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**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
UTILITY SYSTEMS REVENUE BONDS,  
SERIES 2020**

AND

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**CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA  
UTILITY SYSTEMS REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS,  
SERIES 2020**

**(CUSIP BASE NUMBER 590545)**

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**CONTINUING DISCLOSURE CERTIFICATE**

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This Continuing Disclosure Certificate (this “Disclosure Certificate”) is executed and delivered on [Closing Date], by the City of Mesa, Arizona (the “Issuer”), in connection with the issuance of the Issuer’s Utility Systems Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, in the aggregate original principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (the “Project Bonds”), and the Issuer’s Utility Systems Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020, in the aggregate original principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_,000 (together with the Project Bonds, the “Bonds”). The Bonds are authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 6362 adopted by the City Council of the Issuer on July 29, 1991 (the “Master Resolution”), as thereafter amended and supplemented, including by Resolution Nos. \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ each adopted by the City Council of the Issuer on October 19, 2020 (collectively with the Master Resolution, the “Authorizing Resolution”). The Issuer covenants and agrees as follows:

**SECTION 1. Purpose of the Disclosure Certificate.** This Disclosure Certificate is being executed and delivered by the Issuer for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds and in order to assist the Participating Underwriters in complying with Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”).

**SECTION 2. Definitions.** In addition to the definitions set forth in the Authorizing Resolution or parenthetically defined herein, which apply to any capitalized terms used in this Disclosure Certificate unless otherwise defined in this Section, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

“Annual Report” shall mean any Annual Report provided by the Issuer pursuant to, and as described in, Sections 3 and 4 of this Disclosure Certificate.

“Dissemination Agent” shall mean, initially, the Issuer, or any successor Dissemination Agent designated in writing by the Issuer and which has filed with the Issuer a written acceptance of such designation.

“Financial Obligation” shall mean a (i) debt obligation; (ii) derivative instrument entered into in connection with, or pledged as security or a source of payment for, an existing or planned debt obligation, or (iii) guarantee of (i) or (ii). The term Financial Obligation shall not include municipal securities as to which a final official statement has been provided to the MSRB in compliance with the Rule.

“Material Events” shall mean any of the events listed in Section 5 of this Disclosure Certificate.

“MSRB” shall mean the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board. As of the date hereof, the MSRB’s required method of filing is electronically via its Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) system available on the Internet at <http://emma.msrb.org>.

“Official Statement” shall mean the final official statement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, relating to the Bonds.

“Participating Underwriters” shall mean the original underwriters of the Bonds required to comply with the Rule in connection with an offering of the Bonds.

“Rule” shall mean Rule 15c2-12(b)(5) adopted by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as the same may be amended from time to time.

### SECTION 3. Provision of Annual Reports.

a. The Issuer shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, not later than February 1 of each year, commencing February 1, 2021, provide to the MSRB (in an electronic format as prescribed by the MSRB), an Annual Report which is consistent with the requirements of Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate. Not later than fifteen (15) business days prior to said date, the Issuer shall provide the Annual Report to the Dissemination Agent (if other than the Issuer). The Annual Report may be submitted as a single document or as separate documents comprising a package, and may cross-reference other information as provided in Section 4 of this Disclosure Certificate; provided that the audited financial statements of the Issuer may be submitted separately from the balance of the Annual Report.

b. If the Issuer is unable to provide to the MSRB an Annual Report by the date required in subsection (a), the Issuer shall, in a timely manner, file or cause to be filed with the MSRB a notice in substantially the form attached as Exhibit “A.”

c. The Dissemination Agent shall:

(1) determine each year prior to the date for providing the Annual Report the appropriate electronic format prescribed by the MSRB;

(2) if the Dissemination Agent is other than the Issuer, send written notice to the Issuer at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date the Annual Report is due stating that the Annual Report is due as provided in Section 3(a) hereof; and

(3) if the Dissemination Agent is other than the Issuer, file a report with the Issuer certifying that the Annual Report has been provided pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate, stating the date it was provided and listing all the entities to which it was provided.

