DISPUTES BOARD AGREEMENT

THIS DISPUTES BOARD AGREEMENT is made and entered into this 23rd day of June, 2009, (the "Effective Date") by and between the Texas Department of Transportation ("TxDOT"), and NTE Mobility Partners LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Developer"). TxDOT and Developer are sometimes referred to individually herein as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

RECITALS

A. TxDOT and Developer are parties to that certain Comprehensive Development Agreement, North Tarrant Express Facility, dated as of the Effective Date.

B. Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement, provides for the establishment and operation of a disputes review board to resolve each Dispute if, as and when a Dispute arises under the Agreement, other than certain Disputes specified in Section 17.8.1.5 of the Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, conditions, covenants and agreements contained herein and in the Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which the Parties hereby acknowledge, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

Section 1. Definitions and References.

1.1 Definitions. All capitalized terms used in this Disputes Board Agreement and not defined or modified herein shall have the same meaning as set forth in the Agreement.

1.2 Reference Section of Agreement. Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement discusses the Disputes Board's role in resolving Disputes and is incorporated herein by reference.

1.3 Section References. Unless expressly indicated otherwise, all references in this Disputes Board Agreement to a "Section" mean the Section contained in this Disputes Board Agreement.

Section 2. Purpose and Role of the Disputes Board; Binding Disputes Board Decision.

The sole purposes of the Disputes Board are to fairly and impartially consider all Disputes brought to it and to resolve such Disputes in a Disputes Board Decision. The Disputes Board is not a supervisory, advisory, or facilitating body and has no role other than as expressly described in this Disputes Board Agreement and in Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement. Notwithstanding that each Disputes Board member will have been engaged by a Party under a Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement, none of the Disputes Board members shall consider themselves an appointee, representative, agent or advocate of the Party who engaged him or her. Disputes Board members are charged with discharging their responsibilities hereunder in an impartial, objective, independent and professional manner without regard to the particular interests of either Party.

Section 3. Selection, Replacement and Removal of Disputes Board Members and Candidates.

3.1 Selection of Disputes Board Candidates and Disputes Board Members.

3.1.1 At all times, each Party shall endeavor to maintain a list of five candidates who satisfy the Disputes Board Member Qualifications set forth in Section 4 and have been approved or deemed approved by the other Party to serve on the Disputes Board (each such list being a "Disputes Board Member Candidates List"). No Party shall communicate *ex parte* with a person on its or the other Party's Dispute Board Member Candidates List regarding the substance of a Dispute.

3.1.2 Whenever a Dispute that is subject to the Dispute Resolution Procedures is referred to the Disputes Board for resolution, each Party shall, within 15 days after notice of such referral is given or received (or within seven days after notice of a Fast-Track Dispute is given or received), appoint and engage one of the approved candidates on its Disputes Board Member Candidates List to serve on the Disputes Board. The Disputes Board empanelled to resolve each Dispute shall consist of three individuals, except as otherwise provided for resolution of Small Claims under Section 5.3.3 or as the Parties may agree pursuant to Section 3.1.4. The panel shall consist of (a) one member selected by TxDOT, (b) one member selected by Developer and (c) a third member selected pursuant to Section 3.1.3. To set forth the terms and conditions of such appointment and engagement, each Party and its appointed Disputes Board member shall enter into a Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement in the form attached hereto as Attachment 1.

3.1.3 The two members whom TxDOT and Developer appoint to the Disputes Board shall, within 15 days after their appointment (or within seven days after their appointment, if the Dispute for resolution is a Fast-Track Dispute), select the third Disputes Board member (the "Disputes Board Chair") from among the remaining candidates that appear on the Parties' Disputes Board Member Candidate Lists. If the two Disputes Board members appointed by TxDOT and Developer are unable to reach agreement on their selection of the Disputes Board Chair within such time period, then either TxDOT or Developer or both shall request that the Chief Administrative Judge of the Travis County District Courts select the Disputes Board Chair from among the remaining candidates who appear on the Parties' Disputes Board Member Candidate Lists and meet the Disputes Board Member Qualifications. Both Parties waive all rights to appeal the decision of the Chief Administrative Judge, except if the individual designated by such judge to serve as the Disputes Board Chair is not among the candidates remaining on the Parties' Disputes Board Member Candidate Lists or does not meet the Disputes Board Member Qualifications. Within 15 days after the selection of the Disputes Board Chair by the two appointed members or the Chief Administrative Judge (or within seven days after such selection if the Dispute is a Fast-Track Dispute), the Party on whose list the Disputes Board Chair appears and the individual selected to serve as the Disputes Board Chair shall enter into a Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement.

3.1.4 The Parties may mutually agree at any time prior to issuance of a Disputes Board Decision that the relevant Dispute shall be resolved by the Disputes Board Chair alone rather than by the three member panel, and any such agreement shall be irrevocable when signed in writing. If the Parties so agree, they shall issue a joint written directive stating their mutual agreement that the Disputes Board Chair alone shall resolve the relevant Dispute. Thereafter, the Disputes Board Chair rather than the Disputes Board shall

resolve the relevant Dispute in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Disputes Board Agreement.

3.2 Replacing Candidates on a Party's Disputes Board Member Candidates List.

3.2.1 At any time, either Party may replace any of the individuals on its Disputes Board Member Candidates List that are not then serving on the Disputes Board, provided, however, that no such individual shall be added to the Disputes Board Member Candidates List of the proposing Party (the "Nominating Party") until complete Disclosure Statements on such individual are furnished to the other Party (the "Evaluating Party") and the Evaluating Party approves or is deemed to approve such individual for inclusion on the Nominating Party's Disputes Board Member Candidates List. "Disclosure Statements" shall consist of the proposed Disputes Board Member candidate's resume of experience and a discussion of the Disputes Board Member Qualifications as they apply to the proposed candidate. Within 30 days after the Evaluating Party receives a proposed candidate's Disclosure Statements (the "Disputes Board Member Candidate Evaluation Period"), the Evaluating Party shall evaluate the proposed candidate's Disclosure Statements and notify the Nominating Party as to whether the candidate is approved by the Evaluating Party for inclusion on the Nominating Party's Disputes Board Member Candidates List.

3.2.2 During the Disputes Board Member Candidate Evaluation Period, the Evaluating Party (a) shall submit written inquiry to the Nominating Party if, in the Evaluating Party's reasonable judgment, the Disclosure Statements for the proposed candidate are incomplete such that, if they are not supplemented to the Evaluating Party's reasonable satisfaction, such incompleteness will comprise a basis for the Evaluating Party's disapproval of the proposed candidate and (b) may submit written inquiries to the Nominating Party if the Evaluating Party has questions or concerns about the proposed candidate's qualifications to serve on the Disputes Board in light of the Disputes Board Member Qualifications. Within 15 days after the Nominating Party's receipt of any such written inquiry from the Evaluating Party, the Nominating Party shall (or shall cause the proposed candidate to) furnish a written response to the Evaluating Party's inquiry. The Evaluating Party may submit up to three such written inquiries. The Disputes Board Member Candidate Evaluation Period shall be extended a total of 30 days (including the 15 day inquiry response period) for each written inquiry made by the Evaluating Party. The submission of incomplete Disclosure Statements (following written inquiry from the Evaluating Party so that the Nominating Party has the opportunity to supplement any such incomplete Disclosure Statements) or failure by the Nominating Party or its proposed candidate to fully respond to the Evaluating Party's written inquiry shall constitute a basis for the Evaluating Party to disapprove the proposed candidate during the Disputes Board Member Candidate Evaluation Period. If the Evaluating Party notifies the Nominating Party of its approval, or does not notify the Nominating Party of its disapproval, of a proposed candidate within the Disputes Board Member Candidate Evaluation Period (as it may be extended), such candidate shall be approved or deemed approved by the Evaluating Party.

