



# Designated Facility Agreement

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METRO CONTRACT NO. 937406

This Designated Facility Agreement (“Agreement”) is between Metro, a metropolitan service district organized under ORS Chapter 268 and the Metro Charter (“Metro”), located at 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-2736, and Covanta Marion Inc. (the “facility”) located at 4850 Brooklake Road NE, Brooks, Oregon 97305, (collectively, the “parties”) and is entered into under the authority of ORS 268.317 and Metro Code Chapter 5.05.

## RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Metro area has limited land and resources for solid waste disposal, transfer, and resource recovery; and

WHEREAS, Metro may require generators of Metro area waste to make use of a solid waste system facility; and

WHEREAS, no person may transport Metro area waste to a solid waste facility or disposal site unless it is a designated facility of the solid waste system or the person has obtained a non-system license; and

WHEREAS, a non-system license is not required to transport Metro area waste to a designated facility if the facility is in compliance with all applicable local, state, federal, and Metro regulations and designated by Metro to accept the waste; and

WHEREAS, Metro prohibits the disposal of Metro area waste in a limited capacity landfill or new landfill as defined in Metro Code Chapter 5.00; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Code authorizes the Chief Operating Officer (“COO”) to execute an agreement between Metro and a designated facility located outside Metro’s jurisdictional boundary to receive, process, transfer or dispose of Metro area waste; and

WHEREAS, Metro may execute a designated facility agreement and establish terms and conditions necessary to ensure that Metro area waste is properly managed and disposed in accordance with the Metro Code and Regional Waste Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council has included Covanta Marion Inc. as a designated facility of the system authorized to accept Metro area waste.

NOW THEREFORE, in exchange for the promises set forth below, the facility and Metro agree as follows:



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1. Acceptable Metro Area Waste.
  - a. The facility may accept the following types of Metro area waste from a solid waste facility that is subject to Metro regulatory authority under Metro Code Chapter 5.01:
    - (1) Processing residual;
    - (2) Putrescible waste;
    - (3) Special waste; and
    - (4) Proprietary or confidential waste that requires destruction.
  - b. The facility may directly accept non-recoverable Metro area waste generated by an individual business located within the Metro jurisdictional boundary as provided below:
    - (1) The facility may accept Metro area waste from an individual business that has been approved in writing by Metro.
    - (2) Before the facility may accept Metro area waste from an individual business that had not previously been approved by Metro, the facility must submit a written request and obtain Metro's written approval. The facility must provide Metro with the following information as part of its request:
      - i. Name and address of the generator;
      - ii. Description of the Metro area waste;
      - iii. Statement from the individual business describing the need for disposal at this facility (e.g., confidential or proprietary material, company policy to avoid landfill disposal, etc.); and
      - iv. Estimate of the annual tonnage amount that the facility will receive from the individual business.
    - (3) Notwithstanding Subsection (1) and (2) above, Metro may rescind its approval for the facility to accept Metro area waste from an individual business that has violated or continues to violate any applicable federal, state, regional and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, orders, and permits. If Metro rescinds its approval for an individual business under this section, Metro will notify the facility of that decision in writing and the facility must cease accepting Metro area waste from that individual business within 24 hours of receiving such notice.

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- c. The facility may accept Metro area waste from a government agency for the purpose of destroying the waste in order to assure public safety or for the public good as described in Metro Code Section 5.05.050(c).
2. Prohibited Metro Area Waste.
    - a. The facility may not accept any Metro area waste other than that described in Section 1 or otherwise authorized in writing by Metro.
    - b. The facility may not accept any source-separated recyclable material generated within the Metro jurisdiction boundary.
    - c. The facility may not accept any Metro area waste prohibited by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (“DEQ”) or Marion County.
  3. Residual Ash.

The facility must manage, transport, and dispose of residual ash in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, orders, and permits.

4. Regional System Fee and Excise Tax.
  - a. Each month, the facility must collect and remit to Metro the regional system fee, as set forth in Metro Code Chapter 5.02, for each ton of Metro area waste the facility receives (unless the waste is subject to an exemption as described in Section 5). The facility must remit all fees by a Metro-approved method in accordance with Metro Code Chapter 5.02.
  - b. Each month, the facility must collect and remit to Metro the excise tax, as set forth in Metro Code Chapter 7.01, for each ton of Metro area waste the facility receives (unless the waste is subject to an exemption as described in Section 5). The facility must remit all taxes by a Metro-approved method in accordance with Metro Code Chapter 7.01.
  - c. The facility must remit the accumulated regional system fee and excise tax to Metro by the last day of each month for the Metro area waste that it received in the preceding month in accordance with this Agreement and the applicable provisions of Metro Code. Metro will assess a finance charge on all delinquent regional system fee and excise tax payments as set forth in Metro Code Chapter 5.02 and 7.01.
  - d. The facility must properly classify all waste received at the facility for the purpose of collecting regional system fee and excise tax for Metro area waste.

