THE STATE OF TEXAS)
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COUNTY OF EL PASO)

AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This Agreement is made this **_____ day of _____, 2007** by and between the **CITY OF EL PASO**, a municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the **"Owner"**, and **PARKHILL, SMITH & COOPER INC.**, a Texas Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the **"Consultant"**.

WHEREAS, the Owner intends to engage the Consultant to perform professional services for a project known as **"ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING CONSULTING SERVICES"** hereinafter referred to as the **"Project"**, as further described in **Attachment "A"**; and

WHEREAS, the Consultant has been selected to perform such services as required by the Owner, and the Consultant was selected through the Owner's selection procedure, in accordance with all applicable state and local laws and ordinances;

NOW, THEREFORE, for the consideration set forth in this Agreement and its attachments, the Owner and Consultant agree as follows:

ARTICLE I.
ATTACHMENTS

1.1 The attachments listed herein and attached to this Agreement are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

Attachment "A"	Scope of Services and Project Budget
Attachment "B"	Consultant's Fee Proposal and Hourly Rates
Attachment "C"	Consultant's Basic and Additional Services
Attachment "D"	Payment and Deliverable Schedules
Attachment "E"	Insurance Certificates

ARTICLE II.
PROJECT

2.1 The Owner hereby agrees to retain the Consultant and the Consultant agrees to perform professional services for the Project as professional consultant for the Project. The Project shall consist of the Consultant's completion of the Scope of Services as further described in **Attachment "A".** Such Scope of Services shall be completed in accordance with the identified phases described in **Attachment "C"**.

2.2 In completion of such phases, the Consultant shall comply with the City of El Paso Engineering Department Construction Document Guidelines in effect on the execution date of

this Agreement in the performance of the services requested under the Design Phase of this Agreement. Such Guidelines are available in the Engineering Department.

2.3 The Consultant shall serve as the Owner's professional representative in those phases of the Project to which this Agreement applies and shall give consultation and advice to the Owner during the performance of services.

2.4 The Owner shall provide all available information to the Consultant, as to the Owner's requirements for each construction contract. The Owner shall also provide to the Consultant, all known information pertinent to the Project site, including previous reports and other data relative to design, such as "as-built" drawings or physical conditions now existing at the Project site. In performing its services, the Consultant will be entitled to rely upon the accuracy of the Owner provided information.

2.5 The Owner hereby designates the City Engineer of the City of El Paso as the Owner's representative with respect to the professional services to be provided by the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement. The City Engineer shall have complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, interpret and define Owner's policies, and decisions with respect to materials, equipment, elements, and systems pertinent to the work covered by this Agreement. City Engineer will render written decisions within a five working days time period.

ARTICLE III.
CONSULTANT FEES AND PROJECT BUDGET

3.1 PAYMENT TO CONSULTANT. The Owner shall pay to the Consultant an amount not to exceed **FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($500,000.00)** for all basic services and reimbursables performed pursuant to this Agreement. The Consultant's fee proposal for the performance of all Basic Services and reimbursables is attached hereto as **Attachment "B"**. Payments to the Consultant shall be made pursuant to the schedule enumerated within **Attachment "D"**.

3.2 CONSULTANT'S SERVICES. The Basic Services to be provided by the Consultant for this Agreement are attached hereto as **Attachment "C"**. The Owner shall request from Consultant the basic services for project(s) on an as needed basis. If authorized by prior written amendment to this Agreement, the Consultant may perform such Additional Services as also enumerated within **Attachment "C"**. Owner shall make payment for such Basic and Additional Services at the rates established by Consultant within **Attachment "B"**.

3.3 CONSULTANT'S INVOICES. The Consultant shall bill the Owner not more often than monthly, through written invoices pursuant to the schedule established in **Attachment "D"**. Invoices shall indicate the costs for outside consultants with copies of their invoices as back-up materials as well as other authorized direct costs for hourly rate contracts. All invoices shall be made in writing. Within ninety days of substantial completion of construction, all outstanding invoices for all work completed to date by the Consultant shall be submitted to the Owner.