3.2.3 During the course of the Nominating Party replacing five consecutive potential candidates on its Disputes Board Member Candidates List on a cumulative basis over time, the Evaluating Party may, upon notice to the Nominating Party, disapprove up to two proposed candidates for any or no reason. The Evaluating Party may, upon notice to the Nominating Party, only disapprove subsequently proposed candidates of the Nominating Party based on any such candidate's failure to satisfy the Disputes Board Member Qualifications

(which failure shall be described in reasonable detail in the Evaluating Party's notice of disapproval).

3.2.4 If the Evaluating Party does not approve a proposed candidate for inclusion on the Nominating Party's Disputes Board Member Candidates List, the Nominating Party shall propose subsequent candidates in reasonably rapid succession, and the selection process shall continue until the Evaluating Party's approval is obtained or deemed obtained as to a proposed candidate's inclusion on the Nominating Party's Disputes Board Member Candidates List.

3.2.5 If the Evaluating Party disapproves a proposed candidate of the Nominating Party due to failure of such candidate to satisfy the Disputes Board Member Qualifications, but the Nominating Party disagrees that such candidate is not qualified or eligible for service, the Nominating Party may seek resolution pursuant to Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement.

3.3 Removal of Disputes Board Member; Appointment of Replacement.

3.3.1 Subject to Section 3.3.2, any of the Persons specified in this Section 3.3.1 at any time may terminate the appointment of a Disputes Board member (including the Disputes Board Chair) due to (a) Disputes Board Member Conflict of Interest or (b) Disputes Board Member Misconduct (such termination constituting a termination "For Cause" hereunder). Subject to Section 3.3.2, termination for Cause shall be effective upon service of such Person's notice of termination on the affected Disputes Board member and the Parties. Following termination and removal For Cause, or the death or resignation of a Disputes Board member, the Disputes Board shall not proceed with the resolution of the applicable Dispute until a replacement has been appointed.

(a). Any two members of the Disputes Board may terminate the third Disputes Board member's appointment For Cause;

(b) TxDOT and Developer may, upon mutual agreement, terminate any Disputes Board member's appointment For Cause or without cause; and

(c) TxDOT or Developer may unilaterally terminate the appointment of any Disputes Board member For Cause.

3.3.2 If a Disputes Board member's appointment is terminated For Cause and a Party disagrees that such Disputes Board member should have been terminated For Cause, such Party may, within five Business Days after such Party receives notice of the Disputes Board member's termination of appointment, seek resolution pursuant to Section 17.8 of the Agreement. The Disputes Board member who is the subject of the disputed termination For Cause shall not participate in the resolution of such Dispute, but may be called to provide testimony and evidence. A Party may not unilaterally or by mutual agreement with the other Party terminate the appointment of any Disputes Board member For Cause and then dispute the proprietary of such termination. If the resolution of the Dispute is that termination of a Disputes Board member For Cause was unjustified, such termination shall be void.

3.3.3 In the event that one or more Disputes Board members needs to be replaced due to removal, death or resignation of one or more Disputes Board members, replacement Disputes Board members shall be appointed in the same manner as the

predecessor Disputes Board members until the Disputes Board is reconstituted as a three person board. The Parties shall commence the process to appoint each replacement Disputes Board member as soon as notice of removal, death or resignation is given or received and shall complete the appointment as soon as possible, but in no event more than 30 days thereafter.

Section 4. Qualifications and Conduct of Disputes Board Members.

"Disputes Board Member Qualifications," as they pertain to each Disputes Board Member or proposed candidate for inclusion on a Party's Disputes Board Member Candidate List, consist of the requisite experience described in Section 4.1 and the absence of grounds for disqualification as described in Section 4.2.

4.1 Requisite Experience. All Disputes Board members shall be attorneys who (a) are retired judges with at least ten years prior experience as a sitting judge or (b) are active members of the State Bar of Texas or any other state bar (of the United States) with at least ten years prior experience acting as mediators, arbitrators or dispute board members for commercial disputes, in either case who have not been subject to disciplinary action within the past ten years. Preference shall be given to attorneys who, in addition to meeting the foregoing qualifications, are also experienced in interpreting or adjudicating contract rights and claims involving financing, design, construction, operations and/or maintenance of public infrastructure projects. The other Party cannot disapprove a proposed candidate for inclusion on a Party's Dispute Board Member Candidate List due to lack of preferred qualifications if the Candidate List includes two other candidates who have one of the preferred qualifications.

4.2 Disqualification. No Disputes Board member shall have a Disputes Board Member Conflict of Interest or a financial interest in the Facility, in any Contract or in the outcome of any Dispute decided hereunder, except for payments to that member for services on the Disputes Board.

4.3 Effect of Party's Prior Approval of Disputes Board Member.

4.3.1 An Evaluating Party's approval or deemed approval of a proposed candidate for inclusion on the Nominating Party's Disputes Board Member Candidates List shall constitute an irrevocable waiver of any subsequent objection to such individual's lack of qualifications under Section 4.1 (except if such individual's lack of qualifications constitutes Misconduct, as addressed in Section 4.3.2).

4.3.2 No approval or deemed approval by the Evaluating Party of a proposed candidate for inclusion on the Nominating Party's Disputes Board Member Candidates List shall constitute a waiver of any objection to a Conflict of Interest or Misconduct of such individual under Section 4.2, except that any matter fully disclosed in an individual's Disclosure Statements prior to inclusion of such individual on the Nominating Party's Disputes Board Member Candidates List with the approval or deemed approval of the Evaluating Party may not be subsequently asserted by the Evaluating Party as a Conflict of Interest or Misconduct constituting grounds for termination and removal of such individual from the Nominating Party's Disputes Board Member Candidates List or from service as a Disputes Board member.

Section 5. Procedures and Scope of Work of the Disputes Board.

5.1 Procedures; Modification of Procedures. The Disputes Board shall conduct its proceedings to resolve a Dispute in accordance with the requirements specified or referenced herein; provided, however, that:

(a) The Parties may jointly modify the procedures applicable to the Disputes Board's proceedings to resolve a Dispute, effective upon the Disputes Board Chair's receipt of the Parties' written notice describing such modification in detail (the foregoing being without limitation to any requirements applicable to the Parties' amendment of the Agreement or any requirements applicable to modification of the DRP Rules or the Sections of the Code under which the DRP Rules are promulgated); and

(b) The Disputes Board may modify the procedures applicable to its proceedings to resolve a Dispute so as to be more responsive to the needs of the Parties, provided that (i) the Disputes Board Chair issues written notice to the Parties describing the proposed modification in detail and (ii) both Parties give their written consent thereto. Such modification shall take effect upon the Disputes Board Chair's receipt of the Parties' written consent.

