

power of condemnation or eminent domain shall be deemed to be a disposal of such property, or portion thereof, pursuant to this Section. Subject to the provisions of Section 5.1(d) and this Section with respect to Replacement Property, the Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes required by Section 5.1(a) hereof shall be reduced by the amount thereof applicable to any property included in the Project, or part thereof, disposed of, or deemed disposed of, pursuant to this Section.

(b) The Company may, in its sole discretion, replace, renew or acquire and/or install other property in substitution for, any or all property or portions thereof disposed of, or deemed disposed of, pursuant to subsection (a) above. Any such property may, but need not, serve the same function, or be of the same utility or value, as the property being replaced. Absent a written election to the contrary made at the time of filing the first property tax return that would apply to such property, to the extent permitted by the Act, such property shall be treated as Replacement Property.

(c) In no event shall the disposal of property by the Company result in any obligation of the Company to make additional payments under this Fee Agreement, other than as set forth in Section 5.1 hereof.

**SECTION 5.3. *Fee Term.*** With respect to each Stage of the Project, the applicable term of this Fee Agreement shall be from the first day of the property tax year after the property tax year in which such Stage is placed in service through the last day of the property tax year which is 30 years thereafter; provided, that the maximum term of this Fee Agreement shall not be more than 30 years from the end of the last year of the Investment Period or such longer period of time as may be applicable upon the granting of any extension permitted under the Act. This Fee Agreement shall terminate with respect to the Project or any Stage or part thereof upon the earlier to occur of (a) payment of the final installment of Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes pursuant to Section 5.1 hereof, or (b) exercise by the Company of its option to terminate pursuant to Section 10.1 hereof.

## **ARTICLE VI PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND ABATEMENT**

**SECTION 6.1. *Protection of Tax Exempt Status of the Project.*** In order to insure that the Project is not and will not become subject to *ad valorem* property taxes under the laws of the State of South Carolina or any political subdivision thereof, the County and the Company covenant that:

(a) to the extent allowed by law, all rights and privileges granted to either party under this Fee Agreement or any other Documents shall be exercised so that if any conflict between this Section and any other provision in any document shall arise, then in that case, this Section shall control;

(b) the County and the Company have not committed or permitted and will not knowingly commit or permit (as to any act over which either has control) any act which would cause the Project to be subject to *ad valorem* property taxes by the County or political



subdivision of the State of South Carolina in which any part of the Project is located, provided, however, that the Company may terminate this Fee Agreement as provided in Section 10.1; and

(c) the Company will maintain the identity of the Project as a “project” in accordance with the Act.

**SECTION 6.2. *Rescission and Reversion in the Event of Termination.*** In the event it shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction that the Project or any portion thereof are subject to State, County, or other local property taxes, then, at the option of the Company, the provisions of Section 11.4 hereof shall apply, either to the Project as a whole or to such portion thereof as the Company may elect.

## **ARTICLE VII EFFECTIVE DATE**

**SECTION 7.1. *Effective Date.*** This Fee Agreement shall become effective as of the date first written above.

## **ARTICLE VIII SPECIAL COVENANTS**

**SECTION 8.1. *Confidentiality/Limitation on Access to Project.*** The County acknowledges and understands that the Company utilizes confidential and proprietary processes and materials, services, equipment, trade secrets and techniques and that any disclosure of any information relating to such processes and materials, services, equipment, trade secrets or techniques, including but not limited to disclosures of financial, sales or other information concerning the Company’s operations could result in substantial harm to the Company and could thereby have a significant detrimental impact on the Company’s employees and also upon the County. Therefore, the County agrees that, subject to the provisions of Section 11.10 hereof, except as required by law, and except as operating for other purposes in its sovereign capacity (such as, without limitation, for such routine health and safety purposes as would be applied to any other industrial facility in the County), neither the County nor any employee, agent or contractor of the County: (i) shall request or be entitled to receive any such confidential or proprietary information; (ii) shall request or be entitled to inspect the Project or any property associated therewith; or (iii) notwithstanding the expectation that the County shall not receive any confidential or proprietary information, if the County should nevertheless receive any such information, neither the County nor any employee, agent, or contractor of the County shall knowingly disclose or otherwise divulge any such confidential or proprietary information to any other person, firm, governmental body or agency, or any other entity unless specifically required to do so by State law. Prior to disclosing any confidential or proprietary information or allowing inspections of the Project or any property associated therewith, the Company may require the execution of reasonable, individual, confidentiality and non-disclosure agreements by any officers, employees or agents of the County or any supporting or cooperating governmental agencies who would gather, receive or review such information or conduct or review the results



of any inspections. In the event that the County is required to disclose any confidential or proprietary information obtained from the Company to any third party, the County agrees to provide the Company with reasonable advance notice of such requirement before making such disclosure.