3.3.1 Each invoice shall contain a brief summary indicating, at a minimum, the total Project budget, the total amount authorized for the Consultant, the current invoiced amount and the amount billed to date. In addition to the Summary, each invoice shall provide a Progress Report. The Progress Report shall describe, at a minimum, the progress of the Project to date also indicating the percentage of completion of each phase. The established schedule for completion shall not be revised except by written amendment to this Agreement, executed by both parties.

3.3.2 The Owner agrees to pay invoices for all services performed as soon as reasonably possible but not later than thirty (30) days from receipt. Upon dispute, however, the Owner may, upon notice to the Consultant, withhold payment to the Consultant for the amount in dispute only, until such time as the exact amount of the disputed amount due the Consultant is determined. The total amount paid to Consultant shall not exceed Consultant's fee proposal, except by written amendment to this Agreement, executed by both parties.

3.4 PROJECTS' CONSTRUCTION BUDGET. The Consultant acknowledges that each project assigned to the Consultant shall have a specified construction budget for the award of a construction contract base bid, which is to include all features essential to the operation of the Projects for its intended use as described in the Scope of Services and Project budget in **Attachment "A"**. The Consultant does hereby agree to design the Projects such that the Consultant's final agreed cost opinions for the construction of the Project, including all features essential to its intended use, is within the above budgeted amount for the base bid. If the Consultant's cost opinions exceed the Project Budget at any time, the Consultant shall make recommendations to the Owner to adjust the Project's size or quality and the Owner shall cooperate with the Consultant to adjust the scope of the Project. If deemed necessary to fulfill the basic scope of the project, the Owner shall have the option to increase the construction budget without the Consultant requesting additional compensation to fulfill the basic scope. If all responsible bids exceed the City approved Consultant's final cost opinions by more than **ten percent (10%)**, the Consultant agrees, at the direction of the Owner, to redesign the Project without additional charge to the Owner in order to bring the Project within the budgetary limitations.

3.5 COSTS NOT ENUMERATED. Except as specifically set forth in this Agreement and its attachments, all costs related to the completion of the services requested herein shall be borne by the Consultant and not passed on to the Owner or otherwise paid by the Owner, unless a written amendment to this Agreement is executed by both parties allowing for additional costs.

ARTICLE IV.
PERIOD OF SERVICE AND TERMINATION

4.1 PERIOD OF SERVICE. The services called for by each phase shall begin upon the issuance of a Notice to Proceed from the City Engineer. The Consultant shall complete the requested services in accordance with the timelines and schedules outlined in **Attachments "C" and "D"**. The term of this Agreement shall be for a period not to exceed **one (1) year or three**

hundred and sixty-five (365) consecutive calendar days with the option to extend for one (1) additional one year term, except as specifically noted herein.

4.2 SUSPENSION. Barring an early termination as provided herein, this Agreement shall remain in force: a) For a period which may reasonably be required for the design, award of construction contracts, and construction of the improvements included in all construction contracts, including extra work and required extensions thereto; or b) Unless construction has not begun within a period of **twelve (12) months** after the completion of the services called for in that phase of work last authorized. However, should the Consultant's services be suspended for a period longer than six months, the City and Consultant may renegotiate remaining fees due to changes in salaries or increased costs that may occur during the suspension period. The Owner may determine that this Agreement will remain in full force past the twelve-month period noted above. Such a determination will be based upon the individual circumstances of this Project and this Agreement.

4.3 TERMINATION. This Agreement may be terminated as provided herein.

4.3.1 TERMINATION BY OWNER. It is mutually understood and agreed by the Consultant and Owner that the Owner may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part for the convenience of the Owner, upon **fourteen (14) consecutive calendar days** written notice. It is also understood and agreed that upon such notice of termination, the Consultant shall cease the performance of services under this Agreement. Upon such termination, the Consultant shall provide one final invoice for all services completed and reimbursable expenses incurred prior to the Owner's notice of termination. Owner shall compensate Consultant in accordance with this Agreement; however, the Owner may withhold any payment to the Consultant that is held to be in dispute for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount due the Owner from the Consultant is determined. Nothing contained herein, or elsewhere in this Agreement shall require the Owner to pay for any services that are not in compliance with the terms of this Agreement and its attachments.

