

U.S. Department of Justice
 Washington, DC 20530

**Exhibit A to Registration Statement
 Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
 1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently. The filing of this document requires the payment of a filing fee as set forth in Rule (d)(1), 28 C.F.R. § 5.5(d)(1). Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit A form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

Privacy Act Statement. The filing of this document is required by the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, for the purposes of registration under the Act and public disclosure. Provision of the information requested is mandatory, and failure to provide this information is subject to the penalty and enforcement provisions established in Section 8 of the Act. Every registration statement, short form registration statement, supplemental statement, exhibit, amendment, copy of informational materials or other document or information filed with the Attorney General under this Act is a public record open to public examination, inspection and copying during the posted business hours of the FARA Unit in Washington, DC. Statements are also available online at the FARA Unit's webpage: <https://www.fara.gov>. One copy of every such document, other than informational materials, is automatically provided to the Secretary of State pursuant to Section 6(b) of the Act, and copies of any and all documents are routinely made available to other agencies, departments and Congress pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Act. The Attorney General also transmits a semi-annual report to Congress on the administration of the Act which lists the names of all agents registered under the Act and the foreign principals they represent. This report is available to the public online at: <https://www.fara.gov>.

Public Reporting Burden. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .22 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to Chief, FARA Unit, Counterintelligence and Export Control Section, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503.

1. Name of Registrant HBW Resources, LLC	2. Registration Number 7540
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3. Primary Address of Registrant
 2211 Norfolk Street, suite 610, Houston, TX 77098

4. Name of Foreign Principal Province of Alberta	5. Address of Foreign Principal 307 Legislature Building, 10800-97 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta CANADA T5K 2B6
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6. Country/Region Represented
 CANADA

7. Indicate whether the foreign principal is one of the following:

Government of a foreign country¹

Foreign political party

Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:

<input type="checkbox"/> Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Committee
<input type="checkbox"/> Corporation	<input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary group
<input type="checkbox"/> Association	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>specify</i>) _____

Individual-State nationality _____

8. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant
 office of the Premier

b) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages
 Ashish sharma

¹ "Government of a foreign country," as defined in Section 1(e) of the Act, includes any person or group of persons exercising sovereign de facto or de jure political jurisdiction over any country, other than the United States, or over any part of such country, and includes any subdivision of any such group and any group or agency to which such sovereign de facto or de jure authority or functions are directly or indirectly delegated. Such term shall include any faction or body of insurgents within a country assuming to exercise governmental authority whether such faction or body of insurgents has or has not been recognized by the United States.

9. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

- a) Name and title of official(s) with whom registrant engages

- b) Aim, mission or objective of foreign political party

10. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party:

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal.

b) Is this foreign principal:

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|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

11. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 10(b).

12. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this statement filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date	Printed Name	Signature
02/13/2025	Ashish sharma	<input data-bbox="886 405 954 443" type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Ashish sharma
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="886 489 954 531" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="886 573 954 615" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="886 657 954 699" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____

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**Exhibit B to Registration Statement
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1938, as amended**

INSTRUCTIONS. A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. Compliance is accomplished by filing an electronic Exhibit B form at <https://www.fara.gov>.

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1. Name of Registrant HBW Resources, LLC	2. Registration Number 7540
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3. Name of Foreign Principal
Province of Alberta

Check Appropriate Box:

- 4. The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
 - 5. There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
 - 6. The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, and the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.
7. What is the date of the contract or agreement with the foreign principal? 02/10/2025
8. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.
- Knowledge and insights into US federal and state energy priorities; introduction of Alberta premier office to state government officials.

9. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal.

Guidance and information gathering and presentation; facilitation of introductions and meetings.

10. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act.¹

Yes No

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose. The response must include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

11. Prior to the date of registration² for this foreign principal has the registrant engaged in any registrable activities, including political activities, for this foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, describe in full detail all such activities. The response should include, among other things, the relations, interests, and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored, or delivered speeches, lectures, social media, internet postings, or media broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers, and subject matter. The response must also include, but not be limited to, activities involving lobbying, promotion, perception management, public relations, economic development, and preparation and dissemination of informational materials.

Set forth below a general description of the registrant's activities, including political activities.

Set forth below in the required detail the registrant's political activities.

Date	Contact	Method	Purpose
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12. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register³ to the date of registration for this foreign principal, has the registrant received from the foreign principal, or from any other source, for or in the interests of the foreign principal, any contributions, income, money, or thing of value either as compensation, or for disbursement, or otherwise?

