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CURRENT REPORT

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## CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-13265 (Commission File Number) 76-0511406 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

1111 Louisiana Houston, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)

77002 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (713) 207-1111  $\,$ 

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#### Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

Formation of Midstream Partnership

As previously reported, CenterPoint Energy, Inc. ("CenterPoint") entered into a Master Formation Agreement ("MFA") on March 14, 2013 with OGE Energy Corp. ("OGE") and two affiliates of ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC, Bronco Midstream Holdings, LLC ("Bronco I") and Bronco Midstream Holdings II, LLC (together with Bronco I, the "Bronco Group"), pursuant to which CenterPoint, OGE and the Bronco Group agreed to form a midstream partnership (the "Midstream Partnership") to own and operate the midstream businesses of CenterPoint and OGE that will initially be structured as a private limited partnership. On May 1, 2013, the parties closed the formation of the Midstream Partnership.

In connection with the closing (i) CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of CenterPoint ("CERC"), converted its wholly owned subsidiary, CenterPoint Energy Field Services, LLC ("CEFS"), into a Delaware limited partnership that became the Midstream Partnership, (ii) CERC contributed to the Midstream Partnership its equity interests in each of CenterPoint Energy Gas Transmission Company, LLC, CenterPoint Energy—Mississippi River Transmission, LLC, certain of its other midstream subsidiaries, and a 24.95% interest in Southeast Supply Header, LLC and (iii) OGE and ArcLight indirectly contributed 100% of the equity interests in Enogex LLC ("Enogex") to the Midstream Partnership.

Certain of the entities contributed to the Midstream Partnership by CERC are obligated on approximately \$363 million of indebtedness owed to a wholly owned subsidiary of CERC that is scheduled to mature in 2017. In addition at closing, Enogex was obligated on approximately \$700 million, in the aggregate, in indebtedness under its term loan and two series of its senior notes maturing in years 2014 and 2020.

#### Organizational Documents of Midstream Partnership

Under the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Midstream Partnership (the "LP Agreement"), as of the closing, CERC holds an approximate 58.3 percent of the limited partner interests in the Midstream Partnership and OGE and the Bronco Group hold approximately 28.5 and 13.2 percent, respectively, of the limited partner interests. The LP Agreement provides that transfers of any limited partner interests will be subject to specified conditions, including, for a period of time, rights of first offer and rights of first refusal.

Following the closing, CERC has certain put rights, and the Midstream Partnership has certain call rights, exercisable with respect to the interest in SESH retained by CERC, under which CERC would contribute to the Midstream Partnership CERC's retained interest in SESH at a price equal to the fair market value of such interest at the time the put right or call right is exercised. If CERC were to exercise such put right or the Midstream Partnership were to exercise such call right, CERC's retained interest in SESH would be contributed to the Midstream Partnership in exchange for consideration consisting of a specified number of limited partnership units and, subject to certain restrictions, a cash payment, payable either from CERC to the Midstream Partnership or from the Midstream Partnership to CERC, in an amount such that the total consideration exchanged is equal in value to the fair market value of the contributed interest in SESH.

Prior to an initial public offering of the Midstream Partnership (the "IPO"), 100% of Distributable Cash (as defined in the LP Agreement) will be distributed to the limited partners each quarter. After an IPO, 100% of Available Cash (as defined in the LP Agreement) will be distributed to the limited partners each quarter. Following an IPO, the general partner will also own incentive distribution rights that will entitle it to an increasing percentage of quarterly cash distributions after specified distributions have been made to the limited partners. The LP Agreement also includes provisions governing the treatment of capital accounts, tax treatment and withdrawal of partners. The general partner may be removed by the vote of 75 percent of the limited partner interests.

The Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of the general partner of the Midstream Partnership (the "LLC Agreement") provides that the general partner will be equally controlled by CERC and OGE, who each own 50% of the management rights in the general partner. CERC and OGE will also own a 40% and 60% interest, respectively, in any incentive distribution rights to be held by the general partner of the Midstream Partnership following an initial public offering of the Midstream Partnership. The LLC Agreement provides that, until May 1, 2016, no transfers (other than transfers to affiliates) of membership interests in the general partner will be permitted.

The general partner of the Midstream Partnership will initially be governed by a board made up of an equal number of representatives designated by each of CenterPoint and OGE. Actions of the board of directors generally will require majority approval. Under the terms of the LLC Agreement, if the board of directors is unable to reach a majority approval, specified procedures, including potentially a separate vote of the independent directors (if any) or mediation, will be implemented to resolve the deadlock. For a period of time after formation, the Bronco Group will have board observation rights and approval rights over certain material activities of the Midstream Partnership, including material increases in capital expenditures and certain equity issuances, entering into transactions with related parties and acquiring, pledging or disposing of certain material assets.

CenterPoint has designated David M. McClanahan, President and Chief Executive Officer of CenterPoint, and Gary L. Whitlock, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of CenterPoint, and OGE has designated Pete Delaney, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of OGE, and Sean Trauschke, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of OGE, as their initial representatives on the board of directors of the general partner. While the Midstream Partnership's leadership team is being assembled, C. Gregory Harper and Keith Mitchell will continue to be responsible for the former CenterPoint and Enogex midstream operations, respectively.

#### Registration Rights Agreement

Pursuant to a Registration Rights Agreement among the parties entered into at the closing (the "Registration Rights Agreement"), OGE and CenterPoint have agreed to initiate the process for the sale of an equity interest in the Midstream Partnership in an IPO. CenterPoint and CERC can give no assurances that the IPO will be consummated. Prior to consummating the IPO, CenterPoint, OGE and the Midstream Partnership will need to complete the negotiation of the financial and other terms, including the initial public offering price. In addition, consummation of the IPO is subject to market conditions. For so long as the Bronco Group maintains a minimum ownership percentage, the Bronco Group is entitled to consult with the Midstream Partnership in connection with the IPO. The Midstream Partnership has agreed to file a registration statement for the IPO no later than May 1, 2014 and, subject to limited exceptions, consummate the IPO within 180 days of the filing of the registration statement. This report does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of any offer to buy, the equity of the Midstream Partnership. Any offers or solicitations of offers to buy, or any sales of securities, will only be made in accordance with the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") or an exemption therefrom.

The Registration Rights Agreement also provides that, subject to certain limitations, (i) each of CenterPoint and OGE is entitled, beginning 180 days after the IPO, and (ii) the Bronco Group is entitled, beginning on the date that the Midstream Partnership is first eligible to file a registration statement under Form S-3, to demand that the Midstream Partnership effect the registration under the Securities Act of the common units of the Midstream Partnership held by such party. In connection with the preparation and filing of any registration statement, the Midstream Partnership will bear all costs and expenses incidental to any registration statement. Any underwriting discounts and commissions will be borne by the seller of the common units of the Midstream Partnership.