5.2 Jurisdiction. If a responding Party asserts that a particular claim, demand, dispute, disagreement or controversy is a matter identified in Section 17.8.1.5 of the Agreement as beyond the Dispute Board's authority, the Disputes Board shall hear, consider and render a determination with respect to such assertion as a preliminary matter prior to consideration of the underlying matter. If the Disputes Board determines that the claim, demand, dispute, disagreement or controversy is a matter identified in Section 17.8.1.5 of the Agreement as beyond its authority, then it shall issue a Disputes Board Decision dismissing the same, without prejudice to the claiming Party's right to appeal such Disputes Board Decision in accordance with Section 17.8.5.1 of the Agreement or to pursue the claim, demand, dispute, disagreement or controversy in the proper jurisdiction. If the Disputes Board determines the claim, demand, dispute, disagreement or controversy is a matter within its authority, it shall issue such determination in writing to the Parties, including its reasoning, proceed to consideration of the underlying matter, and include in the Disputes Board Decision on the underlying matter findings of fact, conclusions and a decision on the issue of its authority. No appeal may be taken from the Disputes Board's determination that it has the requisite authority over the matter until a Disputes Board Decision is rendered on the underlying matter. If the responding Party asserts lack of authority before the Disputes Board prior to hearings on the underlying matter, then the responding Party's appearance in the Disputes Board proceedings to contest the underlying matter shall be without waiver of or prejudice to its right to appeal in accordance with Section 17.8 of the Agreement the Disputes Board's determination of authority.

5.3 Procedures for Disputes Board's Resolution of Disputes.

5.3.1 The Disputes Board shall conduct its proceedings in accordance with the Commercial Rules, including any time periods listed therein for actions by the Disputes Board. "Commercial Rules" means the dispute resolution proceedings set forth in Attachment 2 attached hereto. For Fast-Track Disputes, the time frames provided in the Commercial Rules for Expedited Procedures (as defined in Attachment 2) shall apply in accordance with the Commercial Rules.

5.3.2 Each Disputes Board member, or the Disputes Board Chair on behalf of the Disputes Board, shall promptly notify the Parties if any circumstance has arisen or is likely to

arise that would prevent prompt resolution of the applicable Dispute in accordance with the Commercial Rules and this Disputes Board Agreement.

5.3.3 The following provisions pertain to Small Claims:

(a) A "Small Claim" is a Claim or related or similar Claims that arise fairly contemporaneously out of the same set of acts, events or circumstances, that the Parties mutually agree to have resolved solely by the Disputes Board Chair, and that the Parties mutually agree will be subject to an aggregate cap on award. A non-binding example of a Small Claim is where the cumulative amount in controversy of a Claim or related or similar Claims is $500,000 or less.

(b) Once the Disputes Board Chair is appointed to resolve a Small Claim, the other two Disputes Board member shall be released from further service. Alternately, the Parties may, but are not obligated to, bypass appointment of two Dispute Board members and directly select a mutually acceptable individual from the Dispute Board Member Candidates Lists to serve as the Disputes Board Chair to resolve the Small Claim. Thereafter, in the context of the Disputes Board Chair's resolution of a Small Claim hereunder, all references in the dispute resolution procedures established in Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement to the "Disputes Board" or the "Disputes Board members" shall mean and refer to the Disputes Board Chair. At any time prior to the close of the Disputes Board hearing under R-27 of the Commercial Rules, if, due to amendment of the Dispute as to the amount in controversy, aggregation of the Dispute with other Disputes or other changes that cause a Party to no longer consent to resolution of the Dispute as a Small Claim by the Dispute Board Chair, such Party may, upon notice to the Disputes Board Chair and the other Party, withdraw its assent to resolution of the Dispute as a Small Claim by the Disputes Board Chair and require that a full three-member Disputes Board be empanelled to resolve such Dispute.

(c) The Disputes Board Chair shall have no authority to award compensation or damages in a Disputes Board Decision regarding a Small Claim aggregating more than the mutually agreed aggregate cap on award, and TxDOT or Developer as the claiming Party, as the case may be, asserting a Small Claim hereby irrevocably waives any right, at law or in equity, to any damages or award arising out of such Small Claim in excess of such cap.

5.4 Aggregation of Disputes. Either Party shall be entitled to request the Disputes Board to aggregate the consideration of multiple Disputes for resolution by the Disputes Board where common questions of fact, Law and contract interpretation and the efficiencies to be gained in conducting a single proceeding to resolve all such Disputes merit the aggregate consideration of all such Disputes. Upon receipt of such a request, the Disputes Board shall consider the aggregated Disputes in a single proceeding unless, as a preliminary matter, the Disputes Board determines (after considering any evidence presented by the Parties in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed aggregation) that this is inappropriate. The Disputes Board shall revise or deny the proposed aggregation if there are insufficient common questions of fact, Law and contract interpretation among the proposed aggregated Disputes, or if the efficiencies to be gained by conducting a single proceeding to resolve such Disputes are outweighed by the need for separate and independent resolution of some or all of the proposed aggregated Disputes. The Disputes Board shall specify, in a Disputes Board Decision on this matter, which Disputes (if any) are to be aggregated and which Disputes (if any) are to be excluded from aggregation. Those not aggregated shall be considered by a separately empanelled Disputes Board in a separate proceeding. A Disputes Board Decision regarding

whether Disputes will be aggregated for resolution in a single proceeding before the Disputes Board shall be final, binding and not subject to appeal.

5.5 Issuance of Disputes Board Decision and Any Minority Report. The Disputes Board should make every effort to reach a unanimous decision among the Disputes Board members. If this proves infeasible, the dissenting Disputes Board member may prepare a minority report. Within 20 days after the final hearing on a Dispute (and within five days after the final hearing on a Fast-Track Dispute), the Disputes Board Chair shall issue to the Parties the Dispute Board Decision, including the Disputes Board's written findings of fact and conclusions of law in support of the Disputes Board Decision.

5.6 Confidential Materials; Return or Destruction Thereof. "Confidential Materials" are all documents, other written materials and information presented or exchanged in a proceeding before the Disputes Board that are confidential pursuant to Section 17.8.9 of the Agreement. Each Disputes Board member shall maintain the privacy of Confidential Materials pursuant to Section 17.8.9 of the Agreement. Within 30 days after the Disputes Board Chair receives written notice of issuance of a final, non-appealable order on a Dispute that was the subject of a Disputes Board Decision, the Disputes Board Chair shall furnish written notice to each Party listing the Confidential Materials in the Disputes Board's possession and, except for those Confidential Materials that a Party directs the Disputes Board to return to such Party in writing within 15 days after receipt of such notice, the Disputes Board Chair shall destroy all copies of all Confidential Materials in the Disputes Board's possession. Until the time for the Disputes Board Chair's issuance of the foregoing written notice, the Disputes Board shall hold all Confidential Materials in confidence.

5.7 Dissolution of Disputes Board. Once there is issued a final, non-appealable order on a Dispute that was the subject of a the Disputes Board Decision, the Disputes Board shall be dissolved and the Disputes Board members serving on such Disputes Board shall be released from further service.

Section 6. Reserved.

Section 7. TxDOT and Developer Responsibilities.

7.1 TxDOT Responsibilities. TxDOT shall serve upon each Disputes Board member one copy of the Agreement. TxDOT shall also serve upon each Disputes Board member (and concurrently upon Developer) any other documents which are or may become pertinent to the activities of the Disputes Board, including but not limited to any Change Order, Directive Letter or other written direction, instruction, determination or decision of TxDOT.

7.2 Developer Responsibilities. Developer shall serve on each Disputes Board member (and concurrently on TxDOT) one set of any documents which are or may become pertinent to the activities of the Disputes Board, except those documents furnished by TxDOT. Such documents may include, but shall not be limited to, any drawings or sketches, calculations, procedures, schedules, estimates or other documents and Submittals which are used in the performance of the Work or in justifying or substantiating Developer's position.

