## City of Canton, GA Finance Department

# Memo

To: Mayor & Council

From: Nathan Ingram

**CC:** Billy Peppers, City Manager

**Date:** June 2, 2016 **Re:** Utility Audit

#### Mayor & Council,

Please recall that in January 2015, the City of Canton engaged Utility Reduction Specialists, Inc. (URS) to conduct an energy audit on the electric services provided to the City (original agreement attached); specifically, on the Georgia Power accounts as this vendor is the predominant supplier of electricity to the City.

The audit was substantially completed as of the end of 2015 and the City is now starting to realize some of the 'savings' as a result. To summarize so far, the audit has saved the City approximately \$2,000 per month. The savings come as a result of mostly changes in the rate structure that the City is charged, but also in discontinuing a few accounts that were deemed inactive. Please see the analysis attached.

I wanted to take this opportunity to present the initial findings of the audit but to also present one issue that needs to be resolved. Attached to this memo, you will find an "Assignment of Rights". I was notified approximately one month ago that URS had effectively assigned its rights (assets and liabilities) to David B. Johnson; a contractor for URS. Upon learning of this assignment, I immediately contacted the principal at URS, Mr. Ken Burkel to confirm this change. Please be mindful that Mr. Johnson was not "New" to this relationship. He had worked continuously on this project since day one. Ultimately, Mr. Burkel did confirm this transfer but also provided to me the attached signed assignment for our records.

I am asking that Council, in order to compensate Mr. Johnson for his services conducted with regard to this audit and his assignment of the rights, accept the attached assignment as an addendum to the original agreement.

I appreciate your attention to this and your input.

Respectfully,

Nathan Ingram

### UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC.

PO Box 1810, Clemmons, NC 27012

UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. agrees to conduct a Utility audit by analyzing Client's telecommunications, cellular, electric and gas billings and records. UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. agrees to seek refunds and/or credits for billing errors; UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. will, in a Cost Reduction Program, identify and assist Client in implementing actions and changes which are designed to achieve reduction in these expenses. Client agrees to provide UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. with copies of one month of Client's current bills for these services at the time the audit commences, as well as any additional billing records or information as needed during the course of the audit. Client will designate an employee who will provide UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. with the information needed to complete our audit. UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. will perform the work (analysis/audit) off site at UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. facilities in North Carolina.

#### CLIENT AGREES TO COMPENSATE UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. AS FOLLOWS:

For refunds or credits, from the Utility Companies, Vendors, or Carriers, the fee is 50% of the refunds and or credits that result from the UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. audit. This fee is payable after Client receives the refund or credit. The fee for the Cost Reduction Program is 50% of the savings demonstrated over the 24-month period following the implementation of the cost reduction program. Client will be invoiced monthly as Client experiences the savings. All savings must be quantifiable. The Cost Reduction Program fee is due and payable within thirty (30) days of UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. invoice each month.

The following actions have been considered by the client and should be excluded as a fee item under the Cost Reduction Program:

If Client does not receive a refund/credit or expense reduction, there will be no fee for the Audit. UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. retains the exclusive right to conduct any utility bill analysis/audit from the date of this agreement until receipt of final report. The term of this agreement is from contract date until receipt of final report. During this period, should any in-house review or any utility vendor, business or entity conduct any analysis or audit, UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. is still entitled to the 50% fee produced by the UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. Cost Reduction Program, credits or refunds. Client reserves the right to accept or reject any recommendations that are contained in our final audit report. This agreement constitutes the entire and complete agreement between UTILITIES REDUCTION SPECIALISTS, INC. and Client and replaces all previous written or verbal agreements.

This agreement is subject to acceptance at our corporate office at 2554 Lewisville-Clemmons Road, Suite 305J, Clemmons, NC 27012 and must be signed by an officer of the company.

Accepted and approved

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Signature: Angrow	Date: 1/26/15	*
Address: 151 Elizabeth Street		
City, State, Zip Canton, 6A 30114		104.1523
Approved as to Form: Put M. Nyw, City Attorney on Ja	Approved by Canton City Counci	Rev 06/14

	CLOSED ACCOUNTS									OLD Rate GS - NEW Rate PLS								OLD Rate PLM - NEW Rate TOU-EO					
Georgia Power	01439-	02029-	03693-	09796-	13311-	16517-		74889-	75309-	00052-	03116-	06963-	08467-	30009-	08493-	13291-	01110-	23009-	28119-	28329-	78879-		
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TO:

Mr. Nathan Ingram City of Canton, GA 151 Elizabeth Street Canton, GA 30114

FROM: Mr. Ken Burkel

Utilities Reduction Specialists, Inc.

P O Box 1810

Clemmons, NC 27012

David B. Johnson P O Box 18565 Asheville, NC 28814

Please allow this letter to serve notice that Utilities Reduction Specialists, Inc. (URS) has sold the rights, responsibilities, liabilities and account receivables to David B. Johnson as they relate to the electric utility portion of the URS contract with the City of Canton, GA dated January 30, 2015 (copy attached) and David B. Johnson has purchased same and agrees to manage the account and accept responsibility for the execution of said agreement.

David B. Johnson has made electric account change recommendations and the City of Canton, GA has approved those changes. Further David B. Johnson has managed those changes and identified the resultant expense savings and will continue to identify the results of these changes through the term of the agreement.

Signed by: Ken Burkel

Utilities Reduction Specialists, Inc.

Signed and sealed in the presence of:

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KRISTIN N SUAREZ

Notary Public Forsyth Co., North Carolina My Commission Expires Oct. 4, 2020 Signed by: David B. Johnson

Signed and sealed in the presence of:

Notary Public Rebecca N. Boigman-Holmes Signature Reluce N. Brigmi Hallines

My Commission Expires: 12/6/2020

Affix Notary Seal

REBECCA N BRIGMAN-HOLMES Notary Public **Buncombe County** North Carolina My Commission Expires Dec 6, 2020