SECTION 4. Content of Annual Reports. The Issuer's Annual Report shall contain or incorporate by reference the following:

a. A copy of its annual financial statements for the fiscal year ending on the preceding June 30 prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units audited by a firm of certified public accountants. If audited annual financial statements are not available by the time specified in Section 3(a) above, unaudited financial statements will be provided as part of the Annual Report and audited financial statements will be provided when available. If the Issuer's audited annual financial statements are not submitted with the Annual Report, the Issuer will provide the MSRB a copy of its audited annual financial statements within thirty (30) days of receipt thereof by the Issuer. If the fiscal year of the Issuer changes, the Issuer shall, or shall cause the Dissemination Agent to, file a notice of such change in the same manner as for a notice of a Material Event.

b. An update of the type of information identified in Exhibit "B" hereto, which is contained in the Official Statement with respect to the Bonds.

If any part of the Annual Report can no longer be generated because the operations to which it is related have been materially changed or discontinued, the Issuer will disseminate a statement to such effect as part of its Annual Report for the year in which such event first occurs.

Any or all of the items listed above may be incorporated by reference from other documents, including official statements of debt issues of the Issuer or related public entities, which are available to the public on the MSRB's internet website or filed with the SEC. The Issuer shall clearly identify each such document incorporated by reference.

SECTION 5. Reporting of Material Events. The Issuer shall file or cause to be filed with the MSRB, in a timely manner not in excess of ten (10) business days after the occurrence of the event, notice of any of the events listed below with respect to the Bonds:

- a. Principal and interest payment delinquencies;
- b. Non-payment related defaults, *if material*;
- c. Unscheduled draws on debt service reserves reflecting financial difficulties;
- d. Unscheduled draws on credit enhancements reflecting financial difficulties;
- e. Substitution of credit or liquidity providers, or their failure to perform;
- f. Adverse tax opinions, the issuance by the Internal Revenue Service of proposed or final determinations of taxability, Notices of Proposed Issue (IRS Form 5701-TEB)

or other material notices or determinations with respect to the tax status of the Bonds, or other material events affecting the tax status of the Bonds;

- g. Modifications to rights of Bond holders, *if material*;
- h. Bond calls, *if material*, and tender offers;
- i. Defeasances;
- j. Release, substitution or sale of property securing repayment of the Bonds, *if material*;
- k. Rating changes;
- l. Bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar event of the Issuer<sup>1</sup>;
- m. The consummation of a merger, consolidation, or acquisition involving the Issuer or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, other than in the ordinary course of business, the entry into a definitive agreement to undertake such an action or the termination of a definitive agreement relating to any such actions, other than pursuant to its terms, *if material*;
- n. Appointment of a successor or additional trustee or the change of name of a trustee, *if material*;
- o. Incurrence of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, *if material*, or agreement to covenants, events of default, remedies, priority rights, or other similar terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which affect Bond holders, *if material*; and
- p. Default, event of acceleration, termination event, modification of terms, or other similar events under the terms of a Financial Obligation of the Issuer, any of which reflect financial difficulties.

SECTION 6. Format; Identifying Information. All documents provided to the MSRB pursuant to this Disclosure Certificate shall be in the format prescribed by the MSRB and accompanied by identifying information as prescribed by the MSRB.

As of the date of this Disclosure Certificate, all documents submitted to the MSRB must be in portable document format (PDF) files configured to permit documents to be saved, viewed, printed and retransmitted by electronic means. In addition, such PDF files must be word-

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<sup>1</sup> For the purposes of the event identified in subparagraph (b)(5)(i)(C)(12) of the Rule, the event is considered to occur when any of the following occur: the appointment of a receiver, fiscal agent or similar officer for an obligated person (such as the Issuer) in a proceeding under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code or in any other proceeding under state or federal law in which a court or governmental authority has assumed jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person, or if such jurisdiction has been assumed by leaving the existing governing body and officials or officers in possession but subject to the supervision and orders of a court or governmental authority, or the entry of an order confirming a plan of reorganization, arrangement or liquidation by a court or governmental authority having supervision or jurisdiction over substantially all of the assets or business of the obligated person.

searchable, provided that diagrams, images and other non-textual elements are not required to be word-searchable.

SECTION 7. Termination of Reporting Obligation. The Issuer's obligations under this Disclosure Certificate shall terminate upon the earliest of: (i) the date of legal defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all of the Bonds; (ii) the date that the Issuer shall no longer constitute an "obligated person" within the meaning of the Rule; or (iii) the date on which those portions of the Rule which require this written undertaking are held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction in a non-appealable action, have been repealed retroactively or otherwise do not apply to the Bonds. Such termination described above in (i) shall not terminate the obligation of the Issuer to give notice of such defeasance, prior redemption or payment in full of all the Bonds.

