

**24.4 No Diminishment of Rights.** Except as provided in Paragraph 24.1, nothing in this Easement shall be construed to diminish, limit, or restrict any right of the Grantee under this Easement, or the rights of any assignees, licensees, or invitees as prescribed under their easements or Applicable Laws.

## **25. APPLICABLE LAWS**

**25.1 Compliance With Applicable Laws.** The Grantee shall comply, at its sole cost and expense (except for matters for which the Government remains obligated hereunder pursuant to Paragraph 16), with all Applicable Laws including without limitation, those regarding construction, demolition, maintenance, operation, sanitation, licenses, or permits to do business, protection of the environment, pollution control and abatement, occupational safety and health, and all other related matters. The Grantee shall be responsible for determining whether it is subject to local building codes or building permit requirements, and for compliance with them to the extent they are applicable.

25.1.1 “Applicable Laws” means, collectively, all present and future laws, ordinances, rules, requirements, regulations, and orders of the United States, the State where the Easement Area is located and any other public or quasi-public federal, State, or local authority, and/or any department or agency thereof, having jurisdiction over the Project (“Project” means, collectively, the Easement Area and the Easement Area Improvements) and relating to the Project or imposing any duty upon the Grantee with respect to the use, occupation, or alteration of the Project during the Easement Term.

**25.2 Permits, Licenses, and Approvals.** The Grantee will be responsible for and obtain, at its sole expense, prior to the commencement of construction and demolition, and upon completion of the building of Easement Area improvements, any approvals, permits, or licenses that may be necessary to construct, occupy, and operate the Grantee improvements and Grantee equipment in compliance with all Applicable Laws.

**25.3 No Waiver of Sovereign Immunity.** Nothing in this Easement shall be construed to constitute a waiver of federal supremacy or federal sovereign immunity. Only laws and regulations applicable to the Easement Area under the Constitution and statutes of the United States are covered by this Paragraph. The United States presently exercises perpetual federal legislative jurisdiction over the Easement Area.

**25.4 Grantee Responsibility for Compliance.** Responsibility for compliance as specified in this Paragraph 25 rests exclusively with the Grantee. The Government assumes no enforcement or supervisory responsibility, except with respect to matters committed to its jurisdiction and authority. The Grantee shall be liable for all costs associated with compliance, defense of enforcement actions or suits, payment of fines, penalties, or other sanctions and remedial costs related to the Grantee’s use and occupation of the Easement Area.

**25.5 Grantee Right to Contest.** The Grantee shall have the right to contest by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted in good faith, without cost or expense to the Government, the validity or application of any law, ordinance, order, rule, regulation, or requirement of the nature