

**NOTICE OF SALE  
AND  
BIDDING INSTRUCTIONS**

**ON**

**\$3,500,000  
VARNER CREEK UTILITY DISTRICT  
UNLIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2018**

**Sealed Bids Due Wednesday, November 14, 2018, at 10:00 AM, CST**

THE BONDS WILL BE DESIGNATED AS "QUALIFIED TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS" FOR FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

**THE SALE**

**BONDS OFFERED FOR SALE AT COMPETITIVE BIDDING** . . . Varner Creek Utility District (the "District") is offering for sale its \$3,500,000 Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2018 (the "Bonds"). Bidders may submit bids for the Bonds by any of the following methods:

- (1) Deliver bids directly to the District as described below in "Bids Delivered to District;"
- (2) Submit bids electronically as described below in "Electronic Bidding Procedures;" or
- (3) Submit bids by telephone or facsimile as described below in "Bids by Telephone or Facsimile."

**BIDS DELIVERED TO DISTRICT** . . . Sealed bids, plainly marked "Bid for Bonds", should be addressed and delivered to Hilltop Securities Inc., ("Hilltop Securities") the District's Financial Advisor, at 700 Milam Street, Suite 500, Houston, Texas 77002, prior to 10:00 AM CST, on the date of the bid opening. All bids must be submitted on the Official Bid Form, without alteration or interlineation.

**ELECTRONIC BIDDING PROCEDURES** . . . Any prospective bidder that intends to submit an electronic bid must submit its electronic bid through the facilities of PARITY. Subscription to i-Deal's BIDCOMP Competitive Bidding System is required in order to submit an electronic bid. The District will neither confirm any subscription nor be responsible for the failure of any prospective bidder to subscribe. Bidders submitting an electronic bid shall not be required to submit Official Bid Forms.

An electronic bid made through the facilities of PARITY shall be deemed an irrevocable offer to purchase the Bonds on the terms provided in this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, and shall be binding upon the bidder as if made by a signed, sealed bid delivered to the District. The District shall not be responsible for any malfunction or mistake made by, or as a result of the use of the facilities of, PARITY, the use of such facilities being the sole risk of the prospective bidder.

**If any provision of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions conflicts with information provided by PARITY as the approved provider of electronic bidding services, this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions shall control. Further information about PARITY, including any fee charged, may be obtained from Parity Customer Support, 40 West 23rd Street, 5th Floor, New York, New York 10010, (212) 404-8102.**

For purposes of both the written sealed bid process and the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by i-Deal shall constitute the official time. **For information purposes only, bidders are requested to state in their electronic bids the net interest cost to the District, as described under "Basis for Award" below. All electronic bids shall be deemed to incorporate the provisions of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions and the Official Bid Form.**

**BIDS BY TELEPHONE OR FACSIMILE** . . . Bidders must submit SIGNED Official Bid Forms to Joe Morrow, Hilltop Securities Inc., 700 Milam Street, Suite 500, Houston, Texas 77002, and submit their bid by telephone on the date of and before the time of the sale as specified below.

Telephone bids will be accepted at (713) 654-8690, between 9:00 AM, CST, and 10:00 AM, CST, on the date of sale.

**Hilltop Securities, will not be responsible for submitting any bids received after the above deadlines.**

Hilltop Securities Inc, assumes no responsibility or liability with respect to any irregularities associated with the submission of bids if telephone or fax options are exercised.

**PLACE AND TIME OF BID OPENING** . . . The bids for the Bonds will be publicly opened and read at the office of the District's Financial Advisor, 700 Milam Street, Suite 500, Houston, Texas 77002 at 10:00 AM, CST, , Wednesday, November 14, 2018. For purposes of both the written sealed bid process and the electronic bidding process, the time as maintained by PARITY constitutes the official time.

**AWARD OF THE BONDS** . . . The Board of Directors of the District (the "Board") will take action to award the Bonds (or reject all bids) at a meeting scheduled to convene at 11:30 AM, CST, on the date of the bid opening, at the District's Meeting Place, 180 Freeman Blvd, West Columbia, TX 77486 and adopt an order (the "Bond Order") authorizing the Bonds and approving the Official Statement.

## THE BONDS

**DESCRIPTION . . .** The Bonds will be dated November 15, 2018 (the "Dated Date"). Interest will accrue from the date of initial delivery of the Bonds to the Initial Purchaser (the "Delivery Date") and will be payable on August 15, 2019, and each February 15 and August 15 thereafter until the earlier of maturity or prior redemption. The Bonds will be issued only in fully registered form in any integral multiple of \$5,000 for any one maturity. The Bonds will mature on August 15 in each year as follows:

### MATURITY SCHEDULE

Year	Principal Amount	Year	Principal Amount	Year	Principal Amount
2020	\$ 120,000	2027	\$ 155,000	2033	\$ 195,000
2021	125,000	2028	160,000	2034	200,000
2022	130,000	2029	170,000	2035	210,000
2023	135,000	2030	175,000	2036	220,000
2024	140,000	2031	180,000	2037	225,000
2025	145,000	2032	185,000	2038	235,000
2026	150,000			2039	245,000

**OPTIONAL REDEMPTION . . .** The District reserves the right, at its option, to redeem Bonds having stated maturities on and after August 15, 2027, in whole or in part in principal amounts of \$5,000 or any integral multiple thereof, on August 15, 2026, or any date thereafter, at a price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

**SERIAL BONDS AND/OR TERM BONDS . . .** Bidders may provide that all of the Bonds be issued as Bonds maturing serially as shown above (the "Serial Bonds") or may provide that any two or more consecutive maturing annual principal amounts be combined into one or more "Term Bonds".

