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CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
UTILITY SYSTEMS REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS
SERIES 2014

BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT

_____, 2014

CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
20 East Main Street
Mesa, Arizona 85211

The undersigned, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated (the “Representative”), acting on its own behalf, and on behalf of J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and RBC Capital Markets, LLC (collectively, the “Underwriters”) and not acting as fiduciary or agent for you, offers to enter into the following agreement with City of Mesa, Arizona (the “Issuer”) which, upon the Issuer’s written acceptance of this offer, will be binding upon the Issuer and upon the Underwriters. This offer is made subject to the Issuer’s written acceptance hereof on or before 5:00 p.m., Arizona time, on the date hereof, and, if not so accepted, will be subject to withdrawal by the Underwriters upon notice delivered to the Issuer at any time prior to the acceptance hereof by the Issuer. The offer of the Underwriters is made by the Representative signing the signature line provided and delivering the signed page to the Issuer. The acceptance is made by the Issuer signing the signature line provided and delivering the signed page to the Representative. Delivery includes sending in the form of a facsimile or telecopy or via the internet as a portable document format (PDF) file or other replicating image attached to an electronic message. Terms not otherwise defined in this Bond Purchase Agreement shall have the same meanings set forth in the Bond Resolution (as defined herein) or in the Official Statement (as defined herein).

1. Purchase and Sale of the Bonds. Subject to the terms and conditions and in reliance upon the representations, warranties and agreements set forth herein, the Underwriters hereby agree to purchase from the Issuer, and the Issuer hereby agrees to issue, sell and deliver to the Underwriters, all, but not less than all, of the Issuer’s Utility Systems Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014 (the “Bonds”). The Issuer and the Underwriters acknowledge and agree that (i) the primary role of the Underwriters, as underwriters, is to purchase securities, for resale to investors, in an arm’s length commercial transaction between the Issuer and the Underwriters and the Underwriters have financial and other interests that differ from those of the Issuer; (ii) the Underwriters are acting solely as a principal and are not acting as a municipal advisor, financial advisor or fiduciary to the Issuer and have not assumed any advisory or fiduciary responsibility to the Issuer with respect to the transaction contemplated hereby and the discussions, undertakings and procedures leading thereto (irrespective of whether the Underwriters have provided other services or are currently providing other services to the Issuer

on other matters); (iii) the only obligations the Underwriters have to the Issuer with respect to the transaction contemplated hereby expressly are set forth in this Bond Purchase Agreement; and (iv) the Issuer has consulted its own financial and/or municipal, legal, accounting, tax and other advisors, as applicable, to the extent it has deemed appropriate. The Representative has been duly authorized to execute this Bond Purchase Agreement and to act hereunder.

The principal amount of the Bonds to be issued, the dated date therefor, the maturities, the redemption provisions and interest rates per annum and resulting yields are set forth in Schedule I hereto. The Bonds shall be as described in, and shall be issued and secured under and pursuant to the provisions of, a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Issuer at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on July 29, 1991 (the "Master Resolution"), as supplemented and amended, including by the Twenty-Ninth Supplemental Resolution, adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Issuer on _____ 2014 (the Master Resolution as so supplemented, the "Bond Resolution").

The purchase price for the Bonds shall be \$_____, representing the aggregate of (a) the par amount of the Bonds, [plus/less] (b) the [net] reoffering [premium/discount] on the Bonds of \$_____ and less (c) an underwriting discount of \$_____.

In order to assist the Underwriters in complying with Rule 15c2-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"), the Issuer will undertake, pursuant to the Continuing Disclosure Undertaking (the "Undertaking") of the Issuer, which satisfies the requirements of section (b)(5)(i) of the Rule. A description of the Undertaking is set forth in, and a form of such undertaking is attached as an appendix to, the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement (each as defined below).

2. Public Offering. The Underwriters agree to make a bona fide public offering of all of the Bonds at prices not in excess of the offering prices or yields not less than the yields set forth on the inside front cover of the Official Statement and may subsequently change such offering prices or yields without any requirement of prior notice. The Underwriters may offer and sell Bonds to certain dealers (including dealers depositing Bonds into investment trusts) and others at prices lower than the initial offering prices or at yields higher than the initial yields stated on the cover of the Official Statement.

3. The Official Statement.

(a) A copy of the Preliminary Official Statement dated _____, 2014 (the "Preliminary Official Statement") including the cover page and Appendices thereto, of the Issuer relating to the Bonds has been provided to the Issuer. Such Preliminary Official Statement, as amended to reflect the changes required in connection with the pricing and sale of the Bonds, is hereinafter called the "Official Statement."

(b) The Preliminary Official Statement has been prepared for use by the Underwriters in connection with the public offering, sale and distribution of the Bonds. The Issuer hereby deems the Preliminary Official Statement "final" as of its date, except for the

omission of such information which is dependent upon the final pricing of the Bonds for completion, all as permitted to be excluded by Section (b)(1) of the Rule.

(c) The Issuer represents that they have reviewed and approved the information in the Official Statement and hereby authorizes the Official Statement and the information therein contained to be used by the Underwriters in connection with the public offering and the sale of the Bonds. The Issuer consents to the use by the Underwriters prior to the date hereof of the Preliminary Official Statement in connection with the public offering of the Bonds. The Issuer shall provide, or cause to be provided, to the Underwriters as soon as practicable after the date of the Issuer's acceptance of this Bond Purchase Agreement (but, in any event, not later than within seven business days after the Issuer's acceptance of this Bond Purchase Agreement and in sufficient time to accompany any confirmation that requests payment from any customer) copies of the Official Statement which is complete as of the date of its delivery to the Underwriters in such quantity as the Representative shall request in order for the Underwriters to comply with Section (b)(4) of the Rule and the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board ("MSRB"). The Issuer hereby confirms that it does not object to the distribution of the Official Statement in electronic form.

