



## Department of Energy

Washington, D.C. 20585

### AGREEMENT TO MEDIATE

We agree to engage in mediation in a good faith attempt to resolve our issues. We understand that the mediator's role is to assist us in reaching a resolution, that (s)he has no authority to decide the outcome of the mediation, and that (s)he will not act as an advocate for either of us.

We understand that mediation is a confidential process and that the mediator will not discuss the mediation proceedings with anyone who was not present at the mediation, nor will (s)he testify on behalf of any participant in the mediation or submit any type of report on the substance of this mediation.

We understand that the mediators will not provide either legal advice or representation. We understand that we may consult with legal counsel anytime during the mediation or prior to signing any agreements if we choose to do so.

We also agree not to discuss the mediation, except with those who may need certain information to assist in implementing an agreement.

We understand that mediation is voluntary and that we may withdraw at any time. However, any withdrawing participant will remain bound by the confidentiality provisions of this agreement.

If we sign an agreement resolving our issues, that agreement is binding. Otherwise, no one will be bound by anything said or done at this mediation.

By signature, we acknowledge that we understand and agree to mediate.

Party \_\_\_\_\_ Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Party \_\_\_\_\_ Representative \_\_\_\_\_

Mediator \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_