7.3 Parties' Responsibilities for Costs and Expenses; Cooperation.

7.3.1 Each Party shall be responsible and make payment for its one-half share of all facilities fees, support services costs and other expenses of the Disputes Board's

proceedings within 30 days after receipt of invoices for such costs and expenses. A Party that disputes an invoice for any such cost or expense relating to the Disputes Board's proceedings shall notify the other Party of such dispute promptly after receipt of such invoice. If either Party fails to pay its share of the amount owing under any invoice for such costs and expenses at the time required for payment, then, unless the non-paying Party has promptly disputed the amount due, (a) the other Party may make payment in lieu of the non-paying Party and (b) the paying Party will be entitled to recover (or offset) the amount paid on behalf of the refusing Party, with interest at a floating rate equal to the LIBOR in effect from time to time until the date the amount due is paid, no matter which Party is the prevailing Party.

7.3.2 Each Party shall diligently cooperate with the Disputes Board and the other Party and shall perform such acts as may be necessary to obtain an efficient and expeditious resolution of the Dispute submitted to the Disputes Board. If either Party fails to diligently cooperate with the Disputes Board or the other Party (upon evidence of such failure presented to and evaluated by the Disputes Board) and the Disputes Board determines that such failure was egregious, the Disputes Board shall take into account such egregious failure to cooperate in its Disputes Board Decision; subject, however, to the limitations on the Disputes Board's authority set forth in Section 17.8.4.1 of the Agreement.

Section 8. Term.

Consistent with the DRP Rules, the term of this Disputes Board Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and continue in full force and effect for the Term of the Agreement and thereafter for so long as either Party has any obligation under the CDA Documents until the applicable statute of limitations on any Dispute in regard to such obligation has expired.

Section 9. Payment of Disputes Board Members' Fees, Costs and Expenses.

9.1 Payment for Services. Payment of fees for work performed and services rendered by each Disputes Board member and for his or her direct out-of-pocket costs and expenses shall be calculated in accordance with the payment terms set forth for such Disputes Board member in his or her Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement. The personal services of the Disputes Board member are a condition to receiving payments hereunder. Such payments shall be full compensation for work performed and services rendered by each respective Disputes Board member, and for all labor, materials, supplies, equipment and incidentals necessary for such Disputes Board member's participation on the Disputes Board.

9.2 Disputes Board Member Invoices. Each Disputes Board member shall submit invoices concurrently to TxDOT and Developer on a monthly basis for payment of the full amount due for such Disputes Board member's work performed and services rendered in the prior month. Such invoices shall be in a format approved by TxDOT and Developer, accompanied by an itemization of days and hours billed along with a description of activities performed during each day in that billing period, and an itemization of direct non-salary costs incurred supported by copies of the original bills, invoices, expense accounts and miscellaneous supporting data. Such invoices shall specify that the invoiced Party is responsible only for one-half of the invoiced amount. The amount to be paid shall be established from the applicable billing rate set forth in each Disputes Board member's Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement plus costs and expenses in accordance with such agreement.

9.3 Payment by Parties. Each Party shall be responsible and make payment for one-half of all fees, costs and expenses of the Disputes Board members' service on the Disputes Board. Such costs and expenses include, but are not limited to, required travel of the Disputes Board members, and the costs of witnesses and of any proof produced at the direct request of the Disputes Board. Each Disputes Board member will be paid within 30 days of the Parties' receipt and acceptance of invoices therefor. A Party that disputes a Disputes Board member's invoice shall notify such member and the other Party in writing of such dispute promptly after receipt of such invoice. If either Party fails to pay its share of the amount owing to any Disputes Board member at the time required for payment, then, unless the non-paying Party has promptly disputed the amount due, (a) the other Party may make payment in lieu of the non-paying Party and (b) the paying Party will be entitled to recover (or offset) the amount paid on behalf of the refusing Party, with interest at a floating rate equal to the LIBOR in effect from time to time until the date the amount due is paid, no matter which Party is the prevailing Party.

9.4 Retention of Cost Records and Accounts. Disputes Board members shall keep available for inspection by representatives of TxDOT and Developer, for a period of five years after final payment, the cost records and accounts pertaining to this Disputes Board Agreement and the performance of work and rendition of services as a member of the Disputes Board. If any claim arising out of the Disputes Board member's services or compensation under this Disputes Board Agreement is initiated before the expiration of the five year period, the Disputes Board member shall retain the cost records and accounts until such claim is completed.

9.5 Parties to Bear Own Costs. Each Party shall bear its own costs arising out of or in connection with the Dispute Resolution Procedures. The Party producing a witness shall bear the fees, costs and expenses of such witness, except that the Parties shall split the expenses for any expert witness retained by the Disputes Board to advise them regarding a Dispute.

Section 10. Nonassignability.

Disputes Board members shall not assign or delegate any of the work or services to be rendered in connection with the Dispute Resolution Procedures without the prior written consent of both TxDOT and Developer.

Section 11. Legal Relations.

11.1 Disputes Board Member as Independent Contractor. The Parties mutually understand and agree that any Disputes Board member, in the performance of duties as a Disputes Board member on the Disputes Board, is acting in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of TxDOT or Developer. No Disputes Board member will be entitled to any employee benefits from either Party.

11.2 No Effect on Potential Liabilities. Except for the payment, offset and reimbursement obligations agreed to by the Parties as set forth herein, nothing in this Disputes Board Agreement alters the potential liabilities of either Party.

11.3 Damages Waiver. Neither TxDOT nor Developer will hold any Disputes Board member responsible for claims, damages, losses and expenses, including, but not limited to attorneys' fees and expenses, arising out of or resulting from the actions and recommendations

of the Disputes Board, and the Parties expressly waive any right to the foregoing, except as a result of fraud, willful misconduct or criminal actions of the applicable Disputes Board member.

Section 12. Applicable Law.

The Disputes for resolution by the Disputes Board shall be governed by and resolved under the Laws of the State of Texas, without regard to conflicts of law principles that would refer one to the Laws of another State.

Section 13. Amendment in Writing.

This Disputes Board Agreement may be altered, amended or revoked only by an instrument in writing signed by each Party. No verbal agreement or implied covenant or agreement shall be held to vary the terms hereof, any statute, law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section 14. Complementary Provisions; Order of Priority.

The Parties intend for the procedures established in Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement and the terms and conditions of this Disputes Board Agreement to be complementary. In the event of any conflict between this Disputes Board Agreement and Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement, the Agreement shall control.

Section 15. Notices.

Notices hereunder shall be sent as provided in Section 24.12 of the Agreement. The address for each Disputes Board member shall be set forth on the signature page of each Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, have executed this Disputes Board Agreement as of the Effective Date.

Developer:
NTE MOBILITY PARTNERS LLC

By: _____
Name: Carlos Ugarte
Title: Authorized Representative

By: _____
Name: Joseph Aiello
Title: Authorized Representative

TxDOT:
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By: _____
Amadeo Saenz, P.E.
Executive Director

ATTACHMENT 1 TO DISPUTES BOARD AGREEMENT

DISPUTES BOARD MEMBER JOINDER AGREEMENT

This DISPUTES BOARD MEMBER JOINDER AGREEMENT is entered into this _____ day of _____, _____ by and between _____ [*Specify TxDOT or Developer*] (the "Appointing Party"), and _____, an individual (the "Disputes Board Member").