(d) If, after the date of this Bond Purchase Agreement to and including the date the Underwriters are no longer required to provide an Official Statement to potential customers who request the same pursuant to the Rule (the earlier of (i) 90 days from the "end of the underwriting period" (as defined in the Rule) and (ii) the time when the Official Statement is available to any person from the MSRB, but in no case less than 25 days after the "end of the underwriting period" for the Bonds), the Issuer becomes aware of any fact or event which might or would cause the Official Statement, as then supplemented or amended, to contain any untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or if it is necessary to amend or supplement the Official Statement to comply with law, the Issuer will notify the Representative (and for the purposes of this clause provide the Representative with such information as it may from time to time request), and if, in the opinion of the Representative, or the Issuer, such fact or event requires preparation and publication of a supplement or amendment to the Official Statement, the Issuer will forthwith prepare and furnish, at the Issuer's own expense (in a form and manner approved by the Representative), a reasonable number of copies of either amendments or supplements to the Official Statement so that the statements in the Official Statement as so amended and supplemented will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or so that the Official Statement will comply with law. If such notification shall be subsequent to the Closing (as defined herein), the Issuer shall furnish such legal opinions, certificates, instruments and other documents as the Representative may reasonably deem necessary to evidence the truth and accuracy of such supplement or amendment to the Official Statement.

(e) The Representative hereby agrees to file the Official Statement with the Electronic Municipal Market Access system of the MSRB. Unless otherwise notified in writing by the Representative, the Issuer can assume that the "end of the underwriting period" for purposes of the Rule is the Closing Date.

4. Representations, Warranties, and Covenants of the Issuer. The Issuer hereby represents and warrants to and covenants with the Underwriters as it relates to the primary offering of the Bonds that:

(a) The Issuer is duly organized and validly existing as a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Arizona (the “State”) with powers required for the purposes of this Bond Purchase Agreement, specifically Title 9, Chapter 5, Article 3, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended (the “Act”), and has full legal right, power and authority under the Act, and at the Closing Date will have full legal right, power and authority under the Act and the Bond Resolution (i) to enter into, execute and deliver this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Bond Resolution, the Depository Trust Agreement described in the Official Statement (the “Depository Trust Agreement”), the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent Contract described in the Bond Resolution (the “Bond Registrar and Paying Agent Contract”) and the Undertaking and all documents required hereunder and thereunder to be executed and delivered by the Issuer (this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Bond Resolution, the Depository Trust Agreement, the Bond Registrar and Paying Agent Contract, the Undertaking and the other documents referred to in this clause (i) hereinafter referred to as the “Issuer Documents”), (ii) to sell, issue and deliver the Bonds to the Underwriters as provided herein, and (iii) to carry out and consummate the transactions contemplated by the Issuer Documents and the Official Statement and the Issuer has complied, and will at the Closing be in compliance in all respects, with the terms of the Act and the Issuer Documents as they pertain to such transactions;

(b) By all necessary official action of the Issuer prior to or concurrently with the acceptance hereof, the Issuer has duly authorized all necessary action to be taken by it for (i) the adoption of the Bond Resolution and the issuance and sale of the Bonds, (ii) the approval, execution and delivery of, and the performance by the Issuer of the obligations on its part contained in, the Bonds and the Issuer Documents and (iii) the consummation by it of all other transactions contemplated by the Official Statement and the Issuer Documents and any and all such other agreements and documents as may be required to be executed, delivered and/or received by the Issuer in order to carry out, give effect to, and consummate the transactions contemplated herein and in the Official Statement;

(c) The Issuer Documents constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Issuer, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws and principles of equity relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights; the Bonds, when issued, delivered and paid for, in accordance with the Bond Resolution and this Bond Purchase Agreement, will constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Issuer entitled to the benefits of the Bond Resolution and enforceable in accordance with their terms, subject to bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium and other similar laws and principles of equity relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors’ rights; upon the issuance, authentication and delivery of the Bonds as aforesaid, the Bond Resolution will provide, for the benefit of the holders, from time to time, of the Bonds, the legally valid and binding pledge and lien it purports to create as set forth in the Bond Resolution;

(d) The Issuer is not in breach of or default in any material respect under any applicable constitutional provision, law or administrative regulation of the State or the United

States or any applicable judgment or decree or, subject to the limitation in Section 4(o), any loan agreement, indenture, bond, note, resolution, agreement or other instrument to which the Issuer is a party or to which the Issuer is or any of its property or assets are otherwise subject, and no event has occurred and is continuing which constitutes or with the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a default or event of default by the Issuer under any of the foregoing; and the execution and delivery of the Bonds, the Issuer Documents and the adoption of the Bond Resolution, and compliance with the provisions on the Issuer's part contained therein, will not conflict with or constitute a breach of or default under any constitutional provision, administrative regulation, judgment, decree, loan agreement, indenture, bond, note, resolution, agreement or other instrument to which the Issuer is a party or to which the Issuer is or to which any of its property or assets are otherwise subject nor will any such execution, delivery, adoption or compliance result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge or other security interest or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever upon any property or assets of the Issuer to be pledged to secure the Bonds except as provided in the Bond Resolution or under the terms of any such law, regulation or instrument, except as provided by the Bonds and the Bond Resolution;