4.3.2 TERMINATION BY EITHER PARTY. It is further understood and agreed by the Consultant and Owner that either party may terminate this Agreement in whole or in part. Such a termination may be made for failure of one party to substantially fulfill its contractual obligations, pursuant to this Agreement, and through no fault of the other party. No such termination shall be made, unless the other party being terminated is granted: a) written notice of intent to terminate enumerating the failures for which the termination is being sought; b) a minimum of **seven (7) consecutive calendar days** to cure such failures; and c) an opportunity for consultation with the terminating party prior to such termination. However, the Owner retains the right to immediately terminate this Agreement for default if the Consultant violates any local, state, or federal laws, rules or regulations that relate to the performance of this Agreement. In the event of termination by the Owner pursuant to this subsection, the Owner may withhold payments to the Consultant for the purpose of setoff until such time as the exact amount due the Owner from the Consultant is determined.

4.3.3 TERMINATION SHALL NOT BE CONSTRUED AS RELEASE. Termination by either party shall not be construed as a release of any claims that the terminating party may be lawfully entitled to assert against the terminated party. Further, the terminated party shall not be relieved of any liability for damages sustained by the terminating party by virtue of any breach of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V.
INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION

5.1 INSURANCE. The Consultant shall not commence work under this Agreement until the Consultant has obtained sufficient insurance as required herein, and such insurance has been approved by the Owner. The Consultant shall maintain the required insurance throughout the term of this Agreement. Failure to maintain said insurance shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement.

5.1.1 WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. The Consultant shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this Agreement, Workers' Compensation Insurance as required by applicable Texas law for all of the Consultant's employees to be engaged in work under this Agreement. The Consultant shall provide the following endorsement:

> "The policy is endorsed to provide that insurer waives any right of subrogation it may acquire against the Owner, its partners, agents and employees by reason of any payment made on or account of injury, including death resulting therefrom, sustained by any employee of the insured."

5.1.2 COMMERCIAL LIABILITY, PROPERTY DAMAGE LIABILITY AND AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY INSURANCE. The Consultant shall procure and shall maintain during the life of this Agreement such Commercial General Liability, Property Damage Liability and Automobile Liability Insurance as shall protect the Consultant and the Consultant's employees performing work covered by this Agreement from claims for damages for personal injury, including accidental death, as well as from claims for property damages, which may arise from operations under this contract, whether such operations be by the Consultant or by anyone directly or indirectly employed by the Consultant. The minimum limits of liability and coverages shall be as follows:

a) **COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY**

Personal Injury or Death
$500,000.00 for one person or occurrence
$1,000,000.00 for two or more persons or occurrences

Property Damage
$500,000.00 per occurrence

General Aggregate
$1,000,000.00

b) **AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY**
Combined Single Limit
$1,000,000.00 per accident

5.1.3 PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE. The Consultant shall procure and shall maintain, at the Consultant's sole expense, Professional Liability Insurance for the benefit of the Owner to cover the errors and omissions of the Consultant, its principals or officers, agents or employees in the performance of this Agreement with a limit of ONE MILLION AND 00/100 DOLLARS ($1,000,000.00) on a claims made basis.

5.1.4 OWNER AS ADDITIONAL INSURED. The Owner shall be named as an Additional Insured on all of the Consultant's Insurance Policies, with the exception of Workers' Compensation and Professional Liability Insurance required by this Contract.

5.1.5 PROOF OF INSURANCE. The Consultant shall furnish the City Engineer with certificates showing the type of insurance coverages, limits on each insurance policy, class of operations covered under each insurance policy, effective dates and expiration dates of policies, insurance companies providing the insurance coverages, name of agent/broker and include confirmation of any endorsement(s) required in this agreement.