RECITALS

A. TxDOT and Developer are parties to that certain Comprehensive Development Agreement, North Tarrant Express Facility, dated as of the Effective Date (the "Agreement").

B. Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement provides for the establishment and operation of a Disputes Board) to resolve Disputes.

C. The Appointing Party desires to appoint the Disputes Board Member to the Disputes Board to resolve such a dispute and the Disputes Board Member desires to accept such appointment, each on the terms and conditions set forth in Section 17.8.4, the Disputes Board Agreement and this Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the terms, conditions, covenants and agreements contained herein and in the Disputes Board Agreement, the receipt and sufficiency of which the parties hereto hereby acknowledge, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

Section 1. Definitions and References.

1.1 Definitions. All capitalized terms used in this Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement and not defined or modified herein shall have the respective meanings set forth in the Agreement and, if not defined therein, in the Disputes Board Agreement.

1.2 Reference to Disputes Board Agreement and Section 17.8.4 of Agreement. The Disputes Board Agreement and Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement, which, among other things, discusses the Disputes Board's role in resolving Disputes, are incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. Appointment.

2.1 Appointment. The Appointing Party appoints the Disputes Board Member to the Disputes Board to serve thereupon and resolve the applicable Dispute, and the Disputes Board Member accepts such appointment and agrees to perform such service, in accordance with the terms and conditions of Section 17.8.4 of the

Agreement, the Disputes Board Agreement and this Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement.

2.2 Term of Service. The Disputes Board Member shall serve on the Disputes Board through issuance of a final, non-appealable order concerning the applicable Dispute, except that (a) unless he or she is the Disputes Board Chair, he or she may be earlier dismissed from service pursuant to Section 5.3.3(b) of the Disputes Board Agreement because the dispute to be resolved is a Small Claim; (b) the Disputes Board Member may resign for health considerations or other reasons of disability; or (c) the Disputes Board Member shall resign if he or she discovers facts or circumstances that would, in such member's good faith judgment, (i) prevent such member from discharging his or her duties in the impartial and objective manner required under the Disputes Board Agreement or (ii) result in a Party terminating such member's appointment For Cause. The Disputes Board Member shall endeavor to give 30 days' notice prior to the effective date of his or her resignation

Section 3. Representations, Warranties and Covenants.

3.1 Representations and Warranties. The Disputes Board Member hereby represents and warrants to TxDOT and Developer that such Disputes Board Member satisfies the Disputes Board Member Qualifications.

3.2 Covenants. The Disputes Board Member covenants to TxDOT and Developer that he or she:

(a) Shall be bound by and perform such member's obligations with respect to the Dispute Resolution Procedures in accordance with Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement;

(b) Shall not engage in any conduct that would be or result in a Disputes Board Member Conflict of Interest or Disputes Board Member Misconduct; and

(c) Shall preserve, maintain and protect the confidentiality of Confidential Materials in accordance with Section 17.8.9 of the Agreement.

Section 4. Compensation.

4.1 Invoicing and Payment. The Disputes Board Member's hourly billing rate and costs and expenses for service on the Disputes Board or means for calculating the same are attached hereto as Annex 1. Invoicing and payment of fees, costs and expenses shall take place in accordance with Sections 9.1, 9.2 and 9.3 of the Disputes Board Agreement.

4.2 No Compensation After Termination. If the Disputes Board Member's appointment to the Disputes Board is terminated, whether For Cause or otherwise, the Disputes Board Member will not be entitled to receive payment for any services rendered or costs and expenses incurred after the date of termination of such appointment.

Section 5. General Provisions.

5.1 Third Party Beneficiary. Whichever of TxDOT or Developer that is not the Appointing Party is an express third party beneficiary of this Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement entitled to enforce the terms and conditions hereof against the Disputes Board Member.

5.2 Nonassignability. The Disputes Board Member shall not assign or delegate any of the work or services to be rendered in connection with the Dispute Resolution Procedures without the prior written consent of both TxDOT and Developer.

5.3 Disputes Board Member as Independent Contractor. The Disputes Board Member is acting in the capacity of an independent contractor and not as an employee or agent of TxDOT or Developer. The Disputes Board Member is not entitled to any employee benefits from either Party.

5.4 Consequential Damages Waiver. In no event shall TxDOT or Developer have any liability to the Disputes Board Member other than for payment of the Disputes Board Member's fees, costs and expenses hereunder. Neither TxDOT nor Developer shall be liable to the Disputes Board Member for any special, consequential, indirect, enhanced, punitive, or similar damages (including lost profits that are not direct damages), including but not limited to attorneys' fees and expenses, arising under or in connection with this Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement, and the Disputes Board Member expressly waives any right to the foregoing.

5.5 Governing Law. This Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the Laws of the State of Texas, without regard to conflicts of law principles that would refer one to the Laws of another State.

5.6 Entire Agreement. This Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement, and the documents referenced herein, contain the entire understanding of the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior agreements, understandings, statements, representations and negotiations between the parties hereto with respect to its subject matter.

5.7 Amendment in Writing. This Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement may be altered, amended or revoked only by an instrument in writing signed by each Party. No verbal agreement or implied covenant or agreement shall be held to vary the terms hereof, any statute, law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

5.8 Survival. This Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement shall automatically terminate upon expiration or termination of the Disputes Board Member's service hereunder, except that the provisions of Section 4.2 and this Section 5 shall survive termination of this Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement.

5.9 Counterparts. This instrument may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

[Signature Page Immediately Follows]

IN WITNESS WHERE, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, have executed this Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement as of the day and year first set forth above.

Appointing Party:

[*TxDOT or Developer*]

By:_____

Name:_____

Title:_____

By:_____

Name:_____

Title:_____

Disputes Board Member:

By:_____

Name:_____

Address: _____

Annex 1
to
Disputes Board Member Joinder Agreement

Fees, Costs and Expenses

[*to be attached*]

ATTACHMENT 2 TO DISPUTES BOARD AGREEMENT
COMMERCIAL RULES

R-1. Agreement of The Parties

(a) The "Expedited Procedures" means the rules set forth in Sections E-1 through E-6 below. Unless the Parties determine otherwise, the Expedited Procedures shall apply to Fast-Track Disputes in addition to any other portion of these rules that is not in conflict with the Expedited Procedures.

(b) The "Procedures for Large, Complex Commercial Disputes" means the rules set forth in Sections L-1 through L-3 below. Unless the Parties agree otherwise, such Procedures shall apply to all cases in which the Dispute is valued at $500,000 or more, exclusive of claimed interest, fees and costs provided, however, that the amount of $500,000 shall be adjusted on every fifth anniversary of the Effective Date by the percentage increase (if any) in the CPI between the date the CPI was most recently published before the Effective Date and the date most recently published before the date of adjustment. The Parties may also agree to use such Procedures in cases involving non-monetary Disputes. Such Procedures shall be applied in addition to any other portion of these rules that is not in conflict with the Procedures for Large, Complex Commercial Disputes.

(c) All other cases shall be administered in accordance with Sections R-2 through R-43 of these rules.

(d) If there is any inconsistency between these Commercial Rules and Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement or the Disputes Board Agreement, Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement and the Disputes Board Agreement shall control.

R-2. Disputes Board

The term "Disputes Board" in these Commercial Rules refers to the three member Disputes Board, constituted for a particular case, or to the Disputes Board Chair, as the context requires.

