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This Easement prepared by:

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 St. Louis, MO 63126

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**Pipeline Easement**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF HOKE

**Grantor:** **Andrew C. Womble, and wife Emily M. Womble** with an address at 11281 Crawford St., Laurinburg, NC 28352  
**Marvin S. Womble, and wife Cynthia E. Womble** with an address at 507 Montrose Lane, Laurinburg, NC 28352  
**Theron T. Womble, and wife Peggy J. Womble** with an address at 4616 Kimberly Circle, Sanford, NC 27330  
**Olivia W. Griffin, and husband Richard M. Griffin** with an address at 748 Wood Hollow Rd., Taylorsville, NC 28681

**Grantee:** **Monarch Bioenergy, LLC** with an address at 9200 Watson Road, Suite 200, St. Louis, Missouri 63126

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, and in consideration of the Easement and mutual covenants and agreements set forth in this Pipeline Easement ("Agreement"), Grantor grants to Grantee, its successors and assigns, all of the following:

**Easement.** A perpetual easement and right of way which is 20 feet wide as shown in Exhibit A (the "Easement") for purposes of continuing diligence (including surveying and environmental diligence), constructing, installing, maintaining, operating, repairing, altering, replacing, removing, relocating, inspecting, upgrading, and protecting the pipeline and appurtenant facilities for the exclusive purpose of transporting biogas and natural gas, including work for storm water management plans; to perform necessary pre-construction work; to install electric power supply and

communication service equipment for the operation of Grantee's pipeline and facilities; and to have reasonable ingress to and egress from its Easement and any adjacent properties or easements across and through lands which are owned by Grantor located all or in part of the Township of Allendale, Hoke County, North Carolina, and described as follows:

Parcel Identifier Number: 194010001014

Including lands acquired by Grantor, Estate Book 09 E, Page 105 Hoke County, North Carolina, including contiguous or appurtenant lands owned by Grantor, containing approximately 75 acres ("Grantor's Land").

**Grantee's Right of Possession.** During times of pipeline construction, diligence (including surveying and environmental diligence), maintenance, repair, replacement or removal, Grantor grants Grantee reasonable temporary use of the Grantor's Land outside the Easement while exercising those rights, including but not limited to, the right to transport pipe, vehicles, machinery, persons, equipment and other materials to and from other lands. Grantee will have (i) the right to clear vegetation, undergrowth, trees and any other obstructions which interfere with the rights granted in this Agreement; and (ii) no liability for damages caused by keeping the Easement clear.

**Grantor's Right of Possession.** Grantor may fully use and enjoy Grantor's Land in any way (including typical farming) that does not interfere with Grantee's rights granted under this Agreement. Grantor will not disturb or allow to be disturbed Grantee's erosion controls or storm water management plan controls which are required by permit.

**Restoration; Damages.** Grantee shall, to the extent reasonably practical, restore Grantor's Land to the same condition as when the Grantee began any construction. Grantee shall also be responsible for actual physical damage (including crop damage) to the extent caused by Grantee in exercising the rights granted herein.

**Further Assurances.** Grantor agrees to execute and deliver to Grantee such further affidavits, amendments, permit documents and other instruments as may be necessary or convenient to more fully carry out the purposes of this Agreement (e.g., certified survey), including to cooperate with Grantee's efforts to obtain financing (e.g., non-disturbance agreement).

**Indemnification.** Grantee shall, at Grantee's sole cost and expense, comply with all applicable laws, orders, ordinances and other public requirements now or hereafter affecting the Pipeline Easement Area or the use thereof (as well as obtaining, at Grantee's sole cost and expense, all required governmental approvals and building permits, etc. for the construction/installation of the pipeline and improvements to be located on the Pipeline Easement Area), and indemnify, defend and hold Grantor harmless from expense (including reasonable attorney fees, court costs and expenses) or damage resulting from failure to do so.

**Binding Effect; Assignment.** The terms and conditions of this Agreement will run with Grantor's Land and will extend to and benefit the parties hereto and their successors and assigns. Grantee, its successors and assigns, will have the right to assign or transfer the rights granted under this Agreement in whole or in part.