(e) All authorizations, approvals, licenses, permits, consents and orders of any governmental authority, legislative body, board, agency or commission having jurisdiction of the matter which are required for the due authorization of, which would constitute a condition precedent to, or the absence of which would materially adversely affect the due performance by the Issuer of its obligations under the Issuer Documents, and the Bonds have been duly obtained, except for such approvals, consents and orders as may be required under the "blue sky" or securities laws of any jurisdiction in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds;

(f) The Bonds and the Bond Resolution conform to the descriptions thereof contained in the Official Statement under the caption "THE BONDS"; the proceeds of the sale of the Bonds will be applied generally as described in the Official Statement under the caption "PLAN OF REFUNDING"; and the Undertaking conforms to the description thereof contained in the Official Statement under the caption "CONTINUING SECONDARY MARKET DISCLOSURE";

(g) There is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, government agency, public board or body, pending or, to the best knowledge of the Issuer after due inquiry, overtly threatened against the Issuer, affecting the corporate existence of the Issuer or the titles of its officers to their respective offices, or affecting or seeking to prohibit, restrain or enjoin the sale, issuance or delivery of the Bonds or the collection or receipt of Net Revenues (as defined in the Official Statement) pursuant to the Bond Resolution or in any way contesting or affecting the validity or enforceability of the Bonds or the Issuer Documents, or contesting the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes or State income tax purposes, or contesting in any way the completeness or accuracy of the Preliminary Official Statement or the Official Statement or any supplement or amendment thereto, or contesting the powers of the Issuer or any authority for the issuance of the Bonds, the adoption of the Bond Resolution or the execution and delivery of the Issuer Documents, nor, to the best knowledge of the Issuer, is there any basis therefor, wherein an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would materially adversely affect the validity or enforceability of the Bonds or the Issuer Documents;

(h) As of the date thereof, the Preliminary Official Statement did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(i) At the time of the Issuer's acceptance hereof and (unless the Official Statement is amended or supplemented pursuant to paragraph (d) of Section 3 of this Bond Purchase Agreement) at all times subsequent thereto during the period up to and including the Closing Date, the Official Statement does not and will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(j) If the Official Statement is supplemented or amended pursuant to paragraph (d) of Section 3 of this Bond Purchase Agreement, at the time of each supplement or amendment thereto and (unless subsequently again supplemented or amended pursuant to such paragraph) at all times subsequent thereto during the period up to and including the Closing Date, the Official Statement as so supplemented or amended will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which made, not misleading;

(k) The Issuer will apply, or cause to be applied, the proceeds from the sale of the Bonds as provided in and subject to all of the terms and provisions of the Bond Resolution and will not take or omit to take any action which action or omission will adversely affect the exclusion from gross income for federal income tax purposes or State income tax purposes of the interest on the Bonds;

(l) The Issuer, at the expense of the Underwriters, will furnish such information and execute such instruments and take such action in cooperation with the Underwriters as the Representative may reasonably request (A) to (y) qualify the Bonds for offer and sale under the "blue sky" or other securities laws and regulations of such states and other jurisdictions in the United States as the Representative may designate and (z) determine the eligibility of the Bonds for investment under the laws of such states and other jurisdictions and (B) to continue such qualifications in effect so long as required for the distribution of the Bonds (provided, however, that the Issuer will not be required to qualify as a foreign corporation or to file any general or special consents to service of process under the laws of any jurisdiction) and will advise the Underwriters immediately of receipt by the Issuer of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Bonds for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threat of any proceeding for that purpose;

(m) The financial statements of, and other financial information regarding, the Issuer in the Official Statement fairly present the financial position and results of the Issuer as of the dates and for the periods therein set forth in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles as applicable to governmental units and have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles consistently applied throughout the periods concerned (except as otherwise disclosed in the Official Statement or

financial statements); and since June 30, 2013, the Issuer has not incurred any material liabilities, direct or contingent, nor has there been any material adverse change in the financial position, results of operations or condition, financial or otherwise, of the Issuer that are not described in the Official Statement, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business. The Issuer intends that prior to the Closing, there will be no adverse change of a material nature in such financial position, results of operations or condition, financial or otherwise, of the Issuer other than as described in the Official Statement. The Issuer is not a party to any litigation or other proceeding pending or, to its knowledge, threatened which, if decided adversely to the Issuer, would have a materially adverse effect on the financial condition of the Issuer;

(n) The Issuer has fully submitted to the Arizona Department of Revenue the information required with respect to previous issuances of bonds, securities and lease-purchase agreements of the Issuer pursuant to Section 35-501(B), Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended, and will file the information relating to the Bonds required to be submitted to the Arizona Department of Revenue pursuant thereto within sixty (60) days of the Closing Date;

(o) Except as disclosed in the Official Statement and prior official statements for securities issued by the Issuer, the Issuer is in material compliance with each and every continuing disclosure undertaking entered into pursuant to the Rule;

(p) Prior to the Closing the Issuer will not offer or issue any bonds, notes or other obligations for borrowed money or incur any material liabilities, direct or contingent, payable from or secured by any of the Net Revenues or assets which will secure the Bonds without the prior approval of the Representative; and

(q) Any certificate, signed by any official of the Issuer authorized to do so in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Bond Purchase Agreement shall be deemed a representation and warranty by the Issuer to the Underwriter as to the statements made therein.

