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INTRODUCED BY: ALBERT D. LAQUE, PARISH PRESIDENT

RESOLUTION NO. 5256

A resolution to approve the signing of a new two year contract with the firm of Adams and Reese, LLP as the Legislative Liaison for the River Region Caucus.

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2005, the Parish Presidents of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. James and Ascension Parishes met to review the new proposed contract with Adams and Reese, LLP, as Legislative Liaison for the River Region Caucus; and,

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2005, the Parish Presidents decided to approve a two year contract with the firm of Adams and Reese, LLP, upon the approval by Resolutions from the Parish Councils of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. James and Ascension Parishes; and,

WHEREAS, the members of the St. Charles Parish Council agree that the services received from a Legislative Liaison have benefited the Parish.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL, do hereby approve and authorize the execution of the attached Engagement Letter for the hiring of the firm of Adams & Reese, LLP, to serve as Legislative Liaison for the River Region Caucus from April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2007.

The foregoing resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

- YEAS: FAUCHEUX, HILAIRE, FABRE, BLACK, DUHE, MINNICH
- NAYS: NONE
- ABSENT: MARINO, RAMCHANDRAN, WALLS

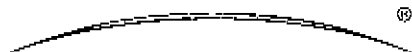
And the resolution was declared adopted this 4th day of April, 2005, to become effective five (5) days after publication in the Official Journal.

Legislative Liaison Adams&Reese 2005

CHAIRMAN: _____
 SECRETARY: [Signature]
 DLVD/PARISH PRESIDENT: April 5, 2005
 APPROVED: _____ DISAPPROVED: _____

PARISH PRESIDENT: Albert D. Laque
 RETD/SECRETARY: April 5, 2005
 AT: 2:20 p.m. RECD BY: [Signature]

ADAMS AND REESE LLP



Attorneys at Law

Baton Rouge
Birmingham
Houston
Jackson
Mobile

New Orleans

Washington, DC

March 15, 2005

River Region Caucus
C/o Barbara Jacob, Council Secretary
P.O. Box 302
Hahnville, Louisiana 70057

Christopher P. Coulon

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Re: Engagement of Adams and Reese, LLP
By
River Region Caucus – St. Charles Parish Government, St. John the Baptist
Parish Government, St. James Parish Government and Ascension Parish
Government

Dear Sirs/Madam:

We wish to set forth the agreement of understanding between ADAMS AND REESE L.L.P. ("Attorney") and River Region Caucus ("Client") regarding the rendering by ADAMS AND REESE L.L.P. of lobbying, legislative and other governmental relations services within the State of Louisiana and more particularly the parishes St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. James and Ascension.

1. Basic Terms.

Attorney and the Governmental Relations Representative will assist Client before the Louisiana State Legislature and all Louisiana State agencies, and regulatory Boards and Commissions.

2. Staff

B. Jeffery Brooks will be the client's primary Firm contact. Chris P. Coulon will work with the client as the Governmental Relations Representative.

3. Fees and Costs

Attorney's fee for this scope of representation is \$24,000.00 plus expenses and reimbursement of approved costs, not to exceed \$1,500.00 for the year, advanced by the Attorney and/or Governmental Relations Representative on behalf of Client, with the

professional services retainer being a twelve-month contract. *A quarterly invoice to the Client will be rendered for the professional services fee of \$6,000.00 per quarter.*

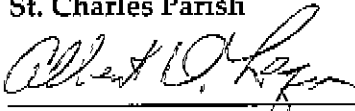
4. Cancellation

This agreement may be terminated by either party by giving the other party 30-day written notice of termination, which may be for any cause deemed in the best interest of the Firm or the Clients. If this agreement is terminated, invoices for services rendered up to date of termination will be paid. Further invoices will not be submitted or paid, even if the \$24,000.00 retainer amount has not yet been reached.

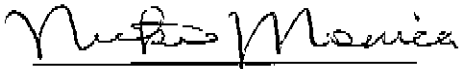
5. Term of Agreement.

This Agreement is effective April 1, 2005 through March 31, 2007.

ADAMS AND REESE L.L.P.
By: _____
B. Jeffery Brooks, Attorney

St. Charles Parish
By: 
Albert D. Laque, Parish President

ADAMS AND REESE L.L.P.
By: _____
Chris P. Coulon, G. R. Representative

St. John the Baptist Parish
By: 
Nickie Monica, Parish President

St. James Parish
By: _____
Dale J. Hymel, Jr., Parish President

Ascension Parish
By: _____
Ronnie Hughes, Parish President