**Ownership of the Property.** Grantor represents, warrants and covenants that (i) it is the lawful owner of Grantor's Land and has the right to convey the rights set forth herein; (ii) Grantor's Land is free from all encumbrances, except for encumbrances of record, and contains no substances or materials which would cause or threaten impairment to human health or the environment; (iii) Grantee shall have quiet enjoyment hereunder; and (iv) should the depiction of Grantor's Land in Exhibit A for any reason prove incorrect or inadequate to cover the land intended to be conveyed, Grantor agrees to execute such instrument(s) that may be necessary to correct the inadequacy.

**Abandonment.** Grantee agrees in the event of complete non-use of the pipeline by Grantee or its successors or assigns for a period of five consecutive years following commercial in-service, the Easement shall be considered abandoned. Grantee shall furnish at its expense, upon receipt of written request from Grantor, a release of the Agreement. In this event, Grantee shall, in its sole discretion, have the right to abandon its facilities in-place or remove them from Grantor's Land. The time during which Grantee fails to use its facilities due to: (i) authorized acts or orders of federal, state or local government; or (ii) strikes, shall not be included in calculating the five year period for abandonment.

**Professional Fees** It is the Grantee's responsibility to secure all professional services and associated expenses necessary to execute the easement agreement(s). These expenses include, but are not limited to, surveying, environmental diligence, recording, and closing fees.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor signs this Agreement this 3 day of June, 2024.

**GRANTOR:**

By: Andrew C. Womble  
ANDREW C. WOMBLE

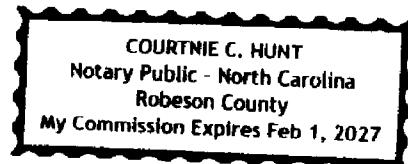
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Scotland

I, Courtneie C. Hunt, Notary Public for Robeson County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that Andrew C. Womble personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Easement.

Witness my hand and official seal/stamp this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2024.

[NOTARY SEAL]



C. Hunt Sign

Courtneie C. Hunt Print

My commission expires: 2/1/2027

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor signs this Agreement this 3 day of June, 2024.

**GRANTOR:**

By: Emily M. Womble  
**EMILY M. WOMBLE**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF Scotland

I, Courtne C. Hunt, Notary Public for Robeson County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that Emily M. Womble personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Easement.

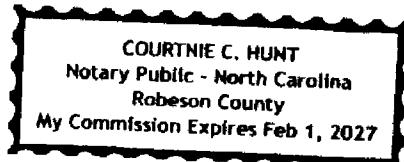
Witness my hand and official seal/stamp this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2024.

[NOTARY SEAL]

C.C. Hunt Sign

Courtne C. Hunt Print

My commission expires: 2/1/2027



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor signs this Agreement this 3 day of June, 2024.

**GRANTOR:**

By: Marvin S. Womble  
**MARVIN S. WOMBLE**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF Hoke

I, Linda R. Hollingsworth, Notary Public for Hoke County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that Marvin S. Womble personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Easement.

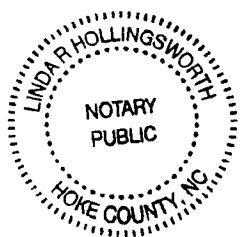
Witness my hand and official seal/stamp this the 3 day of June, 2024.

[NOTARY SEAL]

Linda R. Hollingsworth Sign

Linda R. Hollingsworth Print

My commission expires: June 10, 2027



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor signs this Agreement this 3 day of June, 2024.

**GRANTOR:**

By: Cynthia E. Womble  
CYNTHIA E. WOMBLE

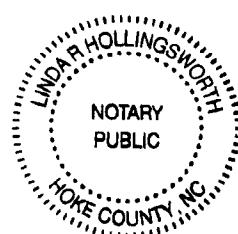
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Hoke

I, Linda R Hollingsworth, Notary Public for Hoke County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that Cynthia E. Womble personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Easement.

Witness my hand and official seal/stamp this the 3 day of June, 2024.

[NOTARY SEAL]



Linda R Hollingsworth Sign

Linda R Hollingsworth Print

My commission expires: June 10, 2027

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor signs this Agreement this 1 day of June, 2024.