#### **Omnibus Agreement**

Pursuant to the terms of an Omnibus Agreement among the parties entered into at the closing (the "Omnibus Agreement"), CenterPoint, OGE and the Bronco Group have agreed to certain indemnification obligations in favor of the Midstream Partnership with respect to, among others, environmental, title, permits, rights-of-way and tax matters. The indemnification obligations are subject to certain deductibles and caps. The Omnibus Agreement also provides that, as soon as reasonably practicable following the selection of a new name for the Midstream Partnership or in any event by May 1, 2014, the Midstream Partnership will cease to use the names "CenterPoint," "OGE" and "Enogex."

In addition, subject to the exceptions provided below, each of CenterPoint and OGE is required to hold or otherwise conduct all of its respective Midstream Operations (as defined below) located within the United States in the Midstream Partnership. This restriction will cease to apply to both CenterPoint and OGE as soon as either CenterPoint or OGE ceases to hold (i) any interest in the general partner of the Midstream Partnership or (ii) at least 20 percent of the limited partner interests of the Midstream Partnership. "Midstream Operations" generally means, subject to certain exceptions, the gathering, compression, treatment, processing, blending, transportation, storage, isomerization and fractionation of crude oil and natural gas, its associated production water and enhanced recovery materials such as carbon dioxide, and its respective constituents and the following products: methane, natural gas liquids (Y-grade, ethane, propane, normal butane, isobutane and natural gasoline), condensate, and refined products and distillates (gasoline, refined product blendstocks, olefins, naphtha, aviation fuels, diesel, heating oil, kerosene, jet fuels, fuel oil, residual fuel oil, heavy oil, bunker fuel, cokes, and asphalts), to the extent such activities are located within the United States.

In addition, if CenterPoint or OGE acquires any assets or equity of any person engaged in Midstream Operations with a value in excess of \$50 million (or \$100 million in the aggregate with such party's other acquired Midstream Operations that have not been offered to the Midstream Partnership), the acquiring party will be required to offer the Midstream Partnership the opportunity to acquire such assets or equity for such value; provided, that the acquiring party will not be obligated to offer any such assets or equity to the Midstream Partnership if the acquiring party intends to cease using them in Midstream Operations within 12 months. If the Midstream Partnership does not exercise its option, then the acquiring party will be free to retain and operate such Midstream Operations; provided, however, that if the fair market value of such Midstream Operations is greater than 66 2/3 percent of the fair market value of all of the assets being acquired in such transaction, then the acquiring party will be required to dispose of such Midstream Operations within 24 months.

As long as the Bronco Group has board observation rights, the Bronco Group will be prohibited from pursuing any transaction independently from the Midstream Partnership (i) if the Bronco Group's consent is required for the Midstream Partnership to pursue such transaction and (ii) the Bronco Group affirmatively votes not to consent to such transaction.

The foregoing descriptions of the MFA, LP Agreement, LLC Agreement, Registration Rights Agreement and Omnibus Agreement do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of such documents. Copies of the MFA, LP Agreement, LLC Agreement, Registration Rights Agreement and Omnibus Agreement are filed as Exhibits 2.1, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3 and 10.4 hereto and are incorporated herein by reference.

The MFA has been attached as an exhibit to this Current Report on Form 8-K to provide investors and security holders with information regarding its terms. It is not intended to provide any other factual information about the Midstream Partnership, CenterPoint, OGE or the Bronco Group or any of their respective affiliates or businesses. The representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained in the MFA were made only for the purposes of such agreement and as of specified dates, were solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties. The representations and warranties may have been made for the purposes of allocating contractual risk between the parties to the MFA instead of establishing these matters as facts, and may be subject to standards of materiality applicable to the contracting parties that differ from those applicable to investors. Investors and security holders are not third-party beneficiaries under the MFA and should not rely on the representations, warranties, covenants and agreements or any descriptions thereof as characterizations of the actual state of facts or condition of the Midstream Partnership, CenterPoint, OGE or the Bronco Group or any of their respective affiliates or businesses. Moreover, the assertions embodied in the representations and warranties contained in the MFA are qualified by information in disclosure letters that the parties have exchanged. Accordingly, investors and security holders should not rely on the representations and warranties as characterizations of the actual state of facts of the Midstream Partnership, CenterPoint, OGE or the Bronco Group or any of their respective affiliates or businesses. Information concerning the subject matter of the representations and warranties may change after the date of the MFA, which subsequent information may or may not be fully reflected in CenterPoint's or CERC's public disclosures.

#### Item 2.03 Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation Under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant

In connection with the formation of the Midstream Partnership, on May 1, 2013, the Midstream Partnership entered into a \$1.05 billion three-year senior unsecured term loan facility (the "Term Loan Facility") with Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent, UBS Securities LLC, as syndication agent, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("JPMCB") and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo") as co-documentation agents, and the several lenders thereto. The proceeds of the loans advanced pursuant to the Term Loan Facility were used to repay \$1.05 billion of intercompany indebtedness owed by the predecessor entity to the Midstream Partnership to CERC. CERC has guaranteed collection (not payment) of the Midstream Partnership's obligations under the Term Loan Facility, which guarantee is subordinated to all senior debt of CERC.

The description of the Term Loan Facility set forth in Item 8.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated into this Item 2.03 by reference.

The foregoing description of the Term Loan Facility and the CERC guaranty do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of such documents. Copies of the Term Loan Facility and the CERC guaranty are filed as Exhibit 10.5 and 10.7 hereto and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 1, 2013, the Midstream Partnership also entered into a \$1.4 billion five-year senior unsecured revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility") with Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent, UBS Securities LLC, as syndication agent, JPMCB and Wells Fargo, as co-documentation agents, the lenders from time to time party thereto and the letter of credit issuers from time to time party thereto.

The Term Loan Facility and the Revolving Credit Facility each permits outstanding borrowings to bear interest at the London Interbank Offerred Rate ("LIBOR") and/or an alternate base rate, at the Midstream Partnership's election, plus an applicable margin. The applicable margin is based on the Midstream Partnership's applicable credit ratings. As of May 1, 2013, the applicable margin for LIBOR-based borrowings under the Term Loan Facility and the Revolving Credit Facility was 1.625% based on the Midstream Partnership's credit ratings.

In addition, the Revolving Credit Facility requires the Midstream Partnership to pay a fee on unused commitments. The commitment fee is based on the Midstream Partnership's applicable credit rating from the Rating Agencies. As of May 1, 2013, the commitment fee under the Revolving Credit Facility was 0.25% per annum based on the Midstream Partnership's credit ratings.