5. Closing.

(a) Before 8:00 a.m., Arizona time, on _____, 2014 (the "Closing Date"), or at such other time and date as shall have been mutually agreed upon by the Issuer and the Representative (the "Closing"), the Issuer will, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, deliver the Bonds to the Underwriters duly executed and authenticated, together with the other documents hereinafter mentioned, and the Underwriters will, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, accept such delivery and pay the purchase price of the Bonds as set forth in Section 1 of this Bond Purchase Agreement by a wire transfer payable in immediately available funds to the order of the Issuer. Payment for the Bonds as aforesaid shall be made at the offices of Bond Counsel or such other place as shall have been mutually agreed upon by the Issuer and the Underwriters.

(b) Delivery of the Bonds shall be made to by means of a F.A.S.T. closing through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York ("DTC"), or such other place as shall have been mutually agreed upon by the Issuer and the Underwriters. The

Bonds shall be printed or lithographed; shall be prepared and delivered as fully registered bonds in authorized denominations thereof, shall be registered in such names and in such amounts as shall be requested by the Representative at least three business days prior to the Closing; and shall be made available to the Representative at least one business day before the Closing for purposes of inspection.

6. Closing Conditions. The Underwriters have entered into this Bond Purchase Agreement in reliance upon the representations, warranties and agreements of the Issuer contained herein, and in reliance upon the representations, warranties and agreements to be contained in the documents and instruments to be delivered at the Closing and upon the performance by the Issuer of its obligations hereunder, both as of the date hereof and as of the Closing Date. Accordingly, the Underwriters' obligations under this Bond Purchase Agreement to purchase, to accept delivery of and to pay for the Bonds shall be conditioned upon the performance by the Issuer of its obligations to be performed hereunder and under such documents and instruments at or prior to the Closing, and shall also be subject to the following additional conditions, including the delivery by the Issuer of such documents as are enumerated herein, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Representative:

(a) The representations and warranties of the Issuer contained herein shall be true, complete and correct on the date hereof and on and as of the Closing Date, as if made on the Closing Date;

(b) The Issuer shall have performed and complied with all agreements and conditions required by this Bond Purchase Agreement to be performed or complied with by it prior to or at the Closing;

(c) At the time of the Closing, (i) the Issuer Documents and the Bonds shall be in full force and effect in the form heretofore approved by the Representative and shall not have been amended, modified or supplemented, and the Official Statement shall not have been supplemented or amended, except in any such case as may have been agreed to by the Representative; and (ii) all actions of the Issuer required to be taken by the Issuer shall be performed in order for Bond Counsel and Counsel to the Underwriters to deliver their respective opinions referred to hereafter;

(d) At the time of the Closing, all official action of the Issuer relating to the Bonds and the Issuer Documents shall be in full force and effect and shall not have been amended, modified or supplemented;

(e) At or prior to the Closing, the Bond Resolution shall have been duly executed and delivered by the Issuer and the Issuer shall have duly executed and delivered and the Registrar (as defined herein) shall have duly authenticated the Bonds;

(f) At the time of the Closing, there shall not have occurred any change or any development involving a prospective change in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the revenues or operations of the Issuer, from that set forth in the Official Statement that, in the judgment of the Representative, is material and adverse and that makes it, in the judgment of the

Representative, impracticable to market the Bonds on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Official Statement;

(g) The Issuer shall not have failed to pay principal or interest when due on any of its outstanding obligations for borrowed money;

(h) All steps to be taken and all instruments and other documents to be executed, and all other legal matters in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Bond Purchase Agreement shall be reasonably satisfactory in legal form and effect to the Representative;

(i) At or prior to the Closing, the Representative shall have received copies of each of the following documents:

(1) The Official Statement, and each supplement or amendment thereto, if any, executed on behalf of the Issuer by its Mayor, or such other official as may have been agreed to by the Underwriters, and the reports and audits referred to or appearing in the Official Statement;

(2) The Bond Resolution with such supplements or amendments as may have been agreed to by the Underwriters;

(3) The Undertaking of the Issuer, which satisfies the requirements of section (b)(5)(i) of the Rule;

(4) The approving opinion of Bond Counsel, dated the Closing Date, with respect to the Bonds, in substantially the form attached to the Official Statement;

(5) a supplemental opinion or opinions of Bond Counsel, dated the Closing Date, addressed to the Underwriters, substantially to the effect that:

(i) the Issuer is duly organized and validly existing as a municipal corporation under the laws of the State with powers required for the purpose of this Bond Purchase Agreement, specifically the Act, and has full legal right, power and authority under the Act and the Bond Resolution (A) to enter into, execute and deliver the Issuer Documents and all documents required hereunder and thereunder to be executed and delivered by the Issuer, (B) to sell, issue and deliver the Bonds to the Underwriters as provided herein, (C) to carry out and consummate the transactions contemplated by the Issuer Documents and the Official Statement and (D) the Issuer has complied in all respects with the terms of the Act;

(ii) by all necessary official action of the Issuer prior to or concurrently with the acceptance hereof, the Issuer has duly authorized all necessary action to be taken by it for (A) the adoption of the Bond Resolution and the issuance and sale of the Bonds, (B) the approval,

execution and delivery of, and the performance by the Issuer of the obligations on its part contained in, the Bonds and the Issuer Documents, and (C) the consummation by it of all other transactions contemplated by the Official Statement and the Issuer Documents;