**GRANTOR:**

By: 

**THON T. WOMBLE**

South Carolina  
STATE OF North Carolina  
COUNTY OF Horry

I, Karen V. Kee, Notary Public for Horry County, <sup>SOUTH</sup> North Carolina, do hereby certify that Theron T. Womble personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Easement.

Witness my hand and official seal/Stamp this the 1 day of June, 2024.



Karen V. Kee Sign

Karen V. Kee Print

My commission expires: March 25, 2029

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor signs this Agreement this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

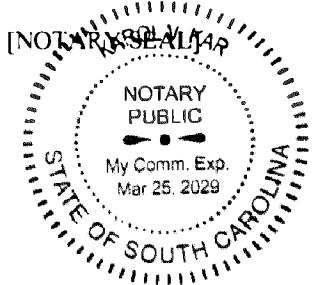
## GRANTOR:

By: Peggy J. Womble  
PEGGY J. WOMBLE

<sup>SOUTH</sup>  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF HALEY

I, Karen V. Cul, Notary Public for Haley County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that Peggy J. Womble personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Easement.

Witness my hand and official seal/stamp this the 4 day of June, 2024.



Karen V. Cul Sign  
Karen V. Cul Print  
My commission expires: March 25, 2029

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor signs this Agreement this 10 day of June, 2024.

**GRANTOR:**

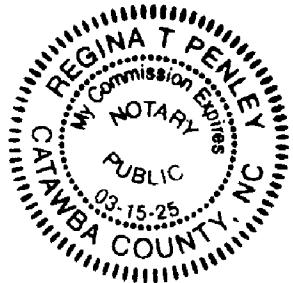
By: Olivia W. Griffin  
OLIVIA W. GRIFFIN

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF Catawba

I, Regina Penley, Notary Public for Catawba County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that Olivia W. Griffin personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Easement.

Witness my hand and official seal/stamp this the 10 day of June, 2024.

[NOTARY SEAL]



Regina Penley  
Regina Penley Print  
My commission expires: March 15, 2025

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor signs this Agreement this 10 day of June, 2024.

**GRANTOR:**

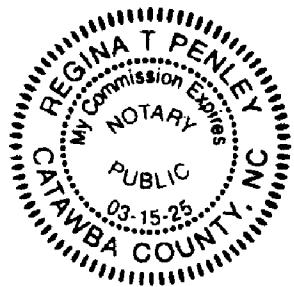
By: Richard M. Griffin  
RICHARD M. GRIFFIN

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF Catawba

I, Regina Penley, Notary Public for Catawba County, North Carolina, do hereby certify that Richard M. Griffin personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing Easement.

Witness my hand and official seal/stamp this the 10 day of June, 2024.

[NOTARY SEAL]