5.1.6 GENERAL INSURANCE PROVISIONS. All certificates required herein shall be attached hereto and incorporated for all purposes as **Attachment "E"**. All certificates shall also include the name of the project on the corresponding insurance certificate. Further, each certificate shall contain the following statement:

> "The insurance covered by this certificate will not be canceled or materially altered, except after **thirty (30) consecutive calendar days** written notice of intent to cancel or materially alter said insurance has been provided to the City of El Paso."

5.2 INDEMNIFICATION. To the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify and hold harmless Owner, and Owner's officers, directors, partners, agents consultants, and employees from and against any claims, costs, losses, and damages (including but not limited to all fees and charges of engineers, architects, attorneys, and other professionals, and all court, arbitration, or other dispute resolution costs) arising out of or relating to the Project, provided that any such claim, cost, loss, or damage is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease, or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the Work itself), but only to the extent caused by any negligent act or omission of Consultant or Consultant's officers, directors, partners, agents, consultants or employees. This indemnification provision is subject to and limited by the provisions agreed to by Owner and Consultant, as noted below. The Consultant shall not be responsible for any acts of any of the City's Independent Project Managers.

To the extent allowed by state law, the Owner will be responsible for its own actions.

5.2.1 CONSULTANT'S LIABILITY LIMITED TO AMOUNT OF INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS. Consultant shall procure and maintain insurance as required by and set forth in the terms and conditions of this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, and to the fullest extent permitted by law, the total liability, in the aggregate, of Consultant and Consultant's officers, directors, partners, employees, agents, and consultants (hereafter referred to collectively as "Consultant"), to Owner and anyone claiming by through, or under Owner for any and all claims, losses, costs, or damages, whatsoever arising out of, resulting from or in any way related to the Project or the Agreement from any cause or causes, including but not limited to the negligence, professional errors or omissions, strict liability or breach of contract, or warranty express or implied of Consultant (hereafter "Owner's Claims"), shall not exceed the total insurance proceeds paid on behalf of or to Consultant by Consultant's insurers in settlement or satisfaction of Owner's Claims under the terms and conditions of Consultant's insurance policies applicable thereto (excluding fees, costs and expenses of investigation, claims adjustment, defense, and appeal). If no such insurance coverage is provided with respect to Owner's Claims, then the total liability, in the aggregate, of Consultant to Owner and anyone claiming by, through, or under Owner for any and all such uninsured Owner's claims shall not exceed $250,000.00 per person or $500,000.00 per incident with property damage liability limited to $100,000.00 per incident.

ARTICLE VI.
FEDERAL PROVISIONS

6.1 COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAWS - FEDERAL FUNDING REQUIREMENTS.

Consultant, at Consultant's sole expense, agrees that it will operate and perform its responsibilities and covenants under this Agreement in accordance with applicable laws, rules, orders, ordinances, directions, regulations and requirements of federal, state, county and municipal authorities, now in force or which may hereafter be in force, including, but not limited to, those which shall impose any duty upon the Owner or Consultant with respect to the use of federal funds and nondiscrimination in the administration of contracts which are funded, in whole or in part, with federal funds.

Specifically, and not in limitation of the foregoing, Consultant agrees that to the extent required by any agreement between the Owner and any Federal agency, the laws of the federal government of the United States of America and the rules and regulations of any regulatory body or officer having jurisdiction over this Project, **including but not limited to:**

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) through a Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement with the Owner, or supported by FTA through a Loan, Loan Guarantee, or Line of Credit with the Owner.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development through a Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement with the Owner.

The Federal Aviation Administration through a Grant Agreement or Cooperative Agreement with the Owner.

Copies of grant assurances will be made available to Consultant. However, provided copies shall in no way be a limitation on the Consultant's obligation to comply with any Federal agency, the laws of the federal government of the United States of America and the rules and regulations of any regulatory body or officer having jurisdiction over this Project.