As of May 1, 2013, Moody's Investors Service, Inc., Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, and Fitch, Inc. (the "Rating Agencies") had assigned the following credit ratings to the debt of the Midstream Partnership:

	M	Moody's		S&P		Fitch	
	Rating	Outlook(1)	Rating	Outlook(2)	Rating	Outlook(3)	
Revolving Credit Facility			BBB-	Stable	BBB	Stable	
Term Loan	Baa3	Stable	BBB-	Stable	BBB	Stable	
Senior Unsecured Debt	_	_	BBB-	Stable	BBB	Stable	

- (1) A Moody's rating outlook is an opinion regarding the likely direction of an issuer's rating over the medium term.
- (2) An S&P rating outlook assesses the potential direction of a long-term credit rating over the intermediate to longer term.
- (3) A Fitch rating outlook encompasses a one- to two-year horizon as to the likely ratings direction.

CERC cannot assure you that the ratings set forth above will remain in effect for any given period of time or that one or more of these ratings will not be lowered or withdrawn entirely by a rating agency. CERC notes that these credit ratings are included for informational purposes and are not recommendations to buy, sell or hold its securities and may be revised or withdrawn at any time by the rating agency. Each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating. A decline in these credit ratings could increase borrowing costs under each of the facilities and commitment fees under the Revolving Credit Facility. In addition, any future reduction or withdrawal of one or more of these credit ratings could have a material adverse impact on the Midstream Partnership's ability to obtain short-and long-term financing, the cost of such financings and the execution of its commercial strategies.

Advances under the Revolving Credit Facility are subject to certain conditions precedent, including the accuracy in all material respects of certain representations and warranties and the absence of any default or event of default. Initial advances under the Revolving Credit Facility were used for general corporate purposes and to refinance the Enogex revolving credit facility, which was terminated in connection with closing of the Midstream Partnership formation, and existing indebtedness owing by Enogex to OGE as of May 1, 2013. As of May 1, 2013, there was approximately \$107.1 million in principal advances and approximately \$2.0 million in letters of credit outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility.

The Term Loan Facility and the Revolving Credit Facility each contains a financial covenant requiring the Midstream Partnership to maintain a ratio of consolidated funded debt to consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") as of the last day of each fiscal quarter of less than or equal to 5.00 to 1.00; provided that, for a certain period of time following the consummation by the Midstream Partnership or certain of its subsidiaries of any one or more related acquisitions with a purchase price of at least \$50 million in the aggregate, the consolidated funded debt to EBITDA ratio as of the last day of each such fiscal quarter during such period would be permitted to be up to 5.50 to 1.00.

The Term Loan Facility and the Revolving Credit Facility also contain covenants that restrict the Midstream Partnership and certain subsidiaries in respect of, among other things, mergers and consolidations, sales of all or substantially all assets, incurrence of subsidiary indebtedness, incurrence of liens, transactions with affiliates, designation of subsidiaries as Excluded Subsidiaries (as defined in the Term Loan Facility and the Revolving Credit Facility), restricted payments, changes in the nature of their respective businesses and entering into certain restrictive agreements. The Term Loan Facility and the Revolving Credit Facility are each subject to acceleration upon the occurrence of certain defaults, including, among others, payment defaults on such facility, breach of representations, warranties and covenants, acceleration of indebtedness (other than intercompany) of \$100 million or more in the aggregate, change of control, nonpayment of uninsured money judgments in excess of \$100 million, and the occurrence of certain ERISA and bankruptcy events, subject where applicable to specified cure periods.

The foregoing descriptions of the Term Loan Facility and the Revolving Credit Facility do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of such documents. Copies of the Term Loan Facility and the Revolving Credit Facility are filed as Exhibits 10.5 and 10.6 hereto and are incorporated herein by reference.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This filing contains forward-looking statements, which are subject to risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors that are difficult to predict and that could cause actual results to vary materially from those expressed in or indicated by them. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially include, but are not limited to (1) the inability to consummate the proposed IPO in a timely manner or at all; (2) risks that the transaction disrupts current plans and operations of CenterPoint or CERC; (3) potential difficulties in employee retention as a result of the transaction; (4) the ability to recognize the benefits of the proposed transaction; and (5) other factors described in CenterPoint's and CERC's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Many of the factors that will determine the outcome of the subject matter of this filing are beyond the ability of CenterPoint or CERC to control or predict. Except as required by law, CenterPoint and CERC undertake no obligation to revise or update any forward-looking statement, or to make any other forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial statements of businesses acquired.

As permitted by Item 9.01(a)(4) of Form 8-K, the Registrant will, if required, file the financial statements required by Item 9.01(a)(1) of Form 8-K pursuant to an amendment to this Form 8-K not later than 71 calendar days after the date this initial report on Form 8-K must be filed.

## (b) Pro forma financial information.

As permitted by Item 9.01(b)(2) of Form 8-K, the Registrant will, if required, file the financial statements required by Item 9.01(b)(1) of Form 8-K pursuant to an amendment to this Form 8-K not later than 71 calendar days after the date this initial report on Form 8-K must be filed.

## (d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
2.1	Master Formation Agreement dated March 14, 2013 by and among CenterPoint Energy, Inc., OGE Energy Corp., Bronco Midstream Holdings, LLC and Bronco Midstream Holdings II, LLC. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 18, 2013).
10.1	First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP dated as of May 1, 2013.
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10.4	Omnibus Agreement dated as of May 1, 2013 among CenterPoint Energy, Inc., OGE Energy Corp., Enogex Holdings LLC and CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP.
10.5	Term Loan Facility dated as of May 1, 2013 by and among CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP and Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent, UBS Securities LLC, as syndication agent, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as co-documentation agents, and the several lenders thereto relating to a \$1,050,000,000 3-year unsecured term loan facility.
10.6	Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of May 1, 2013 by and among CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP and Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent, UBS Securities LLC, as syndication agent, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as co-documentation agents, the several lenders from time to time party thereto and the letter of credit issuers from time to time party thereto relating to a \$1,400,000,000 5-year unsecured revolving credit facility.
10.7	Subordinated Guaranty of Collection dated as of May 1, 2013 by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. in favor of Citibank, N.A., as agent.

## **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 7, 2013

CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP.