**MANDATORY SINKING FUND . . .** If the successful bidder elects to alter the Maturity Schedule reflected above and convert principal amounts of the Serial Bonds into Term Bonds, such Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption on the first August 15 next following the last maturity for Serial Bonds, and annually thereafter on each August 15 until the stated maturity for the Term Bonds at the redemption prices of par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption. The principal amounts of the Term Bonds to be redeemed on each mandatory redemption date will be the principal amounts that would have been due and payable in the Maturity Schedule shown above had no conversion to Term Bonds occurred. At least 30 days prior to each mandatory redemption date, the Paying Agent/Registrar (hereinafter defined) will select, by lot or other method of random selection as Paying Agent/Registrar deems fair and appropriate, the Term Bonds to be redeemed and cause a notice of redemption to be given in the manner provided in the Bond Order and described in the Preliminary Official Statement.

To the extent that the Term Bonds, at a price not to exceed the principal amount of such Term Bonds, plus accrued interest to the date of purchase, of a maturity which at least 45 days prior to a mandatory redemption date (i) have been previously purchased by the District and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation; (ii) have been acquired by the District, with funds on deposit in the Interest and Sinking Fund for the Bonds at a price not exceeding the principal amount of such Term Bonds plus accrued interest to the date of purchase and delivered to the Paying Agent/Registrar for cancellation; or (iii) called for optional redemption in part and other than from a sinking fund redemption payment, the annual sinking fund payments therefore shall be reduced, at the option of the District, by the principal amount of the Term Bonds of such maturity determined by the District to be so purchased or redeemed.

A final Official Statement will incorporate the mandatory redemption provisions for the Bonds in the event the successful bidder elects to convert serial maturities into one or more Term Bonds.

**BOOK-ENTRY-ONLY SYSTEM . . .** The District intends to utilize the Book-Entry-Only System of The Depository Trust Company ("DTC"). See "THE BONDS - Book-Entry-Only System" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

**PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR . . .** The initial Paying Agent/Registrar is The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas. See "THE BONDS - Description" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

**SECURITY AND SOURCE OF PAYMENT . . .** The Bonds will constitute valid and binding obligations of the District, payable as to principal and interest from the proceeds of a continuing and , direct annual ad valorem tax levied against taxable property located within the District, without legal limit as to rate or amount, as further described in the Preliminary Official Statement. The Bonds are obligations solely of Varner Creek Utility District and are not obligations of Brazoria County, the City of West Columbia, the State of Texas, or any entity other than the District.

Further details regarding the Bonds are set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement.

**MUNICIPAL BOND RATING . . .** The Bonds have been assigned a rating of "Baa1" by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's").

## CONDITIONS OF THE SALE

**TYPE OF BIDS AND INTEREST RATES . . .** The Bonds will be sold in one block on an "All or None" basis, and at a price of not less than 97% and not more than 100% of their principal amount plus accrued interest from the Delivery Date of the Bonds. Bidders are invited to name the rate(s) of interest to be borne by the Bonds, provided that each rate bid must be in a multiple of 1/8 of 1% or 1/100 of 1% and the net effective interest rate must not exceed 15%. The highest rate bid may not exceed the lowest rate bid by more than 2% in rate. **For Bonds having stated maturities on and after August 15, 2027, no reoffering yield producing a dollar price less than 98.00 for any individual maturity will be accepted. The high bidder will be required to submit reoffering yields and dollar prices prior to award.** No limitation is imposed upon bidders as to the number of rates or changes which may be used. All Bonds of one maturity must bear one and the same rate. No bids involving supplemental interest rates will be considered.

**BASIS FOR AWARD . . .** For the purpose of awarding the sale of the Bonds, the interest cost of each bid will be computed by determining, at the rate or rates specified therein, the total dollar cost of all interest on the Bonds from the Delivery Date to their respective maturities, using the table of Bond Years herein, and adding thereto the dollar amount of the discount bid, if any, (the "Net Interest Cost Calculation"). Subject to the District's right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities except time of filing, the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder or syndicate account manager whose name first appears on the Official Bid Form (the "Initial Purchaser") whose bid, based on the Net Interest Cost Calculation, produces the lowest net effective interest cost to the District. In the event of a bidder's error in interest cost rate calculations, the interest rates, and premium, if any, set forth in the Official Bid Form will be considered as the intended bid.

**GOOD FAITH DEPOSIT . . .** A Good Faith Deposit, payable to the "Varner Creek Utility District", in the amount of \$70,000.00 is required. Such Good Faith Deposit shall be a bank cashier's check or certified check, which is to be retained uncashed by the District pending the Initial Purchaser's compliance with the terms of the bid and the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions. The Good Faith Deposit may accompany the Official Bid Form or it may be submitted separately. If submitted separately, it must be made available to the District prior to the opening of the bids and accompanied by instructions from the bank on which drawn that authorize its use as a Good Faith Deposit by the Initial Purchaser who shall be named in such instructions. **The Good Faith Deposit of the Initial Purchaser will be returned to the Initial Purchaser upon payment for the Bonds.** No interest will be allowed on the Good Faith Deposit. In the event the Initial Purchaser should fail or refuse to take up and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the bid, then said check will be cashed and accepted by the District as full and complete liquidated damages. The checks accompanying bids other than the winning bid will be returned immediately after the bids are opened, and an award of the Bonds has been made.