6.2 TERMINATION FOR CANCELLATION OF GRANT.

Should this Agreement be terminated as a result of cancellation of federal funds covering this Project, the Owner shall promptly notify the Consultant of the cancellation by certified mail-return receipt requested, whereupon the Consultant shall immediately, on receipt of the letter, cease and desist from performing any other work or services hereunder. In such an event, the Consultant will be paid for professional services performed to such date, upon furnishing the Owner a progress report and an invoice to such date, and upon acceptance of the work by the Owner.

ARTICLE VII.
GENERAL PROVISIONS

7.1 CONTRACT TIME. Consultant understands and agrees to provide all professional services and deliverables requested herein, as expeditiously as is consistent with professional skill and care, and to use its best efforts to complete all phases of this Agreement within the time schedules indicated within **Attachment "D"**. It is acknowledged that the Consultant does not have control over all aspects of the design and construction process and cannot warrant that it will complete all services and deliverables by a certain date. The Consultant shall timely notify the City Engineer of any delay beyond its control and the City Engineer shall extend the time schedule in the event of delays which the City Engineer reasonably determines are beyond the control of the Consultant. The Consultant will perform these services with reasonable diligence and expediency consistent with sound professional practices and consistent with the schedule provided in **Attachment "D"**.

7.2 OPINION OF PROBABLE COST. As a design professional practicing in El Paso the Consultant is expected to be familiar with the cost of construction, labor, and materials in the El Paso area and of bidding and market trends. The cost opinions of construction cost provided by the Consultant, as required herein, are to be made in light of such familiarity and are expected to be within **ten percent (10%)** of the bid for the base bid item expected from the lowest responsible bidder.

The Consultant's final cost opinions for the construction of the Project, shall take into account labor costs which shall be based on the current City of El Paso prevailing wage rates as adopted

by the City Council. In the event that the Project is funded with federal funds, the higher of the City of El Paso prevailing wage rates or the Davis-Bacon wage rates shall be utilized by the Consultant in compiling a final cost opinions for the Project.

If the Consultant's most recent cost opinion for any construction contract is in excess of the Project construction budget, the Owner shall give written approval of an increase in the limit, or shall cooperate in revising the Project's scope or quality, or both, to reduce the cost as required. Such revisions shall be made, and Drawings and Specifications modified by the Consultant without further compensation.

As noted herein, if all responsible bids exceed the final cost opinion by more than **ten percent (10%)**, the Consultant agrees, at the direction of the Owner, to redesign the Project without additional charge to the Owner in order to bring the Project within the budgetary limitations.

7.3 CONSULTANT'S QUALITY OF WORK. The Owner's review of any documents prepared by the Consultant is only general in nature and its option to approve and accept the work in no way relieves the Consultant of responsibility for any specific deficiencies in its professional service. The Consultant's services shall be performed as expeditiously as is consistent with professional skill and care and the orderly progress of the Project and in accordance with the time periods established in **Attachment "D"** and which shall be adjusted, if necessary, as the project proceeds. This schedule shall include allowances for periods of time required for the Owner's review, for the performance of the Owner's consultants, and for approval of submissions by authorities having jurisdiction over the project. The identified time limits shall not, except for reasonable cause, be exceeded by the Consultant or Owner. Services provided by the Consultant under this Agreement shall be performed in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing under similar circumstances.

7.4 COPYRIGHT AND REPRODUCTION RIGHTS. Upon payment of amounts due, the Drawings, Specifications, concepts and design, and other documents prepared by the Consultant for this Project including, without limitation, those in electronic form (sometimes referred to as the "Instruments of Service") are the property of the Owner, who shall be vested with all common law and statutory rights. The Owner shall have the right to the use of the Drawings, Specifications and other documents for the maintenance, repair, remodeling and renovation of the Project; provided however the Consultant shall have no liability for any use of one or more of the Instruments of Service by the Owner for maintenance, repair, remodeling and renovation of the project. The Owner shall have the consent of the Consultant, provided, however, the Consultant shall have no liability or responsibility for such use of the Drawings, Specifications, concepts and design, and other documents. The rights granted to the Owner herein for the use of the Drawings, Specifications and other documents for additional projects shall not grant the Owner any right to rely upon the Consultant's seal on the Drawings and Specifications or to hold the Consultant responsible for any subsequent use of the Drawings, Specifications and documents. The Consultant shall provide the Owner with copies of the Instruments of Service in both electronic form and in hard copy.