By: /s/ Christopher J. Arntzen

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Vice President, Deputy General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

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#### FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED

#### AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

OF

#### CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP

THE HOLDERS OF THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS REPRESENTED BY THIS AGREEMENT ACKNOWLEDGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP THAT THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS MAY NOT BE SOLD, OFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IF SUCH TRANSFER WOULD (A) VIOLATE THE THEN APPLICABLE FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY WITH JURISDICTION OVER SUCH TRANSFER, (B) TERMINATE THE EXISTENCE OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE OR (C) CAUSE CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP TO BE TREATED AS AN ASSOCIATION TAXABLE AS A CORPORATION OR OTHERWISE TO BE TAXED AS AN ENTITY FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES (TO THE EXTENT NOT ALREADY SO TREATED OR TAXED). CNP OGE GP LLC, THE GENERAL PARTNER OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP, MAY IMPOSE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS IF IT RECEIVES AN OPINION OF COUNSEL THAT SUCH RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO (A) AVOID A SIGNIFICANT RISK OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP BECOMING TAXABLE AS A CORPORATION OR OTHERWISE BECOMING TAXABLE AS AN ENTITY FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES OR (B) IN THE CASE OF LIMITED PARTNER INTERESTS, TO PRESERVE THE UNIFORMITY THEREOF (OR ANY CLASS OR CLASSES OF LIMITED PARTNER INTERESTS). THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH ABOVE SHALL NOT PRECLUDE THE SETTLEMENT OF ANY TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS ENTERED INTO THROUGH THE FACILITIES OF ANY NATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE ON WHICH THE PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS ARE LISTED OR ADMITTED TO TRADING.

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# FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP

THIS FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP, dated as of May 1, 2013, is entered into by and among CNP OGE GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as the General Partner, CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., a Delaware corporation ("CERC"), OGE Enogex Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("OGEH"), and Enogex Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Bronco"), together with any other Persons who become Partners in the Partnership or parties hereto as provided herein. In consideration of the covenants, conditions and agreements contained herein, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Section 1.1 *Definitions*. The following definitions shall be for all purposes, unless otherwise clearly indicated to the contrary, applied to the terms used in this Agreement.

"Acquisition" means any transaction in which any Group Member acquires (through an asset acquisition, stock acquisition, merger or other form of investment) control over all or a portion of the assets, properties or business of another Person for the purpose of increasing, over the long-term, the operating capacity or operating income of the Partnership Group from the operating capacity or operating income of the Partnership Group existing immediately prior to such transaction. For purposes of this definition, "long-term" generally refers to a period of not less than twelve months.

"Additional Book Basis" means the portion of any remaining Carrying Value of an Adjusted Property that is attributable to positive adjustments made to such Carrying Value as a result of Book-Up Events. For purposes of determining the extent that Carrying Value constitutes Additional Book Basis:

- (a) Any negative adjustment made to the Carrying Value of an Adjusted Property as a result of either a Book-Down Event or a Book-Up Event shall first be deemed to offset or decrease that portion of the Carrying Value of such Adjusted Property that is attributable to any prior positive adjustments made thereto pursuant to a Book-Up Event or Book-Down Event; and
- (b) If Carrying Value that constitutes Additional Book Basis is reduced as a result of a Book-Down Event and the Carrying Value of other property is increased as a result of such Book-Down Event, an allocable portion of any such increase in Carrying Value shall be treated as Additional Book Basis; *provided*, that the amount treated as Additional Book Basis pursuant hereto as a result of such Book-Down Event shall not exceed the amount by which the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments after such Book-Down Event exceeds the remaining Additional Book Basis attributable to all of the Partnership's Adjusted Property after such Book-Down Event (determined without regard to the application of this clause (b) to such Book-Down Event).

"Additional Book Basis Derivative Items" means any Book Basis Derivative Items that are computed with reference to Additional Book Basis. To the extent that the Additional Book Basis attributable to all of the Partnership's Adjusted Property as of the beginning of any taxable period exceeds the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of the beginning of such period (the "Excess Additional Book Basis"), the Additional Book Basis Derivative Items for such period shall be reduced by the amount that bears the same ratio to the amount of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items determined without regard to this sentence as the Excess Additional Book Basis bears to the Additional Book Basis as of the beginning of such period. With respect to a Disposed of Adjusted Property, the Additional Book Basis Derivative Items shall be the amount of Additional Book Basis taken into account in computing gain or loss from the disposition of such Disposed of Adjusted Property.

"Adjusted Available Cash" means, with respect to any Quarter commencing prior to the IPO Closing Date and ending prior to the Liquidation Date:

- (a) EBITDA with respect to such Quarter, less
- (b) maintenance capital expenditures incurred with respect to such Quarter in the ordinary course of business of the Partnership Group as required to replace, repair or maintain existing assets of the Partnership Group, including those capital expenditures associated with system integrity, reliability, security, computer software and hardware, and governmental compliance, *less* 
  - (c) Consolidated Interest Expense with respect to such Quarter.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Adjusted Available Cash" with respect to the Quarter in which the Liquidation Date occurs and any subsequent Quarter shall equal zero.

"Adjusted Capital Account" means the Capital Account maintained for each Partner as of the end of each taxable period of the Partnership, (a) increased by any amounts that such Partner is obligated to restore under the standards set by Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(c) (or is deemed obligated to restore under Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5)) and (b) decreased by (i) the amount of all losses and deductions that, as of the end of such taxable period, are reasonably expected to be allocated to such Partner in subsequent taxable periods under Sections 704(e)(2) and 706(d) of the Code and Treasury Regulation Section 1.751-1(b)(2)(ii), and (ii) the amount of all distributions that, as of the end of such taxable period, are reasonably expected to be made to such Partner in subsequent taxable periods in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or otherwise to the extent they exceed offsetting increases to such Partner's Capital Account that are reasonably expected to occur during (or prior to) the taxable period in which such distributions are reasonably expected to be made (other than increases as a result of a minimum gain chargeback pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(i) or 6.1(d)(ii)). The foregoing definition of Adjusted Capital Account is intended to comply with the provisions of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith. The "Adjusted Capital Account" of a Partner in respect of any Partnership Interest shall be the amount that such Adjusted Capital Account would be if such Partnership Interest were the only interest in the Partnership held by such Partner from and after the date on which such Partnership Interest was first issued.

"Adjusted Operating Surplus" means, with respect to any period, (a) Operating Surplus generated with respect to such period less (b)(i) the amount of any net increase in Working Capital Borrowings (or the Partnership's proportionate share of any net increase in Working Capital Borrowings in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) with respect to such period and (ii) the amount of any net decrease in cash reserves (or the Partnership's proportionate share of any net decrease in cash reserves in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) for Operating Expenditures with respect to such period not relating to an Operating Expenditure made with respect to such period, and plus (c) (i) the amount of any net decrease in Working Capital Borrowings in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) with respect to such period, (ii) the amount of any net decrease made in subsequent periods in cash reserves for Operating Expenditures initially established with respect to such period to the extent such decrease results in a reduction in Adjusted Operating Surplus in subsequent periods pursuant to clause (b)(ii) above and (iii) the amount of any net increase in cash reserves (or the Partnership's proportionate share of any net increase in cash reserves in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) for Operating Expenditures with respect to such period required by any debt instrument for the repayment of principal, interest or premium. Adjusted Operating Surplus does not include that portion of Operating Surplus included in clause (a)(i) of the definition of Operating Surplus.