R-3. Assumed Objection

Unless the responding Party states otherwise in its response to the claiming Party's notice of referral of a Dispute to the Disputes Board, all aspects of the Dispute will be deemed denied by the other Party (other than any objection to the Disputes Board's authority to resolve the Dispute, which must be affirmatively asserted).

R-4. Changes of Claim

After notice of referral of a Dispute to the Disputes Board is given or received, if either Party desires to make any amended, new or different claim or counterclaim, it shall be made in writing and filed with the Disputes Board. The Party asserting such an amended, new or

different claim or counterclaim shall provide a copy to the other Party, who shall have 15 days from the date of such transmission within which to file an answering statement with the Disputes Board.

R-5. Jurisdiction

(a) The Disputes Board shall have the power to rule on its own jurisdiction, i.e., to determine if the Disputes Board is barred from considering and resolving an alleged Dispute pursuant to Section 17.8.1.5 of the Agreement.

(b) The Disputes Board shall rule on jurisdictional objections as a preliminary matter prior to proceeding with proceedings to resolve the underlying Dispute.

R-6. Administrative Conference

At the request of either Party or upon the Disputes Board's own initiative, the Disputes Board may conduct an administrative conference, in person or by telephone, with the Parties and/or their representatives. The conference may address such issues as the replacement of one or more Disputes Board members, potential mediation of the Dispute, potential exchange of information, a timetable for hearings and any other administrative matters.

R-7. Appointment

Because the Disputes Board Agreement between the Parties specifies a method of appointing a Disputes Board, that designation or method shall be followed.

R-8. Disclosure

(a) Any person appointed or to be appointed as a Disputes Board member shall disclose to the Parties any circumstance likely to give rise to justifiable doubt as to such Disputes Board member's impartiality or independence, including any bias or any financial or personal interest in the resolution of the Dispute or any past or present relationship with the Parties or their representatives. Such obligation shall remain in effect throughout the period of such member's service on the Disputes Board.

(b) In order to encourage disclosure by Disputes Board Members and candidates, disclosure of information pursuant to this R-8 is not to be construed as an indication that the disclosing individual considers that the disclosed circumstance is likely to affect impartiality or independence.

R-9. Disqualification of Disputes Board Member

Each Disputes Board member shall be impartial and independent and shall perform his or her duties with diligence and in good faith, and shall be subject to disqualification for:

(a) inability or refusal to perform his or her duties with diligence and in good faith, and

(b) any grounds for disqualification provided by applicable law, the Disputes Board Agreement or the Agreement.

R-10. No *Ex Parte* Communication with Disputes Board Members

(a) During the period that any Disputes Board member is then serving on a Disputes Board, (i) neither Party, including the members of its Conflicts Group and its counsel or designated representatives, shall communicate *ex parte* with such Disputes Board member and (ii) no Disputes Board member shall communicate *ex parte* with any Person (other than other Disputes Board members), including but not limited to, either Party, its counsel or designated representatives, regarding any aspect of the applicable Dispute.

(b) Each Party may communicate in writing or by e-mail with individuals listed on its respective Disputes Board Member Candidates' List for the purposes of (i) ascertaining their availability to serve on a particular Disputes Board and/or (ii) reconfirming such individuals' qualifications under the Disputes Board Member Qualifications and the absence of Conflicts of Interest and Misconduct, provided that the communicating Party simultaneously furnishes copies of all such written correspondence with such individuals to the other Party. *Ex parte* communication regarding the substance of any Dispute between a Party and individuals listed on its respective Disputes Board Member Candidates' List is prohibited.

R-11. Hearings After Filling of Vacancies

In the event of the appointment of a substitute Disputes Board member, the panel of Disputes Board members shall determine in its sole discretion whether it is necessary to repeat all or part of any prior hearings.

R-12. Preliminary Hearing

(a) At the request of either Party or at the discretion of the Disputes Board, the Disputes Board may schedule as soon as practicable a preliminary hearing with the Parties and/or their representatives. The preliminary hearing may be conducted by telephone at the Disputes Board's discretion.

(b) During the preliminary hearing, the Parties and the Disputes Board should discuss the future conduct of the case, including clarification of the nature of the Dispute, a schedule for the hearings and any other preliminary matters.

R-13. Exchange of Information; Discovery

(a) At least five Business Days prior to the hearing, the Parties shall exchange (i) copies of all exhibits they intend to submit at the hearing and (ii) lists of witnesses anticipated to be called at the hearing, in each case except for witnesses or exhibits to be offered for the purpose of impeachment or rebuttal.

(b) The Disputes Board Chair is authorized to resolve any disputes concerning the exchange of information or the Parties' discovery.

R-14. Date, Time, and Place of Hearing

The Disputes Board Chair shall set the date, time, and place for each hearing at a neutral and reasonably cost-efficient location in Travis County, Texas that is reasonably convenient for the Parties. The Parties shall respond to requests for hearing dates in a timely manner, be cooperative in scheduling the earliest practicable date, and adhere to the established hearing schedule. The Disputes Board shall send a notice of hearing to the Parties at least five Business Days in advance of the hearing date, unless otherwise agreed by the Parties.

R-15. Attendance of Witnesses

Except for each Party's counsel and other authorized representative, upon the request of either Party or its own initiative, the Disputes Board shall have the power to require the exclusion of any witness or potential witness during the testimony of any other witness.

R-16. Representation

Counsel or other authorized representative may represent each Party. A Party intending to be so represented shall notify the other Party and the Disputes Board of the name and address of the representative at least three days prior to the date set for the hearing at which that person is first to appear. When such a representative initiates or responds for a Party in the course of the Dispute Resolution Procedures, notice is deemed to have been given by the Party represented by such representative.

R-17. Dispute Board Members' Certifications; Witness Oaths

Before proceeding with the first hearing, each Disputes Board member shall have entered into a Disputes Member Joinder Agreement with a Party in which he or she certifies as to his or her meeting the Disputes Board Member Qualifications and the absence of Disputes Board Member Conflicts of Interest and Disputes Board Member Misconduct (and a covenant to not engage in Disputes Board Member Misconduct). The Disputes Board shall require witnesses to testify under oath.

R-18. Stenographic Record

Any Party desiring a stenographic record shall make arrangements directly with a stenographer and shall notify the other Party of these arrangements at least three days in advance of the hearing. The requesting Party shall pay the cost of the record. If the transcript is agreed by the Parties, or determined by the Disputes Board to be the official record of the proceeding, it must be provided to the Disputes Board and made available to the other Party for inspection, at a date, time, and place determined by the Disputes Board.

R-19. Interpreters

Any Party wishing an interpreter shall make all arrangements directly with the interpreter and shall assume the costs of the service.

R-20. Postponements

The Disputes Board may postpone any hearing upon agreement of the Parties, upon request of a Party for good cause shown, or upon the Disputes Board's own initiative for good cause shown.

R-21. Proceedings in the Absence of a Party or Representative

The Dispute Board's proceedings may proceed in the absence of either Party or representative who, after due notice, fails to be present or fails to obtain a postponement. A Disputes Board Decision shall not be made solely on the default of a Party. The Disputes Board shall require the Party who is present to submit such evidence as the Disputes Board may require for the making of a Disputes Board Decision.

R-22. Conduct of Proceedings

(a) The claiming Party shall present evidence to support its claim. The responding Party shall then present evidence to support its defense. Witnesses for each Party shall also submit to questions from the Disputes Board and the adverse Party. The Disputes Board has the discretion to vary this procedure, provided that the Parties are treated with equality and that each Party has the right to be heard and is given a fair opportunity to present its case.