SECTION 8. Dissemination Agent. The Issuer may, from time to time, appoint or engage a Dissemination Agent to assist the Issuer in carrying out its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate, and may discharge any such Dissemination Agent, with or without appointing a successor Dissemination Agent.

SECTION 9. Amendment; Waiver. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer may amend this Disclosure Certificate and may waive any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, without the consent of the holders and beneficial owners of the Bonds, if such amendment or waiver does not, in and of itself, cause the undertakings herein (or action of any of the Participating Underwriters in reliance on the undertakings herein) to violate the Rule, but taking into account any subsequent change in or official interpretation of the Rule. The Issuer will provide notice of such amendment or waiver to the MSRB.

SECTION 10. Additional Information. Nothing in this Disclosure Certificate shall be deemed to prevent the Issuer from disseminating any other information, using the means of dissemination set forth in this Disclosure Certificate or any other means of communication, or including any other information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event, in addition to that which is required by this Disclosure Certificate. If the Issuer chooses to include any information in any Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event in addition to that which is specifically required by this Disclosure Certificate, the Issuer shall have no obligation under this Disclosure Certificate to update such information or include it in any future Annual Report or notice of occurrence of a Material Event.

SECTION 11. Default. In the event of a failure of the Issuer to comply with any provision of this Disclosure Certificate, any holders or beneficial owners of the Bonds may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the Issuer to comply with its obligations under this Disclosure Certificate. A default under this Disclosure Certificate shall not be deemed an event of default under the Authorizing Resolution, and the sole remedy under this Disclosure Certificate in the event of any failure of the Issuer to comply with this Disclosure Certificate shall be an action to compel performance.

SECTION 12. Beneficiaries. This Disclosure Certificate shall inure solely to the benefit of the Issuer, the Dissemination Agent, the Participating Underwriters and the holders and

beneficial owners from time to time of the Bonds, and shall create no rights in any other person or entity.

SECTION 13. Undertaking Payable from Net Revenues. The Issuer's undertaking to provide information under this Disclosure Certificate is payable solely from Net Revenues of the System (as such terms are defined in the Official Statement) to cover the costs of preparing and sending the Annual Report and notices of Material Events. Until payment of the Bonds, no receipts segregated or collected for the purpose of paying the principal of and interest and redemption charges on bonds and other lawful long-term obligations issued or incurred for a specific capital purpose shall be subject to the provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 42, Chapter 17, the State of Arizona Budget Law.

SECTION 14. Governing Law. This Disclosure Certificate shall be governed by the laws of the State of Arizona and any action to enforce this Disclosure Certificate must be brought in an Arizona state court. The terms and provisions of this Disclosure Certificate shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the interpretation of such terms and provisions under the Rule and the federal securities laws.

DATE: [CLOSING DATE].

CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**NOTICE OF FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL REPORT**

Name of Issuer: City of Mesa, Arizona

Name of Issue: Utility Systems Revenue Bonds, Series 2020, in the aggregate original principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_,000, and Utility Systems Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020, in the aggregate original principal amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_,000

CUSIP: 590545

Date of Issuance: [Closing Date]

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Issuer has not provided an Annual Report with respect to the above-named Bonds as required by Section 3(a) of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate executed on [Closing Date], by the Issuer. The Issuer anticipates that the Annual Report will be filed by \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

CITY OF MESA, ARIZONA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Its: \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXHIBIT “B”**

### **INDEX OF OFFICIAL STATEMENT INFORMATION TO BE UPDATED**

1. Annually updated financial information and operating data of the type contained in the following table of the Official Statement:

- a. [Combined Schedules of Net Revenues and Debt Service Coverage
- b. Appendix B – Financial Data – Statements of Bonds Outstanding]

2. In the event of an amendment pursuant to Section 9 hereof not previously described in an Annual Report, an explanation, in narrative form, of the reasons for the amendment and the impact of the change in the type of operating data or financial information being provided and, if the amendment is made to the accounting principles to be followed, a comparison between the financial statements or information prepared on the basis of the new accounting principles and those prepared on the basis of the former accounting principles, including a qualitative discussion of the differences, and the impact on the presentation and, to the extent feasible, a quantitative comparison.