(iii) the Bond Resolution was duly and validly adopted by the Issuer and is in full force and effect and the Bond Resolution has been duly and validly adopted or undertaken in compliance with all applicable procedural requirements of the Issuer and in compliance with the Constitution and laws of the State, including the Act;

(iv) the Issuer Documents have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Issuer, and constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Issuer enforceable against the Issuer in accordance with their respective terms, except to the extent limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar laws and equitable principles of general application relating to or affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights;

(v) the distribution of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement has been duly authorized by the Issuer;

(vi) all authorizations, approvals, licenses, permits, consents and orders of any governmental authority, legislative body, board, agency or commission having jurisdiction of the matter which are required for the due authorization of, which would constitute a condition precedent to, or the absence of which would materially adversely affect the due performance by the Issuer of its obligations under the Issuer Documents and the Bonds or with respect to the collection or pledge of Net Revenues have been obtained;

(vii) the Bonds are exempted securities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "1933 Act"), and the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the "Trust Indenture Act") and it is not necessary, in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds, to register the Bonds under the 1933 Act or to qualify the Bond Resolution under the Trust Indenture Act; and

(viii) the statements and information contained in the Official Statement on the cover page thereof, under the captions "THE BONDS," "PLAN OF REFUNDING," "TAX EXEMPTION," "ORIGINAL ISSUE DISCOUNT," "BOND PREMIUM," and "CONTINUING SECONDARY MARKET DISCLOSURE" (except the information with respect to the compliance by the Issuer with prior undertakings) therein and in Appendices "E," "G" and "H" thereto fairly and accurately summarizes the matters purported to be summarized therein. Otherwise, in connection with our participation in the transaction relating to the Bonds as Bond

Counsel, we have had no part in the preparation of the information appearing on the Official Statement with respect to the Issuer. In connection with our participation in the preparation of the Official Statement, we have not undertaken to determine independently the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the information contained therein;

(6) An opinion of Counsel to the Underwriters, dated the Closing Date, addressed to the Underwriters, substantially to the effect that:

(i) the Bonds are exempt securities under the 1933 Act and the Trust Indenture Act and it is not necessary, in connection with the offering and sale of the Bonds, to register the Bonds under the 1933 Act and the Bond Resolution need not be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act;

(ii) the Undertaking complies with the specific requirements of the Rule; and

(iii) based upon their participation in the preparation of the Official Statement as counsel for the Underwriters and their participation at conferences at which the Official Statement was discussed, but without having undertaken to determine independently the accuracy, completeness or fairness of the statements contained in the Official Statement, such counsel has no reason to believe that the Official Statement contains any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading in any material respect (except for any information regarding the tax status of the Bonds or any financial, forecast, technical and statistical statements and data included in the Official Statement and except for information regarding DTC and its book-entry system, in each case as to which no view need be expressed);

(7) An opinion of the City Attorney, dated the Closing Date, addressed to the Underwriters, to the effect that:

(i) there is no action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, government agency, public board or body, pending or, to the best knowledge of the Issuer after due inquiry overtly threatened against the Issuer, affecting the corporate existence of the Issuer or the titles of its officers to their respective offices, or affecting or seeking to prohibit, restrain or enjoin the sale, issuance or delivery of the Bonds or the collection or pledge of Net Revenues pursuant to the Bond Resolution or in any way contesting or affecting the validity or enforceability of the Bonds or the Issuer Documents, or contesting the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Bonds for federal income tax purposes or State income tax purposes, or contesting in any way the completeness or accuracy of the Preliminary Official Statement or the Official Statement or any supplement or amendment thereto, or contesting

the powers of the Issuer or any authority for the issuance of the Bonds, the adoption of the Bond Resolution or the execution and delivery of the Issuer Documents, nor, to the best knowledge of the Issuer, is there any basis therefor, wherein an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding would materially adversely affect the validity or enforceability of the Bonds or the Issuer Documents;

(ii) the execution and delivery of the Issuer Documents and compliance by the Issuer with the provisions hereof and thereof, under the circumstances contemplated herein and therein, will not conflict with or constitute on the part of the Issuer a material breach of or a default under any agreement or instrument to which the Issuer is a party, or violate any existing law, administrative regulation, court order, or consent decree to which the Issuer is subject; and

(iii) the information contained in the Official Statement under the caption "LITIGATION" is true and correct in all material respects;