**PROVISION OF TEXAS ETHICS COMMISSION FORM 1295 ("TEC FORM 1295") AND CERTIFICATION OF FILING BY WINNING BIDDERS . . .** Pursuant to Texas Government Code §2252.908 (the "Interested Party Disclosure Act"), unless the bidder represents and verifies in the Official Bid Form that the bidder is a publicly traded business entity, or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded business entity, the District may not award the Bonds to a bidder unless the bidder has provided to the District a TEC Form 1295 and a Certification of Filing as generated by the Texas Ethics Commission (the "TEC"). Pursuant to the rules prescribed by the TEC, the TEC Form 1295 must be completed online through the TEC's website at [https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf\\_info\\_form1295.htm](https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm). The TEC Form 1295 must then be printed, signed and notarized and provided to the District (c/o the District's Financial Advisor, Hilltop Securities, Inc. Attn: Joe Morrow, [joe.morrow@hilltopsecurities.com](mailto:joe.morrow@hilltopsecurities.com)) along with Certification of Filing generated by TEC. In the event that the bidder's bid for the Bonds is the best bid received, the District, acting through its financial advisor, will promptly notify the bidder. That notification will serve as the conditional verbal acceptance of the bid, and will obligate the bidder to file promptly a completed TEC Form 1295, in order to complete the award. **TEC Form 1295 must be received by the District prior to the formal acceptance of the winning bid.** The TEC Form 1295 and Certificate of Filing may be provided to the District via facsimile or electronically. Following the award of the Bonds, the District will notify the TEC of the receipt of each completed TEC Form 1295 and Certification of Filing. The District reserves the right to reject any bid that does not comply with the requirements prescribed herein. For purposes of completing the TEC Form 1295, box two is "Varner Creek Utility District" and box 3 is VCUD Series 2018-Bid. Neither the District nor its consultants have the ability to verify the information included in a TEC Form 1295, and neither have an obligation nor undertake responsibility for advising any bidder with respect to the proper completion of the TEC Form 1295. Consequently, an entity intending to bid on the Bonds should consult its own advisors to the extent it deems necessary and be prepared to submit the completed form promptly upon notification from the District that its bid is the apparent winning bid.

**IMPACT OF BIDDING SYNDICATE ON AWARD . . .** For purposes of contracting for the sale of the Bonds, the entity signing the bid form as Initial Purchaser shall be solely responsible for the payment of the purchase price of the Bonds. The Initial Purchaser may serve as a syndicate manager and contract under a separate agreement with other syndicate members. However, the District is not a party to that agreement and any information provided regarding syndicate managers would be for informational purposes only.

### ESTABLISHMENT OF ISSUE PRICE FOR THE BONDS

**GENERAL . . .** In order to provide the District with information that enables it to comply with certain requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, relating to the excludability of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the winning bidder will be required to complete, execute, and deliver to the District or to the District's municipal advisor, Hilltop Securities Inc. (the "Financial Advisor"), at least five business days before the delivery date of the Bonds, a certification as to the Bonds' "issue price" (the "Issue Price Certificate") substantially in one of the forms and to the effect attached hereto or accompanying this Notice of Sale. In the event the winning bidder will not reoffer any maturity of the Bonds for sale to the Public (as defined herein) by the delivery date of the Bonds, the Issue Price Certificate may be modified in a

manner approved by the District and Bond Counsel (identified in the Preliminary Official Statement). Each bidder, by submitting its bid, agrees to complete, execute, and timely deliver the appropriate Issue Price Certificate, if its bid is accepted by the District. It will be the responsibility of the winning bidder to institute such syndicate reporting requirements, to make such investigation, or otherwise to ascertain such facts as are necessary to enable it to make such certification with reasonable certainty. Any questions concerning such certification should be directed to Bond Counsel (identified in the Preliminary Official Statement).

**DEFINED TERMS** . . . For purposes of this section of this Notice of Sale:

- (i) "Public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party to an Underwriter.
- (ii) "Underwriter" means (A) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the District (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public and (B) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (A) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).
- (iii) "Related Party" means any two or more persons who are subject, directly or indirectly, to (A) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (B) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (C) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interests or profit interests of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other).
- (iv) "Sale Date" means the date that the Bonds are awarded by the District to the winning bidder.

All actions to be taken by the District under this Notice of Sale to establish the issue price of the Bonds may be taken on behalf of the District by the Financial Advisor, and any notice or report to be provided to the District may be provided to the Financial Advisor.

The District will consider any bid submitted pursuant to this Notice of Sale to be a firm offer for the purchase of the Bonds, as specified in the bid and as so stated in the Official Bid Form.

**THREE BID REQUIREMENT** . . . The District intends to rely on Treasury Regulation section 1.148-1(f)(3)(i) for purposes of establishing the issue price of municipal bonds, which requires, among other things, that the District receives bids from at least three underwriters of municipal bonds who have established industry reputations for underwriting new issuances of municipal bonds (the "Three Bid Requirement"). In the event that the Three Bid Requirement is not satisfied, Treasury Regulations permit the issue price for any maturity of the Bonds to be determined based upon either (i) the first price at which 10% of such maturity is sold to the Public (the "10% Test") or (ii) if the requirements of the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule" described below are met, the initial offering price to the Public as of the Sale Date. For purposes hereof, if different interest rates apply within a maturity, each separate CUSIP number will be treated separately.

In the event that the Three Bid Requirement is satisfied, the sale of the Bonds will be awarded to the bidder making a bid that conforms to the specifications herein. In the event that the Three Bid Requirement is not satisfied, the District will notify the prospective winning bidder to that effect, and the prospective winning bidder will advise the District any maturity of the Bonds that satisfies the 10% Test. For any maturity of the Bonds that does not meet the 10% Test, it is the District's intention to apply the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule" to any maturity of the Bonds, as described below.

**HOLD-THE-OFFERING-PRICE RULE** . . . If the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule" is applied to any maturity of the Bonds (each, a "Held Maturity"), the winning bidder agrees, on behalf of each Underwriter participating in the purchase of the Bonds, that each Underwriter will neither offer nor sell any Held Maturity to any person at a price that is higher than the initial offering price to the Public during the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of the following:

- (1) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date; or
- (2) the date on which the Underwriters have satisfied the 10% Test with respect to that Held Maturity at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public.