"Adjusted Property" means any property the Carrying Value of which has been adjusted pursuant to Section 5.5(d).

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the Person in question. As used herein, the term "control" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through ownership of Voting Securities, by contract or otherwise. Without limiting the foregoing, for purposes of this Agreement, any Person that, individually or together with its Affiliates, has the direct or indirect right to designate or cause the designation of at least one member to the Board of Directors of the General Partner, and any such Person's Affiliates, shall be deemed to be Affiliates of the General Partner. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary, CERC and its Affiliates (other than the General Partner or any Group Member), on the other hand, will not be deemed to be Affiliates of one another hereunder unless there is a basis for such Affiliation independent of their respective Affiliation with any Group Member, the General Partner or any Affiliate (disregarding the immediately preceding sentence) of any Group Member or the General Partner.

"Aggregate Quantity of IDR Reset Common Units" is defined in Section 5.12(a).

"Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments" means, as of the end of any taxable period, the sum of the Remaining Net Positive Adjustments of all the Partners.

"Agreed Allocation" means any allocation, other than a Required Allocation, of an item of income, gain, loss or deduction pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.1, including a Curative Allocation (if appropriate to the context in which the term "Agreed Allocation" is used).

"Agreed Value" of any Contributed Property means the fair market value of such property or other consideration at the time of contribution and in the case of an Adjusted Property, the fair market value of such Adjusted Property on the date of the revaluation event as described in Section 5.5(d), in both cases as determined by the General Partner. The General Partner shall use such method as it determines to be appropriate to allocate the aggregate Agreed Value of Contributed Properties contributed to the Partnership in a single or integrated transaction among each separate property on a basis proportional to the fair market value of each Contributed Property.

"Agreement" means this First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"Applicable Coverage Ratio" means, with respect to any Quarter commencing (a) prior to the date that is 18 months after the Closing Date, 1.20, and (b) on or after the date that is 18 months after the Closing Date, the lesser of 1.20 and the Applicable Coverage Ratio as determined by the General Partner.

"ArcLight Group" means ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, one or more investment funds administered and managed, directly or indirectly, by ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC and any Affiliate of ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC or any such investment fund.

"Associate" means, when used to indicate a relationship with any Person, (a) any corporation or organization of which such Person is a director, officer, manager, general partner or managing member or is, directly or indirectly, the owner of 20% or more of any class of voting stock or other voting interest, (b) any trust or other estate in which such Person has at least a 20% beneficial interest or as to which such Person serves as trustee or in a similar fiduciary capacity, and (c) any relative or spouse of such Person, or any relative of such spouse, who has the same principal residence as such Person.

"Available Cash" means, with respect to any Quarter ending prior to the Liquidation Date:

(a) the sum of:

- (i) all cash and cash equivalents of the Partnership Group (or the Partnership's proportionate share of cash and cash equivalents in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) on hand at the end of such Quarter; and
- (ii) if the General Partner so determines, all or any portion of additional cash and cash equivalents of the Partnership Group (or the Partnership's proportionate share of cash and cash equivalents in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) on hand on the date of determination of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter resulting from Working Capital Borrowings made subsequent to the end of such Quarter, less;

- (b) the amount of any cash reserves established by the General Partner (or the Partnership's proportionate share of cash reserves in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) to:
- (i) provide for the proper conduct of the business of the Partnership Group (including cash reserves for future capital expenditures and for anticipated future debt service requirements of the Partnership Group and for refunds of collected rates reasonably likely to be refunded as a result of a settlement or hearing relating to FERC rate proceedings) subsequent to such Quarter;
- (ii) comply with applicable law or any loan agreement, security agreement, mortgage, debt instrument or other agreement or obligation to which any Group Member is a party or by which it is bound or its assets are subject; or
  - (iii) provide funds for distributions under Section 6.4, Section 6.5 or Section 6.6 in respect of any one or more of the next four Quarters;

provided, however, that, following the IPO Closing Date, the General Partner may not establish cash reserves pursuant to subclause (iii) above if the effect of such reserves would be that the Partnership is unable to distribute the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all Common Units, plus any Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage on all Common Units, with respect to such Quarter; and, provided further, that disbursements made by a Group Member or cash reserves established, increased or reduced after the end of such Quarter but on or before the date of determination of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter shall be deemed to have been made, established, increased or reduced, for purposes of determining Available Cash, within such Quarter if the General Partner so determines.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Available Cash" with respect to the Quarter in which the Liquidation Date occurs and any subsequent Quarter shall equal zero.

"Board of Directors" means, with respect to the General Partner, its board of directors or board of managers, as applicable, if the General Partner is a corporation or limited liability company, or the board of directors or board of managers of the general partner of the General Partner, if the General Partner is a limited partnership, as applicable.

"Book Basis Derivative Items" means any item of income, deduction, gain or loss that is computed with reference to the Carrying Value of an Adjusted Property (e.g., depreciation, depletion, or gain or loss with respect to an Adjusted Property).

"Book-Down Event" means an event that triggers a negative adjustment to the Capital Accounts of the Partners pursuant to Section 5.5(d).

"Book-Tax Disparity" means with respect to any item of Contributed Property or Adjusted Property, as of the date of any determination, the difference between the Carrying Value of such Contributed Property or Adjusted Property and the adjusted basis thereof for

federal income tax purposes as of such date. A Partner's share of the Partnership's Book-Tax Disparities in all of its Contributed Property and Adjusted Property will be reflected by the difference between such Partner's Capital Account balance as maintained pursuant to Section 5.5 and the hypothetical balance of such Partner's Capital Account computed as if it had been maintained strictly in accordance with federal income tax accounting principles.