(8) A certificate, dated the Closing Date, of the Issuer substantially to the effect that (i) the representations and warranties of the Issuer contained herein are true and correct in all material respects on and as of the Closing Date as if made on the Closing Date; (ii) no litigation or proceeding or tax challenge against it is pending or, to its knowledge, threatened in any court or administrative body nor is there a basis for litigation which would (a) contest the right of the members or officials of the Issuer to hold and exercise their respective positions, (b) contest the due organization and valid existence of the Issuer, (c) contest the validity, due authorization and execution of the Bonds or the Issuer Documents or (d) attempt to limit, enjoin or otherwise restrict or prevent the Issuer from functioning or in connection with the collection or pledge of Net Revenues, including payments on the Bonds, pursuant to the Bond Resolution; or (iii) the Bond Resolution of the Issuer authorizing the execution, delivery and/or performance of the Official Statement, the Bonds and Issuer Documents have been duly adopted by the Issuer, are in full force and effect and have not been modified, amended or repealed, (iv) the financial statements of the Issuer included in the Official Statement were true, correct and complete as of June 30, 2013, and are true, correct and complete as of the date of such certificate, and that any other financial statements and statistical data included in the Official Statement are true and correct as of the date of such certificate, (v) subsequent to June 30, 2013, the Issuer has not incurred any material liabilities, direct or contingent, nor has there been any material adverse change in the financial position, results of operations or condition, financial or otherwise, of the Issuer that are not described in the Official Statement, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business, and (vi) to the best of its knowledge, no event affecting the Issuer has occurred since the date of the Official Statement which should be disclosed in the Official Statement for the purpose for which it is to be used or which it is necessary to disclose therein in order to make the statements and information therein, in light of the circumstances under which made, not misleading in any

respect as of the Closing, and the information contained in the Official Statement is correct in all material respects and, as of the date of the Official Statement did not, and as of the Closing does not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements made therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading in any material respect;

(9) A certificate of the Issuer in form and substance satisfactory to Bond Counsel and Counsel to the Underwriters (a) setting forth the facts, estimates and circumstances in existence on the date of the Closing, which establish that it is not expected that the proceeds of the Bonds will be used in a manner that would cause the Bonds to be “arbitrage bonds” within the meaning of Section 148 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and any applicable regulations (whether final, temporary or proposed), issued pursuant to the Code, and (b) certifying that to the best of the knowledge and belief of the Issuer there are no other facts, estimates or circumstances that would materially change the conclusions, representations and expectations contained in such certificate;

(10) Any other certificates and opinions required by the Bond Resolution for the issuance thereunder of the Bonds;

(11) Evidence satisfactory to the Representative that the Bonds have been assigned ratings of “____” and “____,” respectively, from Standard & Poor’s Rating Financial Services, LLC (“S&P”), and Moody’s Investors Service (“Moody’s”), and that each of such ratings are in effect as of the Closing Date;

(12) A copy of a special report prepared by Grant Thornton LLP, a firm of independent certified public accountants, addressed to the Issuer, Bond Counsel and the Underwriters, verifying the arithmetical computations of the adequacy of the maturing principal and interest on the obligations and uninvested cash on hand under the Depository Trust Agreement to pay, when due, the principal of and interest on the bonds which have been refunded with proceeds of the sale of the Bonds (the “Bonds Being Refunded”) and the yields on the Bonds and amounts held under the Depository Trust Agreement;

(13) A certificate of U.S. Bank National Association, as depository trustee under the Depository Trust Agreement, to the effect that moneys or obligations sufficient to effectuate the refunding of the Bonds Being Refunded have been received and that such moneys or obligations have been deposited under the Depository Trust Agreement (the “Depository Trust”);

(14) Such other opinions of counsel as are required in connection with the refunding of the Bonds Being Refunded, including an opinion of Bond Counsel to the effect that such refunding will not have an adverse impact on the federal tax-exempt status of interest on the Bonds Being Refunded;

(15) The filing copy of the Information Return Form 8038-G (IRS) for the Bonds;

(16) The filing copy of the Report of Bond and Security Issuance for the Arizona Department of Revenue pursuant to Section 35-501(B), Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended; and

(17) Such additional legal opinions, certificates, instruments and other documents as the Underwriters or Counsel to the Underwriters may reasonably request to evidence the truth and accuracy, as of the date hereof and as of the Closing, of the Issuer's representations and warranties contained herein and of the statements and information contained in the Official Statement and the due performance or satisfaction by the Issuer on or prior to the Closing Date of all the respective agreements then to be performed and conditions then to be satisfied by the Issuer.

All of the opinions, letters, certificates, instruments and other documents mentioned above or elsewhere in this Bond Purchase Agreement shall be deemed to be in compliance with the provisions hereof if, but only if, they are in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters.

If the Issuer shall be unable to satisfy the conditions to the obligations of the Underwriters to purchase, to accept delivery of and to pay for the Bonds contained in this Bond Purchase Agreement, or if the obligations of the Underwriters to purchase, to accept delivery of and to pay for the Bonds shall be terminated for any reason permitted by this Bond Purchase Agreement, this Bond Purchase Agreement shall terminate and neither the Underwriters nor the Issuer shall be under any further obligation hereunder, except that the respective obligations of the Issuer and the Underwriters set forth in Section 8(c) hereof shall continue in full force and effect.

7. Termination. The Underwriters shall have the right to cancel their obligation to purchase the Bonds if, between the date of this Bond Purchase Agreement and the Closing, the market price or marketability of the Bonds shall be materially adversely affected, in the sole judgment of the Representative, by the occurrence of any of the following:

(a) legislation shall be enacted by or introduced in the Congress of the United States or recommended to the Congress for passage by the President of the United States, or the Treasury Department of the United States or the Internal Revenue Service or any member of the Congress or the State legislature or favorably reported for passage to either House of the Congress by any committee of such House to which such legislation has been referred for consideration, a decision by a court of the United States or of the State or the United States Tax Court shall be rendered, or an order, ruling, regulation (final, temporary or proposed), press release, statement or other form of notice by or on behalf of the Treasury Department of the United States, the Internal Revenue Service or other governmental agency shall be made or proposed, the effect of any or all of which would be to impose, directly or indirectly, federal income taxation or State income taxation upon Net Revenues or other income of the general character to be derived by the Issuer pursuant to the Bond Resolution, or upon interest received

on obligations of the general character of the Bonds or, with respect to State taxation, of the interest on the Bonds as described in the Official Statement, or other action or events shall have transpired which may have the purpose or effect, directly or indirectly, of changing the federal income tax consequences or State income tax consequences of any of the transactions contemplated herein;