Yes No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date Received	From Whom	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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13. During the period beginning 60 days prior to the obligation to register⁴ to the date of registration for this foreign principal, has the registrant disbursed or expended monies, or disposed of anything of value other than money, in connection with activity on behalf of the foreign principal or transmitted monies to any such foreign principal?

Yes No

If yes, set forth below in the required detail an account of such monies or things of value.

Date	Recipient	Purpose	Amount/Thing of Value
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¹ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

^{2,3,4} Pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act, an agent must register within ten days of becoming an agent, and before acting as such.

EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, and subject to the penalties of 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and 22 U.S.C. § 618, the undersigned swears or affirms under penalty of perjury that he/she has read the information set forth in this statement filed pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, 22 U.S.C. § 611 *et seq.*, that he/she is familiar with the contents thereof, and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge and belief.

Date	Printed Name	Signature
02/13/2025	Ashish Sharma	<input data-bbox="889 457 959 485" type="text" value="Sign"/> /s/Ashish Sharma
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="889 541 959 581" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="889 630 959 669" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____
_____	_____	<input data-bbox="889 718 959 758" type="text" value="Sign"/> _____

*Short Form General Services Contract
February 2025*

CONTRACT NUMBER: _____

BETWEEN:

HIS MAJESTY IN RIGHT OF ALBERTA ,
as represented by the President of Executive Council
(the "Province")

- and -

HBW RESOURCES, LLC
(the "Contractor")

The Province requires, and the Contractor has agreed to provide, the services described in this Contract.

In consideration of the following terms, conditions and mutual obligations, the parties agree as follows:

1. The Contractor shall provide to the Province the services set forth in Schedule A attached to this Contract (the "Services"). Schedule A is incorporated into and forms part of this Contract.
2. The Contractor shall begin performing the Services on February 10, 2025, and shall complete the performance of the Services, to the Province's satisfaction, on or before July 31, 2025 (the "Term").
3. (a) The Province agrees to pay the Contractor a monthly fee for the duration of the Term for performance of the Services (the "Fees"), including expenses incurred under this Contract, in accordance with Schedule B attached to this Contract. Schedule B is incorporated into and forms part of this Contract.

(b) The Contractor shall provide the Province, within fifteen days of the end of each month, a monthly invoice summarizing the Services performed during the invoice period. The Province shall pay the Contractor's invoice within thirty (30) days of receipt provided that any supporting documentation required by the Province has been provided along with the invoice.
4. The Province represents and warrants that, as the purchaser of the Services provided under this Contract, no amount payable under this Contract is subject to the Goods and Services Tax ("GST") or the Harmonized Sales Tax ("HST") under Part IX of the *Excise Tax Act* (Canada), as amended. The Government of Alberta's GST Registration Number is 1240 72513 RT0001.
5. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Province, its employees and agents from any and all third-party claims, demands, actions or costs (including legal costs on a solicitor-client basis) for which the Contractor is legally responsible that arise from or relate to the performance of the Services or any other obligation under this Contract.

6. The Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the Province against and from any loss or damage to the real or personal property of the Province for which the Contractor is legally responsible that arise from or relate to the performance of Services or any other obligation of the Contractor under this Contract.
7. (a) The Contractor acknowledges that this Contract, including the name of the Contractor, the consideration, term and details of the Services, may be subject to disclosure under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (Alberta)*, as may be amended or replaced from time to time ("FOIP Act"). The Contractor further acknowledges that the FOIP Act applies to information obtained, generated, collected, or provided for the Province under this Contract, and agrees to adhere to the FOIP Act in its collection, use and disclosure.

(b) The Contractor shall not collect, use or disclose any Personal Information (as defined in the FOIP Act) under this Contract except as reasonably required to fulfill its obligations under this Contract, or as otherwise expressly authorized in writing by the Province.
8. The Contractor shall not disclose, authorize or permit disclosure to any person or organization now, or at any time in the future, any information or documents of any kind or other matter or thing which comes into its knowledge or possession by reason of this Contract, and shall retain all such knowledge as confidential, unless it is expressly authorized by the Province in writing. This clause does not apply to information that is publicly available or becomes publicly available without breach of this clause.
9. The Province may at any time immediately terminate this Contract, without cause, upon written notice to the Contractor, and the Province shall only have to pay for the Services completed in accordance with this Contract up to the effective date of the termination.
10. Any notice to be made under this Contract that is to be made in writing is effective when personally delivered to the address or transmitted by email to the email address as follows:

The Contractor:	HBW Resources, LLC
Address:	2211 Norfolk Street, Suite 610 Houston, Texas, 77098
Attention:	Meghan Thacker Vice President, Federal and State Affairs
Email:	MThacker@hbwresources.com
The Province:	Government of Alberta – Dallas Office
Address:	Consulate General of Canada in Dallas 500 N Akard Street, Suite 2900 Dallas, Texas, 75201 USA
Attention:	Ashish Sharma Alberta’s Representative to the U.S. South
Email:	ashish.sharma@international.gc.ca

11. The Province designates Ashish Sharma of the Alberta Dallas Office as the Province’s representative, and the Contractor designates Meghan Thacker for ongoing contact between the Province and the Contractor in matters relating to this Contract.