The winning bidder shall promptly advise the District when the Underwriters have satisfied the 10% Test with respect to each Held Maturity at a price that is no higher than the initial offering price to the Public, if that occurs prior to the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date. On or after the sixth business day after the Sale Date, if requested by the District, the winning bidder will confirm that the Underwriters have complied with the Hold-the-Offering-Price-Rule. If at any time the winning bidder becomes aware of any noncompliance by an Underwriter with respect to the Hold-the-Offering Price Rule, the winning bidder will promptly report such noncompliance to the District.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS** . . . By submitting a bid, each bidder confirms that: (i) any agreement among underwriters, any selling group agreement and each retail distribution agreement (to which the bidder is a party) relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter, each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement, as applicable, to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the Public and (B) comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder and as set forth in the related pricing wires, and (ii) any agreement among underwriters relating to the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, together with the related pricing wires, contains or will contain language obligating each Underwriter that is a party to a retail distribution agreement to be employed in connection with the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public to require each broker-dealer that is a party to such retail distribution agreement to (A) report the prices at which it sells to the Public the unsold Bonds of each maturity allotted to it until it is notified by the winning bidder or such Underwriter that either the 10% Test has been satisfied as to the Bonds of that maturity or all Bonds of that maturity have been sold to the Public and (B) comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule, if applicable, in each case if and for so long as directed by the winning bidder or such Underwriter and as set forth in the related pricing wires.

### **DELIVERY OF THE BONDS AND ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENTS**

**CUSIP NUMBERS** . . . It is anticipated that CUSIP identification numbers will appear on the Bonds, but neither the failure to print or type such number on any Bond nor any error with respect thereto will constitute cause for a failure or refusal by the Initial Purchaser to accept delivery of and pay for the Bonds in accordance with the terms of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions and the terms of the Official Bid Form. All expenses in relation to the printing or typing of CUSIP numbers on the Bonds will be paid by the District; provided, however, that the CUSIP Service Bureau charge for the assignment of the numbers is the responsibility of and will be paid for by the Initial Purchaser.

**DELIVERY OF BONDS** . . . Initial delivery ("Initial Delivery") will be accomplished by the issuance of one Initial Bond, either in typed or printed form, in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,500,000, payable in stated installments to the Initial Purchaser, signed by the President and Secretary of the Board, approved by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, and registered and manually signed by the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas. Upon delivery of the Initial Bond, it will be immediately cancelled and one definitive Bond for each maturity will be registered and delivered only to Cede & Co., and deposited with DTC in connection with DTC's Book-Entry-Only System. Initial Delivery will be at the principal office of the Paying Agent/Registrar. Payment for the Bonds must be made in immediately available funds for unconditional credit to the District, or as otherwise directed by the District. The Initial Purchaser will be given five (5) business days' notice of the time fixed for delivery of the Bonds. It is anticipated that delivery of the Bonds can be made on or about December 19, 2018, and it is understood and agreed that the Initial Purchaser will accept delivery and make payment for the Bonds by 10:00 AM, CDT, on October 24, 2018, or thereafter on the date the Initial Bond is tendered for delivery, up to and including January 2, 2018. If for any reason the District is unable to make delivery on or before January 2, 2018, the District will immediately contact the Initial Purchaser and offer to allow the Initial Purchaser to extend its offer for an additional 30 days. If the Initial Purchaser does not elect to extend its offer within six days thereafter, then its Good Faith Deposit will be returned, and both the District and the Initial Purchaser will be relieved of any further obligation. In no event will the District be liable for any damages by reason of its failure to deliver the Bonds, provided such failure is due to circumstances beyond the District's reasonable control.

**CONDITIONS TO DELIVERY** . . . The obligation of the Initial Purchaser to take up and pay for the Bonds is subject to the Initial Purchaser's receipt of (a) the legal opinion of Bracewell LLP, Houston, Texas, Bond Counsel for the District, (b) the no-litigation certificate of the District's officers, (c) the certification of the District's officers as to the Official Statement, all as further described in the Preliminary Official Statement, and (d) the non-occurrence of the events specified herein under "LEGAL MATTERS - No Material Adverse Change".

To provide the District with information to enable it to comply with certain conditions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, relating to the exclusion of interest on the Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the Initial Purchaser will be required to complete, execute, and deliver to the District (no more than two business days after the award of the bid for the Bonds) a certification regarding "issue price" substantially in the form and to the effect attached hereto as Exhibit A to this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, and, prior to delivery of the Bonds, to sign additional certificate(s) and provide additional information as required by Bond Counsel. In the event the successful bidder will not reoffer the Bonds for sale or has not sold a substantial amount of bonds of any maturity at least 5 business days prior to the Delivery Date (see Establishment of Issue Price, subsection (a)), such certificate may be modified in a manner approved by the District and its Bond Counsel. **In no event will the District fail to deliver the Bonds as a result of the Initial Purchaser's inability to certify actual sales of Bonds at a particular price prior to delivery.** Each bidder, by submitting its bid, agrees to complete, execute, and deliver such a certificate by the date of delivery of the Bonds, if its bid is accepted by the District. It will be the responsibility of the Initial Purchaser to institute such syndicate reporting requirements to make such investigation, or otherwise to ascertain the facts necessary to enable it to make such certification with reasonable certainty. Any questions concerning such certification should be directed to Bond Counsel.

**NO ISRAEL BOYCOTT . . .** The Initial Purchaser verifies that it and its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, do not boycott Israel and, to the extent its accepted bid is a contract for goods or services, will not boycott Israel during the term of this contract. The foregoing verification is made solely to comply with Section 2270.002, Texas Government Code, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Federal law. As used in the foregoing verification, 'boycott Israel' means refusing to deal with, terminating business activities with, or otherwise taking any action that is intended to penalize, inflict economic harm on, or limit commercial relations specifically with Israel, or with a person or entity doing business in Israel or in an Israeli-controlled territory, but does not include an action made for ordinary business purposes. The Initial Purchaser understands 'affiliate' to mean an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Initial Purchaser and exists to make a profit.

**NO TERRORIST ORGANIZATION . . .** The Initial Purchaser represents that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Texas Government Code, and posted on any of the following pages of such officer's internet website: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/sudan-list.pdf>, <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/iran-list.pdf>, or <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/fto-list.pdf>. The foregoing representation is made solely to comply with Section 2252.152, Texas Government Code, and to the extent such Section does not contravene applicable Federal law and excludes Initial Purchaser and each of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates, if any, that the United States government has affirmatively declared to be excluded from its federal sanctions regime relating to Sudan or Iran or any federal sanctions regime relating to a foreign terrorist organization. The Initial Purchaser understands "affiliate" to mean any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the Initial Purchaser and exists to make a profit.