(b) legislation introduced in or enacted (or resolution passed) by the Congress or an order, decree, or injunction issued by any court of competent jurisdiction, or an order, ruling, regulation (final, temporary, or proposed), press release or other form of notice issued or made by or on behalf of the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any other governmental agency having jurisdiction of the subject matter, to the effect that obligations of the general character of the Bonds, including any or all underlying arrangements, are not exempt from registration under or other requirements of the 1933 Act, or that the Bond Resolution is not exempt from qualification under or other requirements of the Trust Indenture Act, or that the issuance, offering, or sale of obligations of the general character of the Bonds, including any or all underlying arrangements, as contemplated hereby or by the Official Statement or otherwise, is or would be in violation of the federal securities law as amended and then in effect;

(c) any state “blue sky” or securities commission or other governmental agency or body shall have withheld registration, exemption or clearance of the offering of the Bonds as described herein, or issued a stop order or similar ruling relating thereto;

(d) a general suspension of trading in securities on the New York Stock Exchange or the American Stock Exchange, the establishment of minimum prices on either such exchange, the establishment of material restrictions (not in force as of the date hereof) upon trading securities generally by any governmental authority or any national securities exchange, a general banking moratorium declared by federal, State of New York, or State officials authorized to do so;

(e) the New York Stock Exchange or other national securities exchange or any governmental authority, shall impose, as to the Bonds or as to obligations of the general character of the Bonds, any material restrictions not now in force, or increase materially those now in force, with respect to the extension of credit by, or the charge to the net capital requirements of, the Underwriters;

(f) any amendment to the federal or state Constitution or action by any federal or state court, legislative body, regulatory body, or other authority materially adversely affecting the tax status of the Issuer, its property, income securities (or interest thereon) or the validity or enforceability of the pledge of revenues to pay principal of and interest on the Bonds;

(g) any event occurring, or information becoming known which, in the judgment of the Representative, makes untrue in any material respect any statement or information contained in the Official Statement, or has the effect that the Official Statement contains any untrue statement of material fact or omits to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(h) there shall have occurred since the date of this Bond Purchase Agreement any materially adverse change in the affairs or financial condition of the Issuer;

(i) the United States shall have become engaged in hostilities which have resulted in a declaration of war or a national emergency or there shall have occurred any other outbreak or escalation of hostilities or a national or international calamity or crisis, financial or otherwise;

(j) any fact or event shall exist or have existed that, in the Representative's judgment, requires or has required an amendment of or supplement to the Official Statement and the Issuer refuses or fails to so amend;

(k) there shall have occurred or any notice shall have been given of any intended review, downgrading, suspension, withdrawal, or negative change in credit watch status by any national rating service to any of the Issuer's obligations (including the rating to be accorded the Bonds);

(l) the purchase of and payment for the Bonds by the Underwriters, or the resale of the Bonds by the Underwriters, on the terms and conditions herein provided shall be prohibited by any applicable law, governmental authority, board, agency or commission; and

(m) the debt ceiling of the United States is such that the obligations required to fund the Depository Trust Agreement are not available for delivery on the date of the delivery of the Bonds and the Issuer has not, in the opinion of Bond Counsel, successfully obtained equivalent open market securities.

8. Expenses.

(a) The Underwriters shall be under no obligation to pay, and the Issuer shall pay, any expenses incident to the performance of the Issuer's obligations hereunder, including, but not limited to (i) the cost of preparation and printing of the Bonds and preparation and printing or posting of the Preliminary Official Statement and the Official Statement, (ii) the fees and disbursements of Bond Counsel and counsel to the Issuer; (iii) the fees and disbursements of the Financial Advisor to the Issuer; (iv) the fees and disbursements of U.S. Bank National Association, as Bond Registrar and Paying Agent (the "Registrar") and as Depository Trustee; (v) the fees and disbursements of any other engineers, accountants, and other experts, consultants or advisers retained by the Issuer; and (vi) the fees for bond ratings and credit enhancement fees or premiums. The Issuer shall also pay for any expenses (included in the expense component of the Underwriters' discount) incurred by the Underwriters which are incidental to implementing this Bond Purchase Agreement and the issuance of the Bonds, including, but not limited to, meals, transportation and lodging, if any, and any other miscellaneous closing costs.

(b) The Underwriters shall pay (i) all advertising expenses in connection with the public offering of the Bonds; (ii) the fee of Counsel to the Underwriters, (iii) the cost of any Blue Sky Survey; and (iv) all other expenses incurred by them in connection with the public offering of the Bonds. Certain payments may be in the form of inclusion of such expenses in the expense component of the Underwriters' discount.

(c) If this Bond Purchase Agreement shall be terminated by the Underwriters because of any failure or refusal on the part of the Issuer to comply with the terms or to fulfill any of the conditions of this Bond Purchase Agreement, or if for any reason the Issuer shall be unable to perform its obligations under this Bond Purchase Agreement, the Issuer will reimburse the Underwriters for all “out-of-pocket” expenses (including the fees and disbursements of Counsel to the Underwriters) reasonably incurred by the Underwriters in connection with this Bond Purchase Agreement or the offering contemplated hereunder.