- "Book-Up Event" means an event that triggers a positive adjustment to the Capital Accounts of the Partners pursuant to Section 5.5(d).
- "Bronco" is defined in the Preamble.
- "Bronco Arrearage Amount" is defined in Section 6.4(b).
- "Bronco Fall-Away Date" means the earlier of (a) the date that the number of Common Units held by Bronco and its Affiliates (or a Bronco Successor other than a Midstream Successor), as adjusted to reflect any splits or combinations pursuant to Section 5.10, constitutes less than the Initial Bronco Amount, and (b) the IPO Closing Date.
  - "Bronco LP Contribution" is defined in Section 5.2(a)(ii).
  - "Bronco Pre-IPO MQD" is defined in Section 6.4(b)(i).
  - "Bronco Successor" is defined in Section 4.5(e).
- "Bronco Unit" means a Common Unit issued prior to the IPO Closing Date to Bronco or to any successor or permitted transferee of any Bronco Units (other than a Sponsor Party or its Affiliate), which Common Units shall continue to constitute Bronco Units notwithstanding any subsequent transfer thereof but shall cease to constitute Bronco Units when transferred to a Sponsor Party or Affiliate of a Sponsor Party.
- "Business Day" means Monday through Friday of each week, except that a legal holiday recognized as such by the government of the United States of America or the State of New York shall not be regarded as a Business Day.
  - "Call Right" has the meaning set forth in Annex B to the Master Formation Agreement.
- "Capital Account" means the capital account maintained for a Partner pursuant to Section 5.5. The "Capital Account" of a Partner in respect of any Partnership Interest shall be the amount that such Capital Account would be if such Partnership Interest were the only interest in the Partnership held by such Partner from and after the date on which such Partnership Interest was first issued.
- "Capital Contribution" means (a) any cash, cash equivalents or the Net Agreed Value of Contributed Property that a Partner contributes to the Partnership or that is contributed or deemed contributed to the Partnership on behalf of a Partner (including, in the case of an underwritten offering of Units, the amount of any underwriting discounts or commissions) or (b) current distributions that a Partner is entitled to receive but otherwise waives.

"Capital Improvement" means (a) the construction or development of new capital assets by a Group Member, (b) the replacement, improvement or expansion of existing capital assets by a Group Member or (c) a Capital Contribution by a Group Member to a Person that is not a Subsidiary in which a Group Member has, or after such Capital Contribution will have, directly or indirectly, an equity interest, to fund such Group Member's pro rata share of the construction or development of new, or the replacement, improvement or expansion of existing, capital assets by such Person, in each case if and to the extent such construction, development, replacement, improvement or expansion is made to increase over the long-term, the operating capacity or operating income of the Partnership Group, in the case of clauses (a) and (b), or such Person, in the case of clause (c), from the operating capacity or operating income of the Partnership Group or such Person, as the case may be, existing immediately prior to such construction, development, replacement, improvement, expansion or Capital Contribution. For purposes of this definition, "long-term" generally refers to a period of not less than twelve months.

"Capital Surplus" means Available Cash distributed by the Partnership in excess of Operating Surplus, as described in Section 6.3(a).

"Carrying Value" means (a) with respect to a Contributed Property or Adjusted Property, the Agreed Value of such property reduced (but not below zero) by all depreciation, amortization and cost recovery deductions charged to the Partners' Capital Accounts in respect of such property and (b) with respect to any other Partnership property, the adjusted basis of such property for federal income tax purposes, all as of the time of determination; provided that the Carrying Value of any property shall be adjusted from time to time in accordance with Section 5.5(d) and to reflect changes, additions or other adjustments to the Carrying Value for dispositions and acquisitions of Partnership properties, as deemed appropriate by the General Partner.

"Cause" means a court of competent jurisdiction has entered a final, non-appealable judgment finding the General Partner liable to the Partnership or any Limited Partner for actual fraud or willful misconduct in its capacity as a general partner of the Partnership.

"CERC" is defined in the Preamble.

"CERC Arrearage Amount" is defined in Section 6.4(b).

"CERC Distributable Amount" is defined in Section 6.4(b)(iii).

"CERC Unit" means (a) a Common Unit issued prior to the IPO Closing Date to CERC or to any successor or permitted transferee of any CERC Units and (b) a Bronco Unit that has been transferred to CERC or its Affiliate, in each case, which Common Units shall continue to constitute CERC Units notwithstanding any subsequent transfer thereof.

"Certificate" means a certificate in such form (including global form if permitted by applicable rules and regulations) as may be adopted by the General Partner, issued by the Partnership evidencing ownership of one or more classes of Partnership Interests. The initial form of certificate approved by the General Partner for Common Units is attached as Exhibit A to this Agreement.

"*Certificate of Limited Partnership*" means the Certificate of Limited Partnership of the Partnership filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as referenced in Section 7.2, as such Certificate of Limited Partnership may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"Change in Control" of any Person means (i) a person or group (as such terms are used in Section 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of more than 50% of all of the then outstanding Voting Securities of such Person, except in a merger or consolidation that would not constitute a Change in Control under clause (ii) below, or (ii) the Person consolidates or merges with another Person, other than any such consolidation or merger where (1) the outstanding Voting Securities of the subject Person are changed into or exchanged for Voting Securities of the surviving Person or its parent and (2) the holders of the Voting Securities of the surviving Person or its parent immediately prior to such transaction in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of outstanding Voting Securities in the subject Person immediately prior to such consolidation or merger.

"Citizenship Eligibility Trigger" is defined in Section 4.9(a)(ii).

"Closing Date" means the date on which the transactions contemplated by the Master Formation Agreement are consummated.

"Closing Price" for any day, means in respect of any class of Limited Partner Interests the last sale price on such day, regular way, or in case no such sale takes place on such day, the average of the last closing bid and ask prices on such day, regular way, in either case as reported on the principal National Securities Exchange on which such Limited Partner Interests are listed or admitted to trading or, if such Limited Partner Interests are not listed or admitted to trading on any National Securities Exchange, the average of the high bid and low ask prices on such day in the over-the-counter market, as reported by such other system then in use, or, if on any such day such Limited Partner Interests are not quoted by any such organization, the average of the closing bid and ask prices on such day as furnished by a professional market maker making a market in such Limited Partner Interests selected by the General Partner, or if on any such day no market maker is making a market in such Limited Partner Interests, the fair value of such Limited Partner Interests on such day as determined by the General Partner.

"CNP" means CenterPoint Energy, Inc., a Texas corporation.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and in effect from time to time. Any reference herein to a specific section or sections of the Code shall be deemed to include a reference to any corresponding provision of any successor law.

"Combined Interest" is defined in Section 11.3(a).

"Commences Commercial Service" means the date upon which a Capital Improvement is first put into commercial service by a Group Member following completion of construction, replacement, improvement or expansion and testing, as applicable.

"Commission" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Common Unit" means a Limited Partner Interest having the rights and obligations specified with respect to Common Units in this Agreement. The term "Common Unit" does not include a Subordinated Unit prior to its conversion into a Common Unit pursuant to the terms hereof.

"Common Unit Arrearage" means, with respect to any Common Unit, whenever issued, as to any Quarter within the Subordination Period, the excess, if any, of (a) the Minimum Quarterly Distribution with respect to a Common Unit in respect of such Quarter over (b) the sum of all Available Cash distributed with respect to a Common Unit in respect of such Quarter pursuant to Section 6.5(a)(i).