**LEGAL OPINIONS . . .** The Bonds are offered when, as and if issued, subject to the approval of the Attorney General of the State of Texas. Initial Delivery of and payment for the Bonds is subject to the receipt by the Initial Purchaser of opinions of Bond Counsel, based upon the assumption described in the Official Statement under the heading "LEGAL MATTERS – Legal Proceedings," to the effect that the Bonds are valid and binding obligations of the District and that the interest on the Bonds will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes under existing law, subject to the matters described under "TAX MATTERS" in the Preliminary Official Statement.

**CHANGE IN TAX EXEMPT STATUS . . .** At any time before the Bonds are tendered for delivery, the Initial Purchaser may withdraw its bid if the interest received by private holders on obligations of the same type and character is declared to be includable in gross income under present federal income tax laws, either by ruling of the Internal Revenue Service or by a decision of any federal court, or be declared taxable or be required to be taken into account in computing any federal income taxes, by the terms of any federal income tax law enacted subsequent to the date of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

**NO MATERIAL ADVERSE CHANGE . . .** The obligation of the Initial Purchaser to take up and pay for the Bonds, and of the District to deliver the Bonds, is subject to the condition that, up to the time of delivery of and receipt of payment for the Bonds, there shall have been no material adverse change in the financial condition of the District subsequent to the date of sale from the that set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement, as it may have been finalized, supplemented or amended through the date of sale.

**NO-LITIGATION CERTIFICATE . . .** On the date of delivery of the Bonds to the Initial Purchaser, the District will execute and deliver to the Initial Purchaser, a certificate to the effect that no litigation of any nature has been filed or is pending, as of that date, of which the District has notice, to restrain or enjoin the issuance or delivery of the Bonds, or which would affect the provisions made for their payment or security, or any manner question the validity of the Bonds.

**RULE G-32 REQUIREMENTS . . .** It is the responsibility of the Initial Purchaser to comply with the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board's Rule G-32 within the required time frame. The Initial Purchaser must send two copies of the Official Statement along with two complete Form G-32's to the appropriate address.

## **GENERAL**

**FINANCIAL ADVISOR . . .** Hilltop Securities Inc. ("Hilltop Securities") is engaged as Financial Advisor to the District in connection with the issuance of the Bonds. The Financial Advisor's fee for services rendered with respect to the sale of the Bonds is contingent upon the issuance and delivery of the Bonds. Hilltop Securities, in its capacity as Financial Advisor, has relied on the opinion of Bond Counsel and has not verified and does not assume any responsibility for the information, covenants and representations contained in any of the legal documents with respect to the federal income tax status of the Bonds, or the possible impact of any present, pending or future actions taken by any legislative or judicial bodies. In the normal course of business, the Financial Advisor may from time to time sell investment securities to the District for the investment of bond proceeds or other funds of the District upon the request of the District.

**BLUE SKY LAWS . . .** By submission of its bid, the Initial Purchaser represents that the sale of the Bonds in states other than Texas will be made only pursuant to exemptions from registration or, where necessary, the Initial Purchaser will register the Bonds in accordance with the securities law of the states in which the Bonds are offered or sold. The District agrees to cooperate with the Initial Purchaser, at the Initial Purchaser's written request and expense, in registering the Bonds or obtaining an exemption from registration in any state where such action is necessary; provided, however, that the District is not obligated to execute a general or special consent to service of process in any such jurisdiction.

**NOT AN OFFER TO SELL . . .** This Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions does not alone constitute an offer to sell the Bonds, but is merely notice of the sale of the Bonds. The offer to sell the Bonds is being made by means of the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, the Official Bid Form, and the Preliminary Official Statement. Prospective purchasers are urged to carefully examine the Preliminary Official Statement to determine the investment quality of the Bonds.

**ISSUANCE OF ADDITIONAL DEBT . . .** Following the issuance of the Bonds the District will have no authorized but unissued unlimited tax bonds.

**MUNICIPAL BOND INSURANCE . . .** The District has made application for a municipal bond insurance policy on the Bonds. In the event the Bonds are qualified for municipal bond insurance, and the Initial Purchaser desires to purchase such insurance, the cost **will be paid by the Initial Purchaser**. Any fees to be paid to a rating agency as a result of said insurance **will be paid by the Initial Purchaser**. It will be the responsibility of the Initial Purchaser to disclose the existence of insurance, its terms and the effect thereof with respect to the reoffering of the Bonds.

**THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND COMPLIANCE WITH SEC RULE 15c2-12 . . .** The District has prepared the accompanying Preliminary Official Statement and, for the limited purpose of complying with SEC Rule 15c2-12 (the "Rule"), deems such Preliminary Official Statement to be final as of its date within the meaning of such Rule for the purpose of review prior to bidding. To the best knowledge and belief of the District, the Preliminary Official Statement contains information, including financial information or operating data, concerning every entity, enterprise, fund, account, or person that is material to an evaluation of the offering of the Bonds. Representations made and to be made by the District concerning the absence of material misstatements and omissions in the Preliminary Official Statement are addressed elsewhere in this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions and in the Preliminary Official Statement.

The District will furnish to the Initial Purchaser, acting through a designated senior representative, in accordance with instructions received from the Initial Purchaser, within seven (7) business days from the sale date an aggregate of 250 copies of the Official Statement reflecting interest rates and other terms relating to the initial reoffering of the Bonds. The cost of any Official Statement copies in excess of the number specified shall be prepared and distributed at the cost of the Initial Purchaser. The Initial Purchaser is responsible for providing in writing the initial reoffering prices and other terms, if any, to the Financial Advisor by the close of the next business day after the award. Except as noted above, the District assumes no responsibility or obligation for the distribution or delivery of any copies of the Official Statement in connection with the offering or reoffering of the subject securities.