(b) The Disputes Board, exercising its discretion, shall conduct the proceedings with a view to expediting the resolution of the Dispute and may direct the order of proof, bifurcate proceedings and direct the Parties to focus their presentations on issues the decision of which could dispose of all or part of the case.

(c) The Parties may agree to waive oral hearings in any case.

R-23. Evidence

(a) The Parties may offer such evidence as is relevant and material to the Dispute and shall produce such evidence as they or the Disputes Board deems relevant and necessary to an understanding and determination of the Dispute. Conformity to the Texas Rules of Evidence shall be required, except where these Commercial Rules contain a contrary rule. All evidence shall be taken in the presence of all of the Disputes Board members and both of the Parties, except where a Party fails to attend the hearing or has waived the right to be present.

(b) Subject to the Texas Rules of Evidence, the Disputes Board shall determine the admissibility, relevance, and materiality of the evidence offered and may exclude evidence deemed by the Disputes Board to be cumulative or irrelevant.

(c) The Disputes Board shall take into account applicable principles of legal privilege, such as those involving the confidentiality of communications between a lawyer and client.

(d) Special discovery and evidentiary rules:

(i) The Disputes Board Chair shall, at the request of either Party, issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or the production of books, records, documents or other evidence, whether for deposition or for hearing, in the manner provided by Law for issuance of a subpoena in a civil action pending in a State district court. All provisions of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure for service and response to subpoenas in a civil action pending in State district court shall apply to subpoenas issued pursuant hereto.

(ii) Each Party shall be entitled to take depositions of witnesses and to propound written discovery in the manner, and to the extent, provided by Law for discovery in a civil action pending in a State district court, consistent with Rule 190.3 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure. The Disputes Board Chair shall, at the request of either Party, or may, on his or her own initiative, adopt a discovery control plan as contemplated by Rule 190.4 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

(iii) The disclosure of expert witness information and the depositions of designated expert witnesses shall be conducted as provided by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure for cases in state district court.

(iv) At the hearing, each Party shall have the right to be heard, to present evidence, including expert witness testimony, and to cross-examine witnesses, including the Independent Engineer.

R-24. No Evidence by Affidavit; Post-hearing Filing of Documents or Other Evidence

(a) The Disputes Board may not receive and consider the evidence of witnesses by declaration or affidavit.

(b) If the Parties agree or the Disputes Board directs that documents or other evidence be submitted to the Disputes Board after the hearing, the documents or other evidence shall be transmitted to each Disputes Board member. Both Parties shall be afforded an opportunity to examine and respond to such documents or other evidence.

R-25. Inspection or Investigation

The Disputes Board may find it necessary to make an inspection or investigation in connection with its proceedings and, if so, shall so advise the Parties. The Disputes Board shall set the date and time of such inspection or investigation and notify the Parties thereof. Any Party who so desires may be present at such an inspection or investigation. In the event that one or both of the Parties are not present at the inspection or investigation, the Disputes Board shall make an oral or written report to the Parties on the result or findings from such inspection or investigation and afford them an opportunity to comment.

R-26. Interim Measures

(a) The Disputes Board may take whatever interim measures it deems necessary, including measures for the protection or conservation of property and disposition of perishable goods.

(b) Such interim measures may take the form of an interim Disputes Board Decision.

R-27. Closing of Hearing

The Disputes Board shall specifically inquire of both Parties whether they have any further proofs to offer or witnesses to be heard. Upon receiving negative replies or if satisfied that the record is complete, the Disputes Board shall declare the hearing closed. If posthearing briefs are to be filed, the hearing shall be declared closed as of the final date set by the Disputes Board for the receipt of such briefs. If documents are to be filed as provided in R-24 and the date set for their receipt is later than that set for the receipt of briefs, the later date shall be the closing date of the hearing. The time limit within which the Disputes Board is required to make the Disputes Board Decision shall commence, in the absence of other agreements by the Parties, upon the closing of the hearing.

R-28. Reopening of Hearing

The hearing may be reopened only upon application of a Party for good cause shown, as determined in the discretion of the Disputes Board, at any time before the Disputes Board Decision is issued The Disputes Board may reopen the hearing and shall have 30 days from the closing of the reopened hearing within which to issue its decision.

R-29. Waiver of Rules

Any Party who proceeds with the Disputes Board proceedings after knowledge that any provision or requirement of these rules has not been complied with and who fails to state an objection in writing to the other Party and the Disputes Board shall be deemed to have waived the right to object.

R-30. Extensions of Time

The Parties may modify any period of time in these rules by mutual agreement. The Disputes Board may for good cause extend any period of time established by these rules, except the time for issuance of the Disputes Board Decision. The Disputes Board shall notify the Parties of any extension.

R-31. Serving of Notice

(a) Any papers, notices, or process necessary or proper for the initiation or continuation of Disputes Board proceedings under these rules, for any court action in connection therewith, or for the entry of Disputes Board Decision made under these rules shall be given in accordance with Section 24.12 of the Agreement.

(b) Unless otherwise instructed by the Disputes Board, any documents submitted by either Party to the Disputes Board shall simultaneously be provided to the other Party.

R-32. Majority Decision

When the panel consists of more than one Disputes Board, a majority of the Disputes Board members must make all decisions.

R-33. Time of Issuance of the Disputes Board Decision

The Disputes Board Decision shall be issued promptly by the Disputes Board and no later than 30 days from the date of closing the hearing, or, if oral hearings have been waived, from the date of the Parties' transmittal of the final statements and proofs to the Disputes Board.

R-34. Form of Disputes Board Decision

(a) Any Disputes Board Decision shall be in writing and signed by a majority of the Disputes Board members.

(b) The Disputes Board shall also issue written findings of fact and conclusions of Law as part of the Disputes Board Decision.

R-35. Scope of Disputes Board Decision

(a) The Disputes Board may determine the occurrence of any event that is a prerequisite to a Party's claim for any remedy or relief in the Dispute, and grant any remedy or relief to resolve the Dispute that the Disputes Board determines is available under the Agreement and applicable Law and within the scope of the agreement of the Parties under Section 17.8 of the Agreement.

(b) In the final Disputes Board Decision, the Disputes Board shall assess compensation and damage amounts, where applicable.

R-36. Disputes Board Decision upon Settlement

If the Parties settle the Dispute during the course of the Disputes Board proceedings and if the Parties so request, the Disputes Board may set forth the terms of the settlement in a consent Disputes Board Decision.

R-37. Acceptance of Delivery of Disputes Board Decision

The Disputes Board Chair shall give, and the Parties shall accept, notice of the written Disputes Board Decision, including the written findings of fact and conclusions of law, addressed and delivered to the Parties as provided in R-31.

R-38. Correction of Errors in Disputes Board Decision

Within five Business Days after the transmittal of a Disputes Board Decision, either Party, upon notice to the other Party, may request the Disputes Board, through the Disputes Board Chair, to correct any clerical, typographical, or computational errors in the Disputes Board Decision. The Disputes Board is not empowered under this R-38 to re-determine the merits of any Dispute already decided. The other Party shall be given five Business Days to object to the request on the ground that there is no clerical, typographical, or computational error in the Disputes Board Decision. The Disputes Board shall perform the requested correction of errors within ten Business Days after transmittal by the Disputes Board Chair of the request for correction of errors unless the other Party objects. Any unresolved disagreement between the Parties as to the existence of a clerical, typographical, or computational error in the Disputes Board Decision can be subsequently pursued, under R-28.