9. Notices. Any notice or other communication to be given to the Issuer under this Bond Purchase Agreement may be given by delivering the same in writing to the address set forth on the first page of this Bond Purchase Agreement, and any notice or other communication to be given to the Underwriters under this Bond Purchase Agreement may be given by delivering the same in writing to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, 333 S. Hope Street, 23rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071, Attention: Jeffrey D. Bower.

10. Parties in Interest. This Bond Purchase Agreement as heretofore specified shall constitute the entire agreement between us and is made solely for the benefit of the Issuer and the Underwriters (including successors or assigns of the Underwriters) and no other person shall acquire or have any right hereunder or by virtue hereof. This Bond Purchase Agreement may not be assigned by the Issuer. All of the Issuer’s representations, warranties and agreements contained in this Bond Purchase Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect, regardless of (i) any investigations made by or on behalf of the Underwriters; (ii) delivery of and payment for the Bonds pursuant to this Bond Purchase Agreement; and (iii) any termination of this Bond Purchase Agreement.

11. Effectiveness. This Bond Purchase Agreement shall become effective upon the acceptance hereof by the Issuer and shall be valid and enforceable at the time of such acceptance.

12. Choice of Law. This Bond Purchase Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of the State.

13. Severability. If any provision of this Bond Purchase Agreement shall be held or deemed to be or shall, in fact, be invalid, inoperative or unenforceable as applied in any particular case in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions, or in all jurisdictions because it conflicts with any provisions of any Constitution, statute, rule of public policy, or any other reason, such circumstances shall not have the effect of rendering the provision in question invalid, inoperative or unenforceable in any other case or circumstance, or of rendering any other provision or provisions of this Bond Purchase Agreement invalid, inoperative or unenforceable to any extent whatever.

14. Business Day. For purposes of this Bond Purchase Agreement, “business day” means any day on which the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading.

15. Section Headings. Section headings have been inserted in this Bond Purchase Agreement as a matter of convenience of reference only, and it is agreed that such section headings are not a part of this Bond Purchase Agreement and will not be used in the interpretation of any provisions of this Bond Purchase Agreement.

16. Counterparts. This Bond Purchase Agreement may be executed in several counterparts each of which shall be regarded as an original (with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same document) and all of which shall constitute one and the same document.

17. Notice Concerning Cancellation of Contracts. As required by the provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes Section 38-511, as amended, notice is hereby given that the State, its political subdivisions (including the Issuer) or any department or agency of either may, within three years after its execution, cancel any contract, without penalty or further obligation, made by the State, its political subdivisions, or any of the departments or agencies of either if any person significantly involved in initiating, negotiating, securing, drafting or creating the contract on behalf of the State, its political subdivisions, or any of the departments or agencies of either is, at any time while the contract or any extension of the contract is in effect, an employee or agent of any other party to the contract in any capacity or a consultant to any other party of the contract with respect to the subject matter of the contract. The cancellation shall be effective when written notice from the Governor or the chief executive officer or governing body of the political subdivision is received by all other parties to the contract unless the notice specifies a later time. The State, its political subdivisions or any department or agency of either may recoup any fee or commission paid or due to any person significantly involved in initiating negotiating, securing, drafting or creating the contract on behalf of the State, its political subdivisions or any department or agency of either from any other party to the contract arising as the result of the contract. This section is not intended to expand or enlarge the rights of the Issuer hereunder except as required by such Section 38-511. Each of the parties hereto hereby certifies that it is not presently aware of any violation of Section 38-511 which would adversely affect the enforceability of this Bond Purchase Agreement and covenants that it shall take no action which would result in a violation of such Section.

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If you agree with the foregoing, please sign the enclosed counterpart of this Bond Purchase Agreement and return it to the Representative. This Bond Purchase Agreement shall become a binding agreement between you and the Underwriters when at least the counterpart of this letter shall have been signed by or on behalf of each of the parties hereto.

Very truly yours,

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER &
SMITH INCORPORATED, as Representative
of the Underwriters

By: _____
Authorized Officer

ACCEPTED at _____ o'clock __.m. MST
this ____ day of _____, 2014.

CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA

By: _____
Its: _____

[Signature page of Bond Purchase Agreement – City of Mesa
Utility Systems Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2014]

SCHEDULE I

\$[PAR]
CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA
UTILITY SYSTEMS REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS
SERIES 2014

BONDS DATED: DATE OF INITIAL DELIVERY

Maturity Date <u>(July 1)</u>	Principal <u>Amount</u> \$	Interest <u>Rate</u> %	<u>Yield</u> %
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Redemption

Optional Redemption. The Bonds maturing on or after July 1, 20__, will be subject to call for redemption on any date on or after July 1, 20__, at the election of the Issuer, in whole or in part from maturities selected by the Issuer and within any maturity by lot, by the payment of a redemption price equal to the principal amount of each Bond called for redemption plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption, but without premium.

Sinking Fund Redemption. The Bonds maturing on July 1, 20__, will be subject to mandatory redemption and will be redeemed on July 1 of the respective years set forth below and in the amounts set forth below, by payment of a redemption price of the principal amount of such Bonds called for redemption plus the interest accrued to the date fixed for redemption, but without premium, as follows:

Bonds Payable July 1, 20__

<u>Year</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u> \$
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*Maturity