**CONTINUING DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT . . .** The District will agree in the Bond Order to provide certain periodic information and notices of certain events in accordance with the Rule, as described in the Official Statement under "CONTINUING DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION". The Initial Purchaser's obligation to accept and pay for the Bonds is conditioned upon delivery to the Initial Purchaser or its agent of a certified copy of the Bond Order containing the agreement described under such heading.

**ADDITIONAL COPIES OF NOTICE, BID FORM AND STATEMENT . . .** A limited number of additional copies of this Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, the Official Bid Form and the Preliminary Official Statement, as available over and above the normal mailing, may be obtained at the offices of Hilltop Securities Inc., 700 Milam Street, Suite 500, Houston, Texas 77002, Financial Advisor to the District.

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On the date of the sale, the District will, in the Bond Order, confirm its approval of the form and content of the Preliminary Official Statement, and any addenda, supplement or amendment thereto, and authorize its use in the reoffering of the Bonds by the Initial Purchaser.

ALLAN SASSIN  
President, Board of Directors  
Varner Creek Utility District

ATTEST:

BECKY CARROLL  
Secretary, Board of Directors  
Varner Creek Utility District

November 5, 2018

**BOND YEARS**

<u>Bonds Maturing</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Bond Years</u>	<u>Accumulated Bond Years</u>
2020	\$ 120,000	210.000	210.000
2021	125,000	343.750	553.750
2022	130,000	487.500	1,041.250
2023	135,000	641.250	1,682.500
2024	140,000	805.000	2,487.500
2025	145,000	978.750	3,466.250
2026	150,000	1,162.500	4,628.750
2027	155,000	1,356.250	5,985.000
2028	160,000	1,560.000	7,545.000
2029	170,000	1,827.500	9,372.500
2030	175,000	2,056.250	11,428.750
2031	180,000	2,295.000	13,723.750
2032	185,000	2,543.750	16,267.500
2033	195,000	2,876.250	19,143.750
2034	200,000	3,150.000	22,293.750
2035	210,000	3,517.500	25,811.250
2036	220,000	3,905.000	29,716.250
2037	225,000	4,218.750	33,935.000
2038	235,000	4,641.250	38,576.250
2039	245,000	5,083.750	43,660.000

Average Maturity . . . . . 12.474 Years



**OFFICIAL BID FORM**

Honorable President and Board of Directors  
Varner Creek Utility District

November 14, 2018

Reference is made to your Preliminary Official Statement and Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, dated November 5, 2018, of \$3,500,000 VARNER CREEK UTILITY DISTRICT UNLIMITED TAX BONDS, SERIES 2018, both of which constitute a part hereof.

For your legally issued Bonds, as described in said Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions and Preliminary Official Statement, we will pay you \_\_\_\_\_% of par for Bonds maturing and bearing interest as follows:

<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
8/15/2020	\$ 120,000	_____ %	8/15/2027	\$ 155,000	_____ %	8/15/2033	\$ 195,000	_____ %
8/15/2021	125,000	_____ %	8/15/2028	160,000	_____ %	8/15/2034	200,000	_____ %
8/15/2022	130,000	_____ %	8/15/2029	170,000	_____ %	8/15/2035	210,000	_____ %
8/15/2023	135,000	_____ %	8/15/2030	175,000	_____ %	8/15/2036	220,000	_____ %
8/15/2024	140,000	_____ %	8/15/2031	180,000	_____ %	8/15/2037	225,000	_____ %
8/15/2025	145,000	_____ %	8/15/2032	185,000	_____ %	8/15/2038	235,000	_____ %
8/15/2026	150,000	_____ %				8/15/2039	245,000	_____ %

Of the principal maturities set forth in the table above, term bonds have been created as indicated in the following table (which may include multiple term bonds, one term bond or no term bond if none is indicated). For those years which have been combined into a term bond, the principal amount shown in the table above shall be the mandatory sinking fund redemption amounts in such years except that the amount shown in the year of the term bond maturity date shall mature in such year. The term bonds created are as follows:

<u>Term Maturity Date (August 15)</u>	<u>Year of First Mandatory Redemption</u>	<u>Principal Amount of Term Bond</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____ %
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____ %
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____ %
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____ %
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____ %

Our calculation (which is not a part of this bid) of the interest cost from the above is:

Total Interest Cost	\$ _____
Plus Discount	_____
NET INTEREST COST	\$ _____
EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE	_____ %

The Initial Bond shall be registered in the name of \_\_\_\_\_, which will, upon payment for the Bonds, be canceled by the Paying Agent/Registrar. The Bonds will then be registered in the name of Cede & Co. (DTC's partnership nominee), under the Book-Entry-Only System.

A bank cashier's check or certified check of the \_\_\_\_\_ Bank, \_\_\_\_\_, in the amount of \$70,000.00, which represents our Good Faith Deposit (is attached hereto) or (has been made available to you prior to the opening of this bid), and is submitted in accordance with the terms as set forth in the Preliminary Official Statement and Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions.

We agree to accept delivery of the Bonds utilizing the Book-Entry-Only System through DTC and make payment for the Initial Bond in immediately available funds in the Corporate Trust Division, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., Dallas, Texas not later than 10:00 AM, CST, on December 19, 2018, or thereafter on the date the Bonds are tendered for delivery, pursuant

to the terms set forth in the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions. It will be the obligation of the Initial Purchaser of the Bonds to complete the DTC Eligibility Questionnaire.

The undersigned agrees to complete, execute, and deliver to the District, not later than 5 business days prior to the delivery of the Bonds to the Initial Purchaser, a certificate relating to the "issue price" of the Bonds in the form and to the effect accompanying the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, with such changes thereto as may be acceptable to the District. To the extent that such "issue price" certificate is not adequate for inclusion in the District's federal tax certificate, the undersigned agrees to execute an issue price certificate as may be required by the District's Bond Counsel.