7.5 AUDITING RECORDS FOR THE SPECIFIC PROJECT. Consultant's records subject to audit shall include but not be limited to records which, in the Owner's discretion, have a bearing on matters of interest to the Owner in connection with the Consultant's work on this Project for the Owner and shall be open to inspection and subject to audit and/or reproduction by Owner's agent or its authorized representative to the extent necessary to adequately permit evaluation and verification of (a) Consultant's compliance with contract requirements, and (b) compliance with provisions for computing Direct Personnel Expense with reimbursables, if applicable.

Such records subject to audit shall also include those records necessary to evaluate and verify direct and indirect costs, (including overhead allocations) as they may apply to costs associated with this Agreement. In those situations where Consultant's records have been generated from computerized data, Consultant agrees to provide Owner's representatives with extracts of data files in computer readable format on data disks or suitable alternative computer data exchange format.

The Owner or its designee shall be entitled, at its expense, to audit all of the Consultant's records related to this Project, and shall be allowed to interview any of the Consultant's employees, pursuant to the provisions of this section throughout the term of this contract and for a period of **three (3) years** after final payment or longer if required by law. Such audits may require inspection and photo copying of selected documents from time to time at reasonable times and places.

7.6 SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS. This Agreement shall be binding on the Owner and the Consultant, their successors and assigns. Neither party may assign, sublet, or transfer its interest in this Agreement without the written consent of the other.

7.7 VENUE. For the purpose of determining place of Agreement and the law governing the same, this Agreement is entered into in the City and County of El Paso, the State of Texas, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas. Venue shall be in the County of El Paso, Texas.

7.8 GOVERNING LAW. The Consultant shall comply with applicable Federal, State and local laws and ordinances applicable to the work contemplated herein.

7.9 CAPTIONS. The captions of this Agreement are for information purposes only, and shall in no way affect the substantive terms or conditions of this Agreement.

7.10 SEVERABILITY. Should any section, paragraph or other provision of this Agreement be found invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Agreement.

7.11 NOTICES. Any notice, demand, request, consent or approval that either party may or is required to provide to the other shall be in writing and either personally delivered or sent via certified mail, return receipt, to the following addresses:

To the Owner:	The City of El Paso Attn: City Manager 2 Civic Center Plaza El Paso, Texas 79901
With a Copy to:	The City of El Paso Attn: City Engineer 2 Civic Center Plaza El Paso, Texas 79901
To the Consultant:	Terry G. Bilderback, P.E. Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. 810 E. Yandell El Paso, Texas 79902

Changes may be made to the names and addresses noted herein through timely, written notice to the other party.

7.12 CONFLICTING PROVISIONS. Any provision contained in any Attachments to this Agreement, which may be in conflict or inconsistent with any of the provisions in this Agreement shall be void to the extent of such conflict or inconsistency.

7.13 ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, including attachments, constitutes and expresses the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations or agreements, whether written or oral. This Agreement shall not be amended or modified, except by written amendment, executed by both parties.

WITNESS THE FOLLOWING SIGNATURES AND/OR SEALS:

CITY OF EL PASO:

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Joyce Wilson, City Manager

CONSULTANT:

PARKHILL, SMITH & COOPER, INC.

Terry G. Bilderback

By: Terry G. Bilderback, P.E.
Title: Vice President

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bertha A. Ontiveros
Assistant City Attorney

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT:

for R. Alan Shubert, P.E.
City Engineer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this _____ day of _____, 2007, by **Joyce A. Wilson**, as **City Manager** of the **City of El Paso, Texas**.

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Notary Public, State of Texas

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on this 6th day of September 2007, by **Terry G. Bilderback, P.E.**, as **Vice President** of **Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc.**

Maria E. Loweree
Notary Public, State of Texas

MARIA E. LOWEREE
NOTARY PUBLIC
In and for the State of Texas
My commission expires
March 6, 2008