**SECTION 8.2. *Indemnification Covenants.***

(a) The Company shall and agrees to hold the County and its County Council members, officers, agents and employees harmless from all pecuniary liability based upon those reasons set forth in subsection (b) below. Such indemnification obligation shall survive any termination of this Fee Agreement.

(b) Notwithstanding the fact that it is the intention of the parties that neither the County nor any of its County Council members, officers, agents and employees shall incur any pecuniary liability to any third party (i) by reason of the terms of this Fee Agreement or the undertakings of the County required hereunder, (ii) by reason of the performance of any act in connection with the entering into and performance of the transactions described in the Documents, or (iii) by reason of the condition or operation of the Project, including claims, liabilities or losses arising in connection with the violation of any statutes or regulations, if the County or any of its County Council members, officers, agents or employees should incur any such pecuniary liability, then, in that event the Company shall indemnify and hold harmless the County and its County Council members, officers, agents and employees against all pecuniary claims by or on behalf of any person, firm or corporation, arising out of the same, and all costs and expenses incurred in connection with any such claim. The provisions of this Section shall survive any termination of this Fee Agreement.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be obligated to indemnify the County or any of its individual members, officers, agents and employees for expenses, claims, losses or damages arising from the intentional or willful misconduct or gross negligence of the County or any of its individual officers, agents or employees.

**SECTION 8.3. *Assignment and Leasing.*** With the County's consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, any or all of the Company's interest in the Project and/or this Fee Agreement may be transferred or assigned by the Company or any assignee to any other entity, in accordance with the Act without terminating this Fee Agreement or the benefits provided under this Fee Agreement; provided, however, that such consent is not required in connection with financing related transfers or any other transfers not requiring the consent of the County under the Act. The County hereby expressly agrees to any transfer or assignment by the Company of any or all of its interest in the Project and/or this Fee Agreement to an "affiliate." For purposes of this Section, an "affiliate" means one or more entities, now existing or to be formed in the future, which control, are controlled by, or are under common control with, the Company. The County agrees that the County Council can provide any consent required under the Act or this Section either by a resolution of County Council or by a letter or other writing executed by the County Administrator. Except as otherwise required by the Act or this Fee Agreement, a transaction or an event of sale, assignment, leasing, transfer of an interest herein,



disposal, or replacement of all or part of the Project shall not constitute or result in a termination of this Fee Agreement in whole or in part or a basis for changing the fee payments due under Section 12-44-50 of the Act.

**ARTICLE IX  
EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES**

**SECTION 9.1. *Events of Default Defined.*** The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall be an "Event of Default" under this Fee Agreement:

(a) If the Company shall fail to make any Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes or payment of any other amount required under this Fee Agreement and such failure shall continue for 30 days after receiving written notice of default from the County;

(b) If the Company shall fail to observe or perform any covenant, condition, or agreement required herein to be observed or performed by the Company (other than as referred to in subsection (a) above), and such failure shall continue for a period of 30 days after written notice of default has been given to the Company by the County; provided if by reason of "*force majeure*" as hereinafter defined the Company is unable in whole or in part to carry out any such covenant, condition, or agreement or if it takes longer than 30 days to cure such default and the Company is diligently attempting to cure such default during such period, there shall be no Event of Default during such inability. The term "*force majeure*" as used herein shall mean circumstances not reasonably within the control of the parties, such as, without limitation, acts of God, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances; war; acts of public enemies; mobilization or military conscription on a large scale; order of any kind of the government of the United States or any State, or any civil or military authority other than the County Council; insurrections; riots; landslides; earthquakes; fires; lightning; storms; droughts; floods; requisitions, confiscation, or commandeering of property; fuel restrictions; general shortages of transport, goods, or energy; or

(c) If any material representation or warranty on the part of the Company made in the Documents, or in any report, certificate, financial or other statement furnished in connection with the Documents or the transactions described in the Documents shall have been false or misleading in any material respect.