The undersigned verifies, for purposes of Chapter 2270 (as provided by Acts 2017, 85th Leg., ch. 1, House Bill 89) of the Texas Government Code, as amended, that at the time of execution and delivery of this bid and, except to the extent otherwise required by applicable federal law, to the date of delivery of the Bonds, neither the undersigned, nor any wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate of the undersigned, boycotts or will boycott Israel. The terms boycotts Israel and boycott Israel as used in this paragraph have the meanings assigned to the term boycott Israel in Section 808.001 of the Texas Government Code, as amended.

The undersigned verifies, for purposes of compliance with Section 2252.152, Texas Government Code, that neither it nor any of its parent company, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiaries, and other affiliates is a company identified on a list prepared and maintained by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts under Section 2252.153 or Section 2270.0201, Texas Government Code, and posted on any of the following pages of such officer's internet website: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/sudan-list.pdf>, <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/iran-list.pdf>, or <https://comptroller.texas.gov/purchasing/docs/fto-list.pdf>. The term "affiliate" as used in this paragraph means any entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with the bidder and exists to make a profit.

In accordance with Texas Government Code Section 2252.908 (the "Interested Party Disclosure Act"), the District may not award the Bonds to a bidder unless the winning bidder either: (i) submits a Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 (the "Disclosure Form") to the District as prescribed by the Texas Ethics Commission ("TEC"), or (ii) certifies below that it is exempt from filing the Disclosure Form by virtue of being a publicly traded business entity or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded business entity.

Unless the bidder certifies that it is exempt from filing a Disclosure Form with the District, upon notification of conditional verbal acceptance, the undersigned will complete an electronic form Disclosure Form through the Texas Ethics Commission's (the "TEC") electronic portal and the resulting certified Disclosure Form that is generated by the TEC's electronic portal will be printed, signed and sent by email to the District's financial advisor at [laura.alexander@hilltopsecurities.com](mailto:laura.alexander@hilltopsecurities.com). The undersigned understands that the failure to provide the certified Disclosure Form will prohibit the District from providing final written award of the enclosed bid.

The Purchaser (mark one):

(i) Agrees to timely make a filing of a completed Disclosure Form with the District

or

(ii) Hereby certifies that it is exempt from filing the Disclosure Form by virtue of being a publicly traded business entity or a wholly owned subsidiary of a publicly traded business entity .

**We agree to provide in writing the initial reoffering prices and other terms, if any, to the Financial Advisor by the close of the next business day after the award.**

Respectfully submitted,

Syndicate Members:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Initial Purchaser or Manager

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

ACCEPTANCE CLAUSE

The above and foregoing bid is hereby in all things accepted by the Varner Creek Utility District, subject to and in accordance with the Notice of Sale and Bidding Instructions, this the 14th day of November, 2018.

ATTEST:

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President, Board of Directors  
Varner Creek Utility District

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Secretary, Board of Directors  
Varner Creek Utility District

## ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

### [THREE BID REQUIREMENT SATISFIED]

I, the undersigned officer of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Purchaser"), acting on behalf of itself and any underwriting syndicate, make this certification in connection with the Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2018 (the "Bonds") issued by Varner Creek Utility District (the "District").

1. I hereby certify as follows in good faith as of the date hereof:

- (a) I am the duly chosen, qualified and acting officer of the Purchaser for the office shown below my signature; as such, I am familiar with the facts herein certified and I am duly authorized to execute and deliver this certificate on behalf of the Purchaser and any underwriting syndicate. I am the officer of the Purchaser charged, along with other officers of the Purchaser and any underwriting syndicate, with responsibility for the Bonds.
- (b) The reasonably expected initial offering prices of the Bonds to the Public by the Purchaser as of the Sale Date are the prices set forth on the inside cover of the Official Statement prepared in connection with the Bonds (the "Initial Offering Prices"). The Initial Offering Prices are the applicable prices for the Bonds used by the Purchaser in formulating its bid to purchase the Bonds. Attached hereto as Attachment I is a true and correct copy of the bid provided by the Purchaser to purchase the Bonds.
- (c) The Purchaser was not given the opportunity to review other bids prior to submitting its bid.
- (d) The bid submitted by the Purchaser constituted a firm offer to purchase the Bonds.
- (e) The aggregate of the Initial Offering Prices of all maturities of the Bonds is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The Bonds were sold with pre-issuance accrued interest in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The sum of these two amounts is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Please choose the appropriate statement:

The Purchaser will not purchase bond insurance for the Bonds.

The Purchaser will purchase bond insurance from \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Insurer") for a fee/premium of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Fee"). The Fee is a reasonable amount payable solely for the transfer of credit risk for the payment of debt service on the Bonds and does not include any amount payable for a cost other than such guarantee, e.g., a credit rating or legal fees. The Purchaser represents that the present value of the Fee for each obligation constituting the Bonds to which such Fee is properly allocated and which are insured thereby is less than the present value of the interest reasonably expected to be saved as a result of the insurance on each obligation constituting the Bonds. The Fee has been paid to a person who is not exempt from federal income taxation and who is not a user or related to the user of any proceeds of the Bonds. In determining present value for this purpose, the yield of the Bonds (determined with regard to the payment of the guarantee fee) has been used as the discount rate. No portion of the Fee is refundable upon redemption of any of the Bonds in an amount which would exceed the portion of such Fee that has not been earned. The Purchaser will also be responsible for payment of any rating fees on the Bonds, if and as required by the Insurer to be obtained in connection with the purchase of insurance.