12. (a) The Contractor, its employees, subcontractors and agents when using any of the Province's buildings, premises, equipment, hardware or software shall comply with all safety and security policies, regulations or directives relating to those buildings, premises, equipment, hardware or software.
- (b) When communicating or interacting with the Province's employees the Contractor, its employees, subcontractors and agents, shall comply with the Province's *Respectful Workplace Policy*, as may be amended from time to time. A copy of this policy is available from the Province's representative designated in clause 11.
- (c) The Contractor, its employees, its employees, subcontractors and agents shall comply with all applicable laws in performing their obligations under this Contract, including but not limited to the *Lobbyists Act* (Alberta), as amended from time to time; the *U.S. Foreign Agents Registration Act* (22 U.S.C. § 611 et seq.); and, any other applicable lobbyist legislation or regulations; and,
- (d) the Contractor shall prepare and submit all registrations and filings required pursuant to the U.S. Foreign Agents Registration Act (22 U.S.C. § 611 et seq.), and any other reports or submissions required by U.S. law, including but not limited to any other reports or submissions required under applicable lobbyist legislation or regulations.
13. Time is of the essence of this Contract.
14. This Contract contains the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter of this Contract and except as express in this Contract, there are no other understandings or agreements, verbal or otherwise that exist between the parties.
15. The parties may amend this Contract only by written agreement signed by the parties.
16. This Contract shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws in force in Alberta, and the parties irrevocably attorn to the exclusive jurisdiction of Alberta.
17. The Contractor shall not assign this Contract and shall not subcontract the Services, without the prior written consent of the Province.
18. The Contractor shall ensure that there is not a conflict of interest or an apparent conflict of interest on the part of the Contractor or its employees, subcontractors or agents in relation to the Services, and all Services shall be performed in accordance with high ethical standards. In the event the Contractor becomes aware of any matter that causes or is likely to cause a conflict of interest in relation to the Contractor's performance of the Services, the Contractor shall immediately disclose such matter to the Province in writing.
19. The Contractor shall comply with, and ensure that its employees, subcontractors and agents comply with, the *Lobbyists Act* (Alberta).
20. The relationship of the Contractor to the Province in performing the Services under this Contract is that of an independent contractor, and not an employee or agent of the Province.
21. This Contract may be executed in counterparts, in which case (i) the counterparts together shall constitute one agreement, and (ii) communication of execution e-mailed in PDF shall constitute good delivery.

The Parties' authorized representatives make this Contract, effective as of the date it is last signed by both Parties.


HIS MAJESTY IN RIGHT OF ALBERTA, as represented by the President of Executive Council

HBW RESOURCES, LLC

Per:

Per:


Signature


Signature

ASHISH SHARMA
Print Name

David Holt
Print Name

AB's Representative to U'S South
Title

Managing Partner
Title

February 13, 2025
Date

February 13, 2025
Date

SCHEDULE A

Services

Support provided for membership in Governors Coalition for Energy Security, including:

Support Governors Outreach & Education

1. Monthly calls with Principal staff of GCES
2. In-person meeting with member Governors in 2025 (potential end of February 2025 in Washington, DC)
3. Facilitate relationship with Governor Landry and Governors Coalition for Energy Security
4. Includes tracking of federal issues and positioning/messaging of coalition on national and global energy issues

Fly-in/Visit to Louisiana state capitol, potential program:

1. Meeting with state legislature leadership (Committee Chairs, Senate President and House Speaker)
2. Roundtable meeting with industry representatives and Governor Landry
3. Address Parish Presidents, Parish Councils, and Police Juries re: Carbon Capture
4. potential site visit
5. potential formal address to Louisiana legislature

Facilitate GCES Governors visit to Alberta Stampede in July 2024

Support during CERA Week

SCHEDULE B

Fees

The Province shall pay the Contractor one thousand dollars in United States funds (USD\$1,000) per month, for the period commencing on February 10, 2025, and ending on July 31, 2025.

This amount includes any expenses incurred by the Contractor in performing the Services under the Contract.