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### 5. Exemption from the Regional System Fee and Excise Tax.

- a. Notwithstanding Section 4, the facility may allow a government agency to claim an exemption from payment of the regional system fee and excise tax for any Metro area waste that it transports to the facility for the primary purpose of destruction to assure public safety or for the public good. A government agency may claim this exemption for Metro area waste that includes, but is not limited to contraband, postage stamps, expired pharmaceuticals and lottery tickets.
- b. The facility must maintain complete and accurate records of all Metro area waste that it receives as exempt from regional system fee and excise tax in accordance with Section 8. The facility must also report these records to Metro as described in Section 9.

### 6. Term of Agreement.

The term of this Agreement is from October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2026, unless terminated earlier.

### 7. Facility Operating Plan.

- a. The facility must submit to Metro, for Metro's review and written approval, an operating plan ("Metro Plan") that describes the facility's procedures for managing and disposing of Metro area waste. The Metro Plan must describe how the facility will comply with the requirements of this Agreement. The facility must maintain a copy of the Metro Plan on its premises and at a location where facility personnel and Metro have access to it.
- b. The Metro Plan must describe how the facility will identify whether Metro area waste is acceptable under Section 1 and must include the criteria used for that identification. This includes without limitation:
  - (1) Procedures for establishing whether incoming waste is Metro area waste;
  - (2) A set of objective criteria for accepting and rejecting loads;
  - (3) Procedures for inspecting incoming loads for the presence of Metro area waste that is prohibited under Section 2;
  - (4) Procedures for managing and transporting to appropriate facilities any prohibited Metro area waste discovered at the facility;



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- (5) Procedures for assessing and reporting each incoming load to verify the type of Metro area waste and to classify the Metro area waste for the purposes of assessing the regional system fee and excise tax;
    - (6) Any other measure necessary to comply with this Agreement.
  - c. The facility must submit changes to the Metro Plan to Metro for review and written approval before implementing changes. Metro will review the Metro Plan to ensure compliance with this Agreement.
  - d. The facility must comply with the provisions of the Metro Plan. Those provisions are incorporated into this Agreement by reference as if specifically set forth in this Agreement. The facility's failure to comply with the Metro Plan is a breach of this Agreement.
- 8. Record Keeping and Audits.
  - a. The facility must maintain complete and accurate records of all solid waste received, managed and disposed at the facility, regardless of the point of generation. These records include the information specified in Metro's reporting instructions document titled, *Reporting Requirements and Data Standards for Metro Solid Waste Licensees, Franchisees, and Parties to Designated Facility Agreements*. This reporting requirement document is subject to revision by Metro at any time and the facility must comply with all revised reporting requirements upon being notified in writing by Metro.
  - b. The facility must make these records available to Metro for inspection, auditing, and copying. The facility must use sequentially numbered transaction tickets and must retain voided or canceled tickets for three years.
  - c. The facility must maintain waste profiles, waste analysis plans, special waste permits, safety data sheets, or other documents that identify special waste received at the facility. The facility must maintain these records on the premises and make these records available to Metro for inspection, auditing, and copying upon request.
  - d. Metro may require, at Metro's expense, that the facility submit to an independent audit conducted by an auditor chosen by Metro. The audit will address only those matters directly related to this Agreement.
- 9. Reports and Obligations.
  - a. The facility must report information in the form, format, and the schedule specified in *Reporting Requirements and Data Standards for Metro Solid Waste Licensees, Franchisees, and Parties to Designated Facility Agreements*. In

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addition to these reporting requirements, the facility must include the following fields as described in the above referenced document:

- (1) Special Waste Permit Number, for all special waste transactions received by the facility; and
    - (2) Generator address.
  - b. The facility must report to Metro the records required under Section 9a in a format prescribed by Metro, no later than 15 days following the end of each month.
  - c. The facility must notify Metro regarding all permits relating to operations at the facility, including without limitation, land use applications, appeals, or modifications. The facility must provide copies of revisions to existing permits and newly issued permits to Metro within seven business days of issuance. The facility must also provide, within seven business days of issuance, a copy of any official enforcement action regarding the facility or its operation, including without limitation, a notice of violation or noncompliance with a statute, regulation, or permit condition.
  - d. The facility must provide, upon request by Metro, a list of account numbers and material codes and corresponding customer and material names for each load of Metro area waste.
  - e. The facility must provide Metro with copies of each quarterly *Solid Waste Disposal Report/Fee Calculation Form* within two business days of providing this information to DEQ.
10. Compliance with Law.
- a. The facility must fully comply with all applicable provisions of Metro Code. Those provisions are incorporated into this Agreement by reference as if specifically set forth in this Agreement. Any finding that the facility is in violation of any provision of Metro Code is a breach of this Agreement.
  - b. Any finding that the facility is in violation of any applicable federal, state, regional and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, orders, and permits is a breach of this Agreement and constitutes good cause for termination under Section 16. DEQ termination or failure to renew the facility's Solid Waste Disposal Site Permit constitutes good cause for termination of this Agreement under Section 16.

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### 11. Right of Inspection.

- a. The facility must allow Metro access to the facility at all reasonable times to inspect and carry out other necessary functions under this Agreement. The facility authorizes Metro access to inspect:
  - (1) Without notice during hours when the facility accepts, manages or disposes solid waste;
  - (2) At other reasonable times upon written notice given by Metro to the facility; and
  - (3) At any time without notice when, in the reasonable opinion of the COO, notice would defeat the purpose of the entry.
- b. Metro's right to inspect and audit includes the right to review all information from which all reports required pursuant to this Agreement are derived. The review may take place at an office of the facility or at the office of an affiliate of the facility located in or near the Metro area.
- c. The facility must cooperate with Metro regarding Metro's investigation of possible infractions of the Metro Code or of this Agreement, including without limitation infractions related to misidentification of solid waste or false claims that solid waste is not Metro area waste. The facility's cooperation must include, without limitation, providing Metro with requested information in the facility's possession regarding matters under investigation and making facility representatives available to testify in deposition, in court, at a contested case hearing, and in any subsequent appeals.

### 12. Indemnification.

- a. The facility must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Metro and Metro's agents, employees, and elected officials from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, losses, and expenses, including attorney fees, arising out of or in any way connected with the facility's performance under this Agreement.
- b. Metro must indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the facility, its officers, employees, and agents from all claims, suits, actions, or expenses of any nature resulting from or arising out of the acts, errors, or omissions of Metro or its assignees acting pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, subject to the limits of the Oregon Tort Claims Act and the Oregon Constitution.



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### 13. Confidentiality.

- a. Metro acknowledges the confidential and proprietary nature of the names of persons or entities generating or delivering waste to the facility and the types and quantities of waste generated or delivered by those persons or entities which the facility is required to submit to Metro (collectively, “confidential information”). Metro acknowledges that, although the facility is not obligated by law to submit this information, the facility is voluntarily obligating itself to do so pursuant to this Agreement. Metro also acknowledges that the confidential information may be a “trade secret” and exempt from public disclosure under Oregon law because it is currently known only by the facility, is used by the facility in its business, has commercial value, and gives the facility a business advantage over competitors not possessing this information. The ability of competitors of the facility to obtain the confidential information specified in this Agreement is not in the public interest because it detracts from a relationship of trust that is necessary for Metro to effectively carry out its solid waste management functions. Metro obligates itself in good faith not to disclose confidential information to any person outside of Metro except as specified in this Agreement. Access to, and use of, the confidential information is only as specified in this section.
- b. At any time during and after the term of this Agreement, Metro may not, either directly or indirectly, divulge, disclose, or communicate confidential information to any person, partnership, firm, association, corporation, or other entity, or to any person at Metro who does not have a reasonable need to obtain confidential information for Metro's solid waste management purposes. Neither Metro nor any person at Metro may use the confidential information specified in this section for personal benefit.
- c. Notwithstanding Sections 13a and 13b, Metro may use confidential information for solid waste management purposes. Those purposes include solid waste tracking and forecasting, enforcement of the Metro Code, or assistance to other jurisdictions in regulatory enforcement or other law enforcement. Metro may also use confidential information in aggregations or summaries that may be released to the public, so long as it is not possible to identify from the aggregations or summaries the persons or other entities generating and delivering waste to the facility or the types and quantities of waste that specific persons or other entities generate or deliver to the facility. Metro must notify the facility within five business days of Metro's receipt of any other type of request for confidential information from a third party.
- d. When submitting to Metro the confidential information specified in this Agreement, the facility must mark those materials “CONFIDENTIAL.” If the facility provides Metro with information that is not marked or designated “CONFIDENTIAL,” Metro has no obligation to treat that information as confidential information. Metro will treat as confidential any information so



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marked and will make a good faith effort not to disclose such information unless Metro's refusal to disclose such information would be contrary to applicable Oregon law, including, without limitation, ORS Chapter 192. Metro will keep confidential information separate from other records and materials so that it will not be available to members of the public or persons at Metro who do not have a reasonable need to obtain access to the information relative to Metro's solid waste management responsibilities.

