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Passed by the Board of Trustees, January 19, 2010

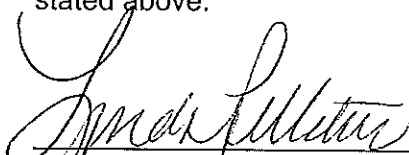
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VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS

LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Linda Pelletier
Village Clerk

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WHEREAS, by granting a natural gas franchise to North Shore Gas Company (the "*Utility*"), the Village of Vernon Hills, makes natural gas and related facilities and utilities available to the Village of Vernon Hills' residents, businesses, and land owners; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Vernon Hills' current franchise agreement with the Utility will expire on August 28, 2014 (the "*Existing Franchise Agreement*"); and

WHEREAS, the Existing Franchise Agreement provides the terms and conditions under which the Utility utilizes the Village of Vernon Hills' public rights-of-way in the provision of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Village of Vernon Hills and its residents, businesses, and land owners to negotiate and enter into a new franchise agreement with the Utility that includes all of the standard and necessary terms, provisions, and protections, plus modern provisions and protections such as energy efficiency provisions that require not only levels of efficiencies on the part of utilities, but also energy audits and other conservation-related services from the Utility; and

WHEREAS, a number of northern Illinois municipalities plan to create a consortium of participating municipalities to cooperate and jointly prepare and negotiate a model franchise agreement for natural gas with the Utility and with other utilities that serve these northern Illinois municipalities; and

WHEREAS, participating in this joint effort will give the Village of Vernon Hills greater negotiating power with the natural gas utilities and will reduce the cost to the Village of Vernon Hills of drafting, negotiating, and finalizing a new gas franchise agreement; and

WHEREAS, a steering committee of the participating municipalities has prepared an intergovernmental agreement that will establish the "Northern Illinois Municipal Natural Gas Franchise Consortium" (the "*Consortium*") for the purpose of preparing and negotiating a model franchise agreement for natural gas utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the Village of Vernon Hills have determined that it is in the best interests of the Village of Vernon Hills to approve and authorize the execution of the intergovernmental agreement and become a member of the Consortium pursuant to the terms of the agreement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

EXHIBIT A

Intergovernmental Agreement

Section 1. Recitals.

The foregoing recitals are incorporated into this Ordinance as the findings of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills.

Section 2. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement.

The "Intergovernmental Agreement Establishing the Northern Illinois Municipal Gas Franchise Consortium," in form and substance substantially the same as Exhibit A to this Ordinance (the "*Intergovernmental Agreement*"), is hereby approved.

Section 3. Authorization to Execute the Agreement.

The President and the Village Clerk are authorized and directed to execute and attest the Intergovernmental Agreement on behalf of the Village of Vernon Hills.

Section 4. Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective following passage by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills in the manner required by law.

PASSED this 19th day of January, 2010, by vote of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Vernon Hills, as follows:

AYES: 5-hebda, Koch, Marquardt, Schwartz, Williams

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT: 1-Schultz

ABSTAIN: 0-None

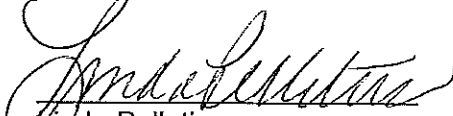
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Roger L. Byrne, Village President

ATTEST:


Linda Pelletier
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