement or right-of-way hereby granted; that the same is free from all encumbrances and that it will whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Meadowlands Homeowners Association, Inc. has executed this Deed of Easement on the day and year first above written.

MEADOWLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCATION, INC.

BY: Johnifu L. Baller

North Carolina Forsyth County

I, James W. Annaticut, a Notary Public of Forsyk County, North Carolina do hereby certify that Janks R. Balon President of Meadowlands Homeowners Association, Inc., personally known to me, appeared before me and acknowledged the voluntary execution of the forgoing instrument on behalf of the corporation.

Date: 3 און אבע James W Armentrout NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires March County NC

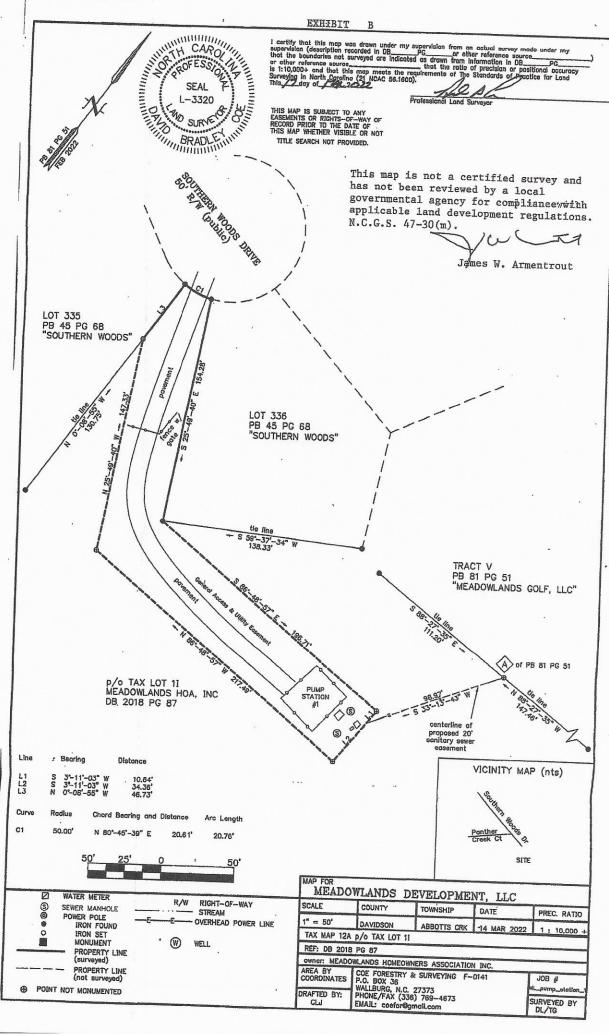
My Commission Expires March 25, 2027

Notary Public

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EXHIBIT A

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PREPARED BY & RETURN TO:

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THIS INSTRUMENT WAS PREPARED BY JONATHAN S.
RAYMER, A LICENSED NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY;
DELINQUENT TAXES, IF ANY, PAID BY THE CLOSING
ATTORNEY TO THE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR UPON
DISBURSEMENT OF CLOSING PROCEEDS.

DEED OF EASEMENT

This Deed of Easement ("Easement") is made and entered into as of the 4th day of October, 2023 by and between MEADOWLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a North Carolina nonprofit corporation, party of the first part ("Grantor"), and MEADOWLANDS DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company, party of the second part ("Grantee") (Grantee's Mailing Address: P.O. Box 10, Bethania, NC 27010).

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE PREMISES, and the sum of One Dollar and No/100ths (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration in hand paid by Grantee to Grantor, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, Grantor does hereby GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL AND CONVEY unto Grantee, its successors and assigns, the following rights and interests located in the County of Davidson, State of North Carolina, to wit:

An non-exclusive, perpetual easement over the real property described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein (the "Lift Station Easement"), for the purpose of operation and maintenance of the lift station and wastewater/sewer equipment, lines, and other appurtenances for the central wastewater/sewer system which serves the surrounding area, including currently-located improvements and appurtenances, whether known or unknown and whether of record or not, and including rights of ingress and egress and to maintain, reconstruct, increase, remove or alter such lift station and wastewater/sewer equipment and appurtenances, and Grantor does hereby sell, assign, convey, transfer and deliver to Grantee, all right, title and interest in and to lift station and other appurtenances for the central wastewater/sewer system which serves the surrounding area within the Lift Station Easement. Grantee shall be responsible for maintenance of the Lift Station Easement.

1. <u>Easement Rights</u>. The rights set forth herein regarding the Lift Station Easement are the "Easement Rights." Grantor agrees not to unreasonably interfere with the exercise of the Easement Rights by Grantee or its guests, agents, invitees or licensees.

For purposes of the Lift Station Easement, the Grantee shall be entitled to occupy and use so much

of the adjoining lands of Grantor as shall be necessary and appropriate on a temporary basis without liability for waste or trespass for the purposes of constructing improvements on or maintaining and repairing the aforesaid Lift Station Easement. Grantee agrees to repair any damage to adjoining land of the Grantor to substantially the same condition as it existed prior to the damage at Grantee's sole expense and subject to the Grantor's good faith acceptance of the repairs. Grantee agrees to maintain at the Grantee's expense the Lift Station Easement and any improvements thereon.

- 2. <u>Governing Law</u>. This Deed of Easement shall be construed under and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of North Carolina.
- 3. <u>Further Assurances</u>. Grantor agrees to execute and deliver to Grantee, upon demand, such further documents, instruments or conveyances and shall take such further actions as are reasonably necessary to effectuate this Deed of Easement.
- 4. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Deed of Easement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon, the successors, executors, administrators, legal representatives and assigns of the parties hereto and shall run with the land for the benefit of Grantee, its successors in interest, assigns, patrons and/or agents and is freely assignable by Grantee without consent of Grantor.
- 5. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Deed of Easement may be executed in counterparts (including email and pdf), each of which shall be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one agreement.
- 6. <u>Authority to Execute</u>. Each person whose signature appears hereon represents, warrants and guarantees that he or she has been duly authorized and has full authority to execute this Deed of Easement on behalf of the party on whose behalf this Deed of Easement is executed.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW]

GRANTOR:

MEADOWLANDS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., a North Carolina nonprofit

corporation

Jennifer Baker, President & Director

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Forsyth

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the said county and state, on this 12thday of December _____, 2023, within my jurisdiction, the within named, JENNIFER BAKER, who acknowledged that (s)he is the President and a Director of Meadowlands Homeowners Association, Inc., a North Carolina nonprofit corporation, and that for and on behalf of said corporation, (s)he executed the above and foregoing instrument after first being duly authorized so to do.

My Commission Expires:

3-25-2027

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James W Armentrout **NOTARY PUBLIC**

Forsyth County, NC

My Commission Expires March 25, 2027

GRANTEE:

MEADOWLANDS DEVELOPMENT, LLC, a North Carolina limited liability company

By:

J. Ramey, Manager

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Forsyth

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 3–25–2027

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