- e. If Oregon law is modified such that the confidential information referenced in this section is no longer exempt from public disclosure, or if an Oregon district attorney or court of competent jurisdiction requires release of such information, the facility is no longer required to submit this information to Metro. In this instance, upon request, the facility nevertheless agrees to provide to Metro the names of specific generators or transporters, and the types and quantities of waste delivered by those persons or entities, for Metro's use in enforcing the Metro Code against those persons or entities, when Metro has reasonable suspicion that a violation has occurred.

#### 14. Dispute Resolution.

Both parties will attempt in good faith to negotiate resolutions to all disputes arising out of this Agreement. The parties will resolve any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement as follows:

- a. If the COO finds that the facility has breached this Agreement:
  - (1) The COO will provide the facility with a written notice of breach that describes the alleged breach and that includes a date by which the facility must respond to the COO's notice;
  - (2) Within the period specified by the COO, the facility must demonstrate that the facility has not breached this Agreement, that the breach has been corrected, or that the facility is making diligent efforts to correct the breach and is likely to succeed in a reasonable period of time; and
  - (3) If the COO determines that the facility has failed to remedy a breach of this Agreement, the facility must pay Metro liquidated damages in the amount of \$500 per day until the facility remedies the breach. These liquidated damages are not a penalty, but the parties agree that for certain breaches the amount of damage would be difficult to determine. Metro is entitled to recover its actual damages during all periods of breach in lieu of liquidated damages if actual damage amounts can be determined.

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- b. The parties will resolve any dispute arising under this Agreement using any appropriate and available legal remedy. This may include arbitration if both parties agree to arbitration.

### 15. Amendment and Suspension.

The COO may amend or suspend this Agreement without notice as follows:

- a. If necessary in the reasonable opinion of the COO to protect the public health, safety, or welfare, and in the case of an emergency;
- b. If Metro discovers that the facility knowingly accepted prohibited Metro area waste or misrepresented the nature or identification of Metro area waste; or
- c. If, due to a binding decision by an arbitrator or court of competent jurisdiction, Metro:
  - (1) May be liable for damages for allowing waste of a type specified in this Agreement to be disposed at the facility; or
  - (2) May no longer allow a waste type to be received, managed or disposed at the facility.

### 16. Termination.

- a. Metro may terminate this Agreement for good cause upon providing written notice to the facility specifying the action taken and the effective date. Further, any Metro Council action to delete the facility from the list of designated facilities constitutes good cause for termination of this Agreement.
- b. The facility may terminate this Agreement for good cause provided that the termination takes effect no sooner than 30 days after the facility provides Metro with written notice of the facility's intent to terminate.

### 17. General Conditions.

- a. The facility is responsible for ensuring that its contractors and agents operate in complete compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- b. This Agreement does not confer a property right to the facility, nor vest any right or privilege in the facility to receive specific quantities of Metro area waste during the term of this Agreement.
- c. The facility may not transfer or assign this Agreement without the prior written approval of Metro. Metro may not unreasonably withhold consent to assignment.

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- d. The facility must inform Metro of any change in ownership of the facility.
- e. A waiver of any term or condition of this Agreement must be in writing. If Metro is making the waiver, it will be approved in writing by Metro. If the facility is making the waiver, it must be signed by a legally authorized representative of the facility. Waiver of a term or condition of this Agreement by either party does not waive nor prejudice that party's right otherwise to require performance of the same term or condition or any other term or condition.
- f. This Agreement is to be construed, applied, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon.
- g. If any provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, the validity of the remaining provisions contained in this Agreement are not affected.
- h. If any deadline required to be computed under any provision of this Agreement falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, then the deadline is the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday. As used in this subsection, "legal holiday" means legal holiday as defined in ORS 187.010 and 187.020, as amended.
- i. This Agreement is the entire agreement between the parties.

### 18. Definitions.

Unless otherwise defined in this Agreement, all terms are as defined in Metro Code.

- a. "Metro area waste" means solid waste generated from within the Metro jurisdictional boundary, including solid waste generated from outside the boundary if mixed in the same vehicle or container with solid waste generated from inside the boundary, unless the facility is provided with documentation establishing the weight of the solid waste generated from inside the boundary.

**COVANTA MARION INC.**

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Christopher J. Baker

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Vice President

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