3. For purposes of this Issue Price Certificate, the following definitions apply:

- (a) "Public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party to an Underwriter.
- (b) "Related Party" means any two or more persons who are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interest or profits interest of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other).
- (c) "Sale Date" means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale or exchange of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

- (d) "Underwriter" means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the District (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this definition to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Purchaser's interpretation of any laws, including specifically sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the District with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Federal Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Bracewell LLP in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice it may give to the District from time to time relating to the Bonds. EXECUTED as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

[NAME OF PURCHASER OR MANAGER OF PURCHASING SYNDICATE]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT I TO ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE**

**COPY OF WINNING BID FORM**

[See Attached]

## ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE

### [THREE BID REQUIREMENT NOT SATISFIED – HOLD-THE-OFFERING-PRICE RULE]

I, the undersigned officer of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Purchaser"), acting on behalf of itself and any underwriting syndicate, make this certification in connection with the Unlimited Tax Bonds, Series 2018 (the "Bonds") issued by Varner Creek Utility District (the "District").

1. I hereby certify as follows in good faith as of the date hereof:

- (a) I am the duly chosen, qualified and acting officer of the Purchaser for the office shown below my signature; as such, I am familiar with the facts herein certified and I am duly authorized to execute and deliver this certificate on behalf of the Purchaser and any underwriting syndicate. I am the officer of the Purchaser charged, along with other officers of the Purchaser and any underwriting syndicate, with responsibility for the Bonds.
- (b) For the Bonds maturing in \_\_\_\_\_, the first price at which at least 10% of each maturity was sold to the Public is the price for each such maturity set forth on the inside cover of the Official Statement prepared in connection with the Bonds (each, an "Actual Sales Price").
- (c) For the Bonds maturing in \_\_\_\_\_ (each, a "Held Maturity"), the Purchaser on or before the Sale Date offered for purchase each such maturity to the Public at the applicable initial offering price set forth on the inside cover of the Official Statement prepared in connection with the Bonds (each, an "Initial Offering Price"). A copy of the pricing wire evidencing the Initial Offering Prices is attached hereto as Attachment I. In connection with the offering of the Bonds, the Purchaser and each member of any underwriting syndicate agreed in writing that (i) during the Hold Period, it would neither offer nor sell any Held Maturity to any person at a price higher than the applicable Initial Offering Price (the "Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule") and (ii) any selling group agreement would contain the agreement of each dealer who is a member of the selling group, and any retail distribution agreement would contain the agreement of each broker-dealer who is a party to the retail distribution agreement, that, during the Hold Period, such party would comply with the Hold-the-Offering-Price Rule. In accordance with such agreements, no Underwriter offered or sold any of the Held Maturities at a price higher than the applicable Initial Offering Price for such Held Maturity during the Hold Period.
- (d) The aggregate of the Actual Sales Prices and the Initial Offering Prices is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The Bonds were sold with pre-issuance accrued interest in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The sum of these two amounts is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Please choose the appropriate statement:

The Purchaser will not purchase bond insurance for the Bonds.

The Purchaser will purchase bond insurance from \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Insurer") for a fee/premium of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Fee"). The Fee is a reasonable amount payable solely for the transfer of credit risk for the payment of debt service on the Bonds and does not include any amount payable for a cost other than such guarantee, e.g., a credit rating or legal fees. The Purchaser represents that the present value of the Fee for each obligation constituting the Bonds to which such Fee is properly allocated and which are insured thereby is less than the present value of the interest reasonably expected to be saved as a result of the insurance on each obligation constituting the Bonds. The Fee has been paid to a person who is not exempt from federal income taxation and who is not a user or related to the user of any proceeds of the Bonds. In determining present value for this purpose, the yield of the Bonds (determined with regard to the payment of the guarantee fee) has been used as the discount rate. No portion of the Fee is refundable upon redemption of any of the Bonds in an amount which would exceed the portion of such Fee that has not been earned. The Purchaser will also be responsible for payment of any rating fees on the Bonds, if and as required by the Insurer to be obtained in connection with the purchase of insurance.

3. For purposes of this Issue Price Certificate, the following definitions apply:

- (a) "Hold Period" means, with respect to a Held Maturity, the period starting on the Sale Date and ending on the earlier of (i) the close of the fifth business day after the Sale Date or (ii) the date on which the Underwriters have sold at least 10% of such Held Maturity to the Public at a price no higher than the applicable Initial Offering Price.
- (b) "Public" means any person (including an individual, trust, estate, partnership, association, company, or corporation) other than an Underwriter or a Related Party to an Underwriter.

- (c) "Related Party" means any two or more persons who are subject, directly or indirectly, to (i) more than 50% common ownership of the voting power or the total value of their stock, if both entities are corporations (including direct ownership by one corporation of another), (ii) more than 50% common ownership of their capital interests or profits interests, if both entities are partnerships (including direct ownership by one partnership of another), or (iii) more than 50% common ownership of the value of the outstanding stock of the corporation or the capital interest or profits interest of the partnership, as applicable, if one entity is a corporation and the other entity is a partnership (including direct ownership of the applicable stock or interests by one entity of the other).
- (d) "Sale Date" means the first day on which there is a binding contract in writing for the sale or exchange of the Bonds. The Sale Date of the Bonds is \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.
- (e) "Underwriter" means (i) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract with the District (or with the lead Underwriter to form an underwriting syndicate) to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public, and (ii) any person that agrees pursuant to a written contract directly or indirectly with a person described in clause (i) of this definition to participate in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public (including a member of a selling group or a party to a retail distribution agreement participating in the initial sale of the Bonds to the Public).

The representations set forth in this certificate are limited to factual matters only. Nothing in this certificate represents the Purchaser's interpretation of any laws, including specifically sections 103 and 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. The undersigned understands that the foregoing information will be relied upon by the District with respect to certain of the representations set forth in the Federal Tax Certificate and with respect to compliance with the federal income tax rules affecting the Bonds, and by Bracewell LLP in connection with rendering its opinion that the interest on the Bonds is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes, the preparation of Internal Revenue Service Form 8038-G, and other federal income tax advice it may give to the District from time to time relating to the Bonds. EXECUTED as of this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018.

[NAME OF PURCHASER OR MANAGER OF PURCHASING SYNDICATE]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_



**ATTACHMENT I TO ISSUE PRICE CERTIFICATE**

**COPY OF PRICING WIRE**

[See Attached]