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*Note to Specifiers: In the DRB Specification and the DRB Agreement add a provision in each document cross-referencing to this Rider.*

1. VIRTUAL MEETINGS AND HEARINGS
   * 1. This Rider may be added to a DRB Specification and a DRB Agreement to permit the use of virtual DRB meetings and hearings instead of the in-person meetings or hearings provided for in the DRB Specification and the DRB Agreement.
     2. If the Parties agree to hold meetings and hearings on a virtual platform, the following additional terms shall apply:

1.2.1 The Owner and the Contractor shall be responsible for providing and managing a virtual platform that will permit full participation of all attendees agreed by the Parties consistent with the processes in the DRB Specification and DRB Agreement.

1.2.2 The Owner and the Contractor, or their designated virtual platform managers, if any, shall coordinate with the DRB Chair to make necessary plans and arrangements, as provided in Section 1.3 below.

* + 1. The DRB Chair and designated representatives of the Owner and the Contractor shall confer as needed to agree on a plan consistent with the [*Checklist for Dispute Board Members in Preparation for Virtual Dispute Board Proceedings (2020)*](http://www.disputeboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/DRBF-Checklist-for-Virtual-DB-Proceedings-5-August-2020.pdf). The DRB Chair shall confirm the agreed upon plan with the DRB and the Parties in advance of any virtual meeting or hearing.
    2. The costs associated with the virtual platform shall be considered shared costs for DRB-related activities and DRB services as provided in the DRB Specification and the DRB Agreement, respectively.