R-39. Release of Documents for Subsequent Proceedings

The Disputes Board shall, upon the written request of a Party, furnish to the Party, at the Party's expense, certified copies of any papers in the Disputes Board's possession that may be required in further administrative or judicial proceedings relating to resolution of the Dispute.

R-40. Applications to Court and Exclusion of Liability

(a) No judicial proceeding by a Party relating to a Dispute shall be deemed a waiver of the Party's right to have the Dispute resolved by Dispute Board proceedings.

(b) Neither any Disputes Board member nor the Disputes Board in a proceeding under these rules is a necessary or proper Party in judicial proceedings relating to a Dispute.

R-41. Interpretation and Application of Rules

The Disputes Board shall interpret and apply these rules insofar as they relate to the Disputes Board's powers and duties to resolve the particular Dispute for which such Disputes Board was empanelled.

R-42. No Suspension for Nonpayment

If a Disputes Board member's compensation or administrative charges have not been paid in full, such Disputes Board member may so inform the Parties in order that one of them may advance the required payment. If such payments are not made, and the non-paying Party does not within 30 days after its receipt of the unpaid Disputes Board member's invoice provide notice to such member and the other Party as to such Party's dispute of such member's invoice, the Disputes Board may order the suspension or termination of the proceedings. If a Party disputes a Disputes Board member's invoice and provides such notice, no suspension or termination of the proceedings shall occur. *Ex parte* conversations to resolve a fee dispute between the Dispute Board member whose invoice is disputed and the disputed Party are prohibited during the

Dispute Board's resolution of the Dispute, and any such conversations shall be deferred until the Disputes Board Decision is final.

EXPEDITED PROCEDURES FOR FAST-TRACK DISPUTES

E-1. Serving of Notices

In addition to notice provided pursuant to Section 24.12 of the Agreement, the Parties can agree in writing to also accept notice by telephone. If the Parties so agree and thereafter a Party fails to confirm in writing any such oral notice, the proceeding shall nevertheless be valid if notice has, in fact, been given by telephone.

E-2. Exchange of Exhibits

At least two Business Days prior to the hearing, the Parties shall exchange copies of all exhibits they intend to submit at the hearing. The Disputes Board shall resolve disputes concerning the exchange of exhibits.

E-3. Proceedings on Documents

Where no Party's claim exceeds $10,000, exclusive of interest and dispute resolution costs, and other cases in which the Parties agree, the Dispute shall be resolved by submission of documents, unless either Party requests an oral hearing, or the Disputes Board determines that an oral hearing is necessary. The Disputes Board shall establish a fair and equitable procedure for the submission of documents.

E-4. Date, Time, and Place of Hearing

In cases in which a hearing is to be held, the Disputes Board shall set the date, time, and place of the hearing, to be scheduled to take place within ten days after appointment of the Disputes Board Chair. The Disputes Board will notify the Parties in advance of the hearing date.

E-5. The Hearing

(a) Each Party shall have equal opportunity to submit its proofs and complete its case.

(b) The Disputes Board shall determine the order of the hearing and schedule and control its duration consistent with the objective of expedited resolution of the Fast-Track Dispute, and may require further submission of documents within two days after the hearing. For good cause shown, the Disputes Board may schedule additional hearings within seven Business Days after the initial hearing.

(c) Any Party desiring a stenographic record may arrange for one pursuant to the provisions of R-18.

E-6. Time of Award

Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, the Disputes Board Decision shall be rendered not later than 14 days from the date of the closing of the hearing or, if oral hearings have been waived, from the date of the Parties' transmittal of the final statements and proofs to the Disputes Board.

PROCEDURES FOR LARGE, COMPLEX COMMERCIAL DISPUTES

L-1. Administrative Conference

Prior to commencing proceedings to resolve a Dispute, the Disputes Board shall, unless the Parties agree otherwise, conduct an administrative conference with the Parties and/or their attorneys or other representatives by conference call within seven days after the Disputes Board Chair is appointed. In the event the Parties are unable to agree on a mutually acceptable time for the administrative conference, the Dispute Board shall, upon three Business Days' advance notice, schedule the administrative conference for 9 a.m. (CST) on the fourth Business Day after the date of such notice and such administrative conference shall take place at such date and time. Such administrative conference shall be conducted for the purpose of obtaining additional information about the nature and magnitude of the Dispute, the anticipated length of hearing, and scheduling, and for such additional purposes as the Parties or the Disputes Board may deem appropriate.

L-2. Preliminary Hearing

As promptly as practicable after the appointment of the Disputes Board, a preliminary hearing shall be held among the Parties and/or their attorneys or other representatives and the Disputes Board. If the Parties agree, the preliminary hearing will be conducted by telephone conference call rather than in person. At the preliminary hearing the matters to be considered shall include, without limitation:

(a) Service of a detailed statement of the Dispute, including damages and defenses, a statement of the issues asserted by each Party and positions with respect thereto, and any legal authorities the Parties may wish to bring to the attention of the Disputes Board;

(b) Stipulations to uncontested facts;

(c) The extent to which discovery shall be conducted, in light of the special discovery and evidentiary rules set forth above in R-23(d);

(d) Exchange and pre-marking of those documents which each Party believes may be offered at the hearing;

(e) The identification and availability of witnesses, including experts, and such matters with respect to witnesses including their biographies and expected testimony as may be appropriate;

(f) Whether, and the extent to which, any sworn statements and/or depositions may be introduced;

(g) The extent to which hearings will proceed on consecutive days;

(h) Whether a stenographic or other official record of the proceedings shall be maintained;

(i) The possibility of utilizing mediation or other non-adjudicative methods of dispute resolution; and

(j) The procedure for the issuance of subpoenas.

By agreement of the Parties and/or order of the Disputes Board Chair, the pre-hearing activities and the hearing procedures that will govern the Disputes Board's proceedings will be memorialized in a scheduling and procedure order. Nothing in any scheduling and procedure order shall conflict with the procedures established under Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement or Section 5 of the Disputes Board Agreement.

L-3. Management of Proceedings

(a) The Disputes Board shall take such steps as they may deem necessary or desirable to avoid delay and to achieve a just, speedy and cost-effective resolution of Large, Complex Commercial Cases, provided, however, that no action by the Disputes Board under this L-3 shall conflict with the procedures established under Section 17.8.4 of the Agreement or Section 5 of the Disputes Board Agreement.

(b) The Parties shall cooperate in the exchange of documents, exhibits and information within such Party's control.

(c) The Parties may conduct discovery, subject to any limitations deemed appropriate and set forth in the discovery control plan and/or the scheduling and procedure order. If the Parties cannot agree on production of documents and other information, the Disputes Board, consistent with the Parties' intent to resolve Disputes expeditiously, may establish the extent of the discovery.

(d) The Parties shall exchange copies of all exhibits they intend to submit at the hearing ten Business Days prior to the hearing unless the Disputes Board Chair determines otherwise.

(e) The exchange of information pursuant to this rule, as agreed by the Parties and/or directed by the Disputes Board Chair, shall be included within the scheduling and procedure order.

(f) The Disputes Board is authorized to resolve any disputes concerning the exchange of information.

(g) Generally hearings will be scheduled on consecutive days or in blocks of consecutive days in order to maximize efficiency and minimize costs.