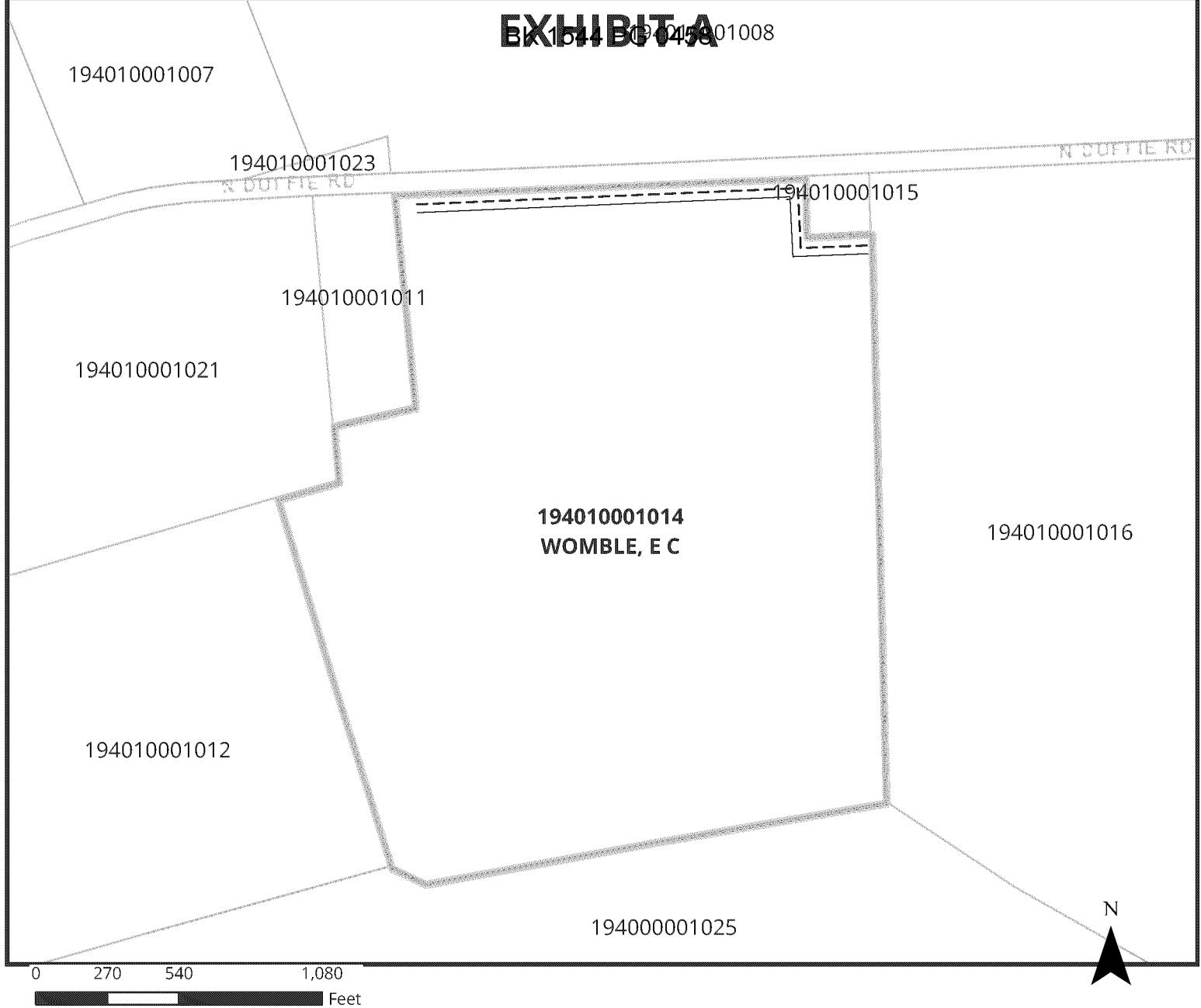


My commission expires: March 15, 2025

Regina T. Penley /  
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My commission expires: March 15, 2025

# EXHIBIT A

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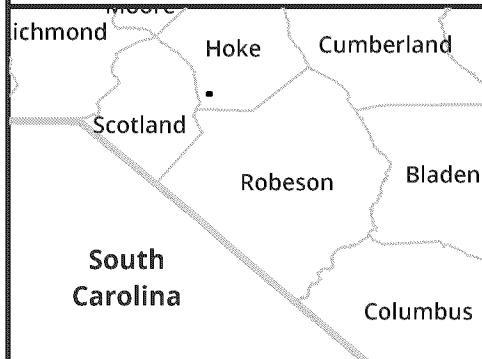
MONARCH ENERGY - RAE  
North Carolina - MEGA LAU  
Hoke County, North Carolina

10' Directional Boring Easement

20' Open Trench Easement

Parcel

Adjacent Parcel



LANDOWNER:  
E C WOMBLE HEIRS

PARCEL REFERENCE NUMBER:  
194010001014

PIN:  
194010001014

PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
N DUFFIE RD

APPROXIMATE ACRES IN EASEMENT:

0.758 Acres

REFERENCE:  
ESTATE BOOK & PAGE: 9E/105

This map may not be a certified survey and has not been reviewed by a local government agency for compliance with any applicable land development regulations and has not been reviewed for compliance with recording requirements for plats.

The temporary workspace is not depicted on the exhibit.



DATE: 5/22/2024