**SECTION 9.2. *Remedies on Default.*** Whenever any Event of Default shall have happened and be subsisting, the County may terminate this Fee Agreement and/or take whatever action at law or in equity may appear legally required or necessary or desirable to collect any payments then due. As set forth in Section 10.1 hereof, the Company may terminate this Fee Agreement at any time upon providing 30 days' notice to the County without regard to any Event of Default. Although the parties acknowledge that the Project is exempt from *ad valorem* property taxes, the County and any other taxing entity affected thereby may, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, exercise the remedies provided by general law (Title 12, Chapter 49) and the Act relating to the enforced collection of taxes, and shall have a first priority lien status



as provided in Section 12-44-90 of the Act and Chapters 4 and 54 of Title 12, Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended.

**SECTION 9.3. *No Remedy Exclusive.*** No remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the County or Company is intended to be exclusive of any other available remedy or remedies, but in each and every instance such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given under the Documents or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute. Unless otherwise provided herein or in the other Documents, no delay or omission to exercise any right or power shall be construed to be a waiver thereof, but any such right and power may be exercised from time to time and as often as may be deemed expedient.

**SECTION 9.4. *No Additional Waiver Implied by One Waiver.*** In the event any warranty, covenant or agreement contained in this Fee Agreement should be breached by the Company or the County and thereafter waived by the other party to this Fee Agreement, such waiver shall be limited to the particular breach so waived and shall not be deemed to waive any other breach.

**SECTION 9.5. *Default by County.*** Upon the default of the County in the performance of any of its obligations under this Fee Agreement, the Company may take whatever action at law or in equity may appear necessary or desirable to enforce its rights under this Fee Agreement, including without limitation a suit for mandamus or specific performance.

## **ARTICLE X COMPANY OPTION TO TERMINATE**

**SECTION 10.1. *Company Option to Terminate.*** From time to time (including without limitation any time during which there may be subsisting an Event of Default) and at any time upon at least 30 days notice, the Company may terminate this Fee Agreement with respect to the entire Project or any portion thereof. Except as provided in Section 5.1(g) hereof, upon termination of all or part of this Fee Agreement, the Company will become liable, prospectively but not retroactively (except as set forth in Section 5.1(g)), for ad valorem property taxes on the Project or such portion thereof as is so terminated from inclusion in the Project, as well as for amounts already due and owing under this Fee Agreement, which latter amounts, if any, shall be paid to the County with the next installment of Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes pursuant to Section 5.1(c), or, if the termination is of the entire Project, then within 120 days of termination.

## **ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS**

**SECTION 11.1. *Leased Equipment.*** The parties hereto agree that, to the extent that applicable law allows or is revised or construed to allow the benefits of the Act, in the form of Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes to be made under Section 5.1(a), to be applicable to personal property to be installed in the buildings and leased to but not purchased by the Company from one or more third parties under any form of lease, then such personal property shall, at the



election of the Company, be subject to Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes to the same extent as the Equipment covered by this Fee Agreement, if properly undertaken as part of the Project in accordance with such law. The parties hereto further agree that this Fee Agreement may be interpreted or modified as may be necessary or appropriate in order to give proper application of this Fee Agreement to such tangible personal property without such construction or modification constituting an amendment to this Fee Agreement, and thus not requiring any additional action by the County Council. The County Administrator, after consulting with the County Attorney, shall be and hereby is authorized to make such modifications, if any, as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith.

**SECTION 11.2. Notices.** All notices, approvals, consents, requests and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and may be delivered personally, or may be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the following addresses, unless the parties are subsequently notified of any change of address in accordance with this Section:

If to the Company:

Element TV Company, LP  
c/o Element Television Company, LLC  
10909 Valley View Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344  
Attention: Michael L. O'Shaughnessy

With a copy to:

Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP  
1320 Main Street  
17th Floor  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Attention: George B. Wolfe, Esq.

If to the County:

Fairfield County  
350 Columbia Road  
Winnsboro, South Carolina 29180  
Attention: County Administrator

With a copy to:

Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP  
1201 Main Street, Suite 1450  
Columbia, SC 29201  
Attention: Michael Kozlarek, Esq.