"Conflicts Committee" means a committee of the Board of Directors of the General Partner composed of two or more directors, each of whom (a) is not an officer or employee of the General Partner, (b) is not an officer, director or employee of any Affiliate of the General Partner (other than Group Members), (c) is not a holder of any ownership interest in the General Partner or its Affiliates or the Partnership Group other than (i) Common Units and (ii) awards that are granted to such director in his capacity as a director under any long-term incentive plan, equity compensation plan or similar plan implemented by the General Partner or the Partnership and (d) is determined by the Board of Directors of the General Partner to be independent under the independence standards for directors who serve on an audit committee of a board of directors established by the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and by the National Securities Exchange on which the Common Units are listed or admitted to trading (or if no such National Securities Exchange, the New York Stock Exchange).

"Consolidated Interest Expense" means, for any period with respect to the Partnership and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, all interest (including the interest component, if any, of any capitalized lease) paid or accrued during such period in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

"Consolidated Net Income" means, for any period, for the Partnership and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, the net income of the Partnership and its Subsidiaries (excluding extraordinary gains and extraordinary losses) for that period, as determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

"Construction Debt" means debt incurred to fund (a) all or a portion of a Capital Improvement, (b) interest payments (including periodic net payments under related interest rate swap agreements) and related fees on other Construction Debt or (c) distributions (including incremental Incentive Distributions) on Construction Equity.

"Construction Equity" means equity issued to fund (a) all or a portion of a Capital Improvement, (b) interest payments (including periodic net payments under related interest rate swap agreements) and related fees on Construction Debt or (c) distributions (including incremental Incentive Distributions) on other Construction Equity. Construction Equity does not include equity issued in the Initial Public Offering.

"Construction Period" means the period beginning on the date that a Group Member enters into a binding obligation to commence a Capital Improvement and ending on the earlier to occur of the date that such Capital Improvement Commences Commercial Service and the date that the Group Member abandons or disposes of such Capital Improvement.

"Contributed Property" means each property or other asset, in such form as may be permitted by the Delaware Act, but excluding cash, contributed to the Partnership. Once the Carrying Value of a Contributed Property is adjusted pursuant to Section 5.5(d), such property or other asset shall no longer constitute a Contributed Property, but shall be deemed an Adjusted Property.

"Credit Facilities" means the Revolving Credit Facility, the Term Loan Facility and the Interim Intercompany Revolver Facilities.

"Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage" means, with respect to any Common Unit, whenever issued, and as of the end of any Quarter, the excess, if any, of (a) the sum of the Common Unit Arrearages with respect to an IPO Common Unit for each of the Quarters within the Subordination Period ending on or before the last day of such Quarter over (b) the sum of any distributions theretofore made pursuant to Section 6.5(a)(ii) and the second sentence of Section 6.6 with respect to an IPO Common Unit (including any distributions to be made in respect of the last of such Quarters).

"Curative Allocation" means any allocation of an item of income, gain, deduction, loss or credit pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.1(d)(xi).

"Current Market Price" as of any date of any class of Limited Partner Interests, means the average of the daily Closing Prices per Limited Partner Interest of such class for the 20 consecutive Trading Days immediately prior to such date.

"Debt to EBITDA Ratio" means the quotient of the aggregate Pro Forma Indebtedness of the Partnership and its consolidated Subsidiaries divided by EBITDA for the trailing four Quarter period.

"Delaware Act" means the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, 6 Del C. Section 17-101, et seq., as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and any successor to such statute.

"Delaware LLC Act" means the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, 6 Del. C. Section 18-101, et seq., as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and any successor to such statute.

"Departing General Partner" means a former general partner from and after the effective date of any withdrawal or removal of such former general partner pursuant to Section 11.1 or Section 11.2.

"Derivative Partnership Interests" means any options, rights, warrants, appreciation rights, tracking, profit and phantom interests and other derivative securities relating to, convertible into or exchangeable for Partnership Interests.

"Disposed of Adjusted Property" is defined in Section 6.1(d)(xii)(B).

"Distributable Cash" means, with respect to any Quarter commencing prior to the IPO Closing Date, the quotient of Adjusted Available Cash divided by the Applicable Coverage Ratio.

"EBITDA" means, for any period, without duplication, with respect to the Partnership and its consolidated Subsidiaries (a) Consolidated Net Income for such period plus (b) without duplication, the sum of the following to the extent deducted in calculating Consolidated Net Income for such period: (i) Consolidated Interest Expense for such period, (ii) tax expense (including any federal, state, local and foreign income and similar taxes) of the Partnership and its Subsidiaries for such period, (iii) depreciation and amortization expense of the Partnership and its Subsidiaries for such period, (iv) amortization or write-off of debt discount and debt issuance costs and commissions, discounts and other fees and charges associated with Indebtedness of the Partnership and its Subsidiaries for such period, (v) amortization of intangibles and organization costs of the Partnership and its Subsidiaries, including, in any event, non-cash asset write-downs and unrealized losses in connection with Swap Agreements, for such period, and (vii) any non-recurring cash losses during such period minus (c) the sum of the following (i) any non-recurring cash or non-recurring non-cash gains during such period and (ii) any unrealized gains in connection with Swap Agreements for such period.

"Economic Risk of Loss" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.752-2(a).

"EH Economic Units" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.

"EH II" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.

"EH Management Units" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.

"Eligibility Certificate" is defined in Section 4.9(b).

"Eligible Holder" means a Limited Partner whose (a) federal income tax status is not reasonably likely to have the material adverse effect described in Section 4.9(a)(i) or (b) nationality, citizenship or other related status would not create a substantial risk of cancellation or forfeiture as described in Section 4.9(a) (ii), in each case as determined by the General Partner with the advice of counsel.

"Encumbrances" means pledges, restrictions on transfer, proxies and voting or other agreements, liens, claims, charges, mortgages, security interests or other legal or equitable encumbrances, limitations or restrictions of any nature whatsoever.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

"Estimated Incremental Quarterly Tax Amount" is defined in Section 6.10.

"Event of Withdrawal" is defined in Section 11.1(a).

- "Excess Additional Book Basis" is defined in the definition of "Additional Book Basis Derivative Items."
- "Excess Distribution" is defined in Section 6.1(d)(iii)(A).
- "Excess Distribution Unit" is defined in Section 6.1(d)(iii)(A).
- "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and any successor to such statute.
- "Expansion Capital Expenditures" means cash expenditures for Acquisitions or Capital Improvements. Expansion Capital Expenditures shall include interest (including periodic net payments under related interest rate swap agreements) and related fees paid during the Construction Period on Construction Debt. Where cash expenditures are made in part for Expansion Capital Expenditures and in part for other purposes, the General Partner shall determine the allocation between the amounts paid for each.
  - "FERC" means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or any successor to the powers thereof.
  - "Final Subordinated Units" is defined in Section 6.1(d)(x)(A).
  - "First Liquidation Target Amount" is defined in Section 6.1(c)(i)(D).
  - "First Target Distribution" means 115% of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution.

"Fully Diluted Weighted Average Basis" means, when calculating the number of Outstanding Units for any period, a basis that includes (a) the weighted average number of Outstanding Units during such period plus (b) all Partnership Interests and Derivative Partnership Interests (i) that are convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Units or for which Units are issuable, in each case that are senior to or pari passu with the Subordinated Units, (ii) whose conversion, exercise or exchange price, if any, is less than the Current Market Price on the date of such calculation, (iii) that may be converted into or exercised or exchanged for such Units prior to or during the Quarter immediately following the end of the period for which the calculation is being made without the satisfaction of any contingency beyond the control of the holder other than the payment of consideration and the compliance with administrative mechanics applicable to such conversion, exercise or exchange and (iv) that were not converted into or exercised or exchanged for such Units during the period for which the calculation is being made; provided, however, that for purposes of determining the number of Outstanding Units on a Fully Diluted Weighted Average Basis when calculating whether the Subordination Period has ended or Subordinated Units are entitled to convert into Common Units pursuant to Section 5.8, such Partnership Interests and Derivative Partnership Interests shall be deemed to have been Outstanding Units only for the four Quarters that comprise the last four Quarters of the measurement period; provided, further, that if consideration will be paid to any Group Member in connection with such conversion, exercise or exchange, the number of Units to be included in such calculation shall be that number equal to the difference between (x) the number of Units issuable upon such conversion, exercise or exchange and (y) the number of Units that such consideration would purchase at the Current Market Price.

"*General Partner*" means CNP OGE GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and its successors and permitted assigns that are admitted to the Partnership as general partner of the Partnership, in their capacity as general partner of the Partnership (except as the context otherwise requires).

"General Partner Interest" means the non-economic management interest of the General Partner in the Partnership (in its capacity as a general partner without reference to any Limited Partner Interest held by it) and includes any and all rights, powers and benefits to which the General Partner is entitled as provided in this Agreement, together with all obligations of the General Partner to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement. Except as expressly set forth in Section 6.1, the General Partner Interest does not include any rights to profits or losses or any rights to receive distributions from operations or upon the liquidation or winding up of the Partnership.

"General Partner LLC Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of CNP OGE GP LLC as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"General Partner Membership Interest" has the meaning assigned to the term "Membership Interest" in the General Partner LLC Agreement.

"Gross Liability Value" means, with respect to any Liability of the Partnership described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.752-7(b)(3)(i), the amount of cash that a willing assignor would pay to a willing assignee to assume such Liability in an arm's-length transaction.

"Group" means two or more Persons that with or through any of their respective Affiliates or Associates have any contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship for the purpose of acquiring, holding, voting (except voting pursuant to a revocable proxy or consent given to such Person in response to a proxy or consent solicitation made to 10 or more Persons), exercising investment power over or disposing of any Partnership Interests with any other Person that beneficially owns, or whose Affiliates or Associates beneficially own, directly or indirectly, Partnership Interests.

"Group Member" means a member of the Partnership Group.

"Group Member Agreement" means the partnership agreement of any Group Member, other than the Partnership, that is a limited or general partnership, the limited liability company agreement of any Group Member that is a limited liability company, the certificate of incorporation and bylaws or similar organizational documents of any Group Member that is a corporation, the joint venture agreement or similar governing document of any Group Member that is a joint venture and the governing or organizational or similar documents of any other Group Member that is a Person other than a limited or general partnership, limited liability company, corporation or joint venture, as such may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"Hedge Contract" means any exchange, swap, forward, cap, floor, collar, option or other similar agreement or arrangement entered into for the purpose of reducing the exposure of a Group Member to fluctuations in interest rates, the price of hydrocarbons, basis differentials or currency exchange rates in their operations or financing activities and not for speculative purposes.

"IDR Reset Common Units" is defined in Section 5.12(a).

"IDR Reset Election" is defined in Section 5.12(a).

"Incentive Distribution Right" means a Limited Partner Interest having the rights and obligations specified with respect to Incentive Distribution Rights in this Agreement.

"Incentive Distributions" means any amount of cash distributed to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights pursuant to Sections 6.5(a)(v), (vi) and (vii) and Sections 6.5(b)(iii), (iv) and (v).

"Incremental Income Taxes" is defined in Section 6.10.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other debt securities or warrants or other rights to acquire any debt securities of such Person, (c) all capitalized lease or leveraged lease obligations of such Person or obligations of such Person to pay the deferred and unpaid purchase price of property and equipment or (d) all "keep well" and other obligations or undertakings of such Person to maintain or cause to be maintained the financial position or covenants of others or to purchase the obligations or property of others.

"Indemnitee" means (a) the General Partner, (b) any Departing General Partner, (c) any Person who is or was an Affiliate of the General Partner or any Departing General Partner, (d) any Person who is or was a manager, managing member, general partner, director, officer, fiduciary or trustee of (i) any Group Member, the General Partner or any Departing General Partner or (ii) any Affiliate of any Group Member, the General Partner or any Departing General Partner, (e) any Person who is or was serving at the request of the General Partner or any Departing General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner or any Departing General Partner as a manager, managing member, general partner, director, officer, fiduciary or trustee of another Person owing a fiduciary duty to any Group Member; provided that a Person shall not be an Indemnitee by reason of providing, on a fee-for-services basis, trustee, fiduciary or custodial services, (f) prior to the Bronco Fall-Away Date, Bronco and any Affiliate of Bronco, and its and their respective members, partners, directors and officers, and (g) any Person the General Partner designates as an "Indemnitee" for purposes of this Agreement because such Person's status, service or relationship exposes such Person to potential claims, demands, suits or proceedings relating to the Partnership Group's business and affairs.

"Indemnitor" is defined in Section 3.4(e).

"Ineligible Holder" is defined in Section 4.9(c).

"Initial Bronco Amount" means 50.1% of the number of Common Units that Bronco holds on the Closing Date, as adjusted to reflect any splits or combinations pursuant to Section 5.10.

"Initial Budget" means that certain initial budget for the Partnership and its Subsidiaries previously agreed pursuant to that certain Letter Agreement regarding Initial Budget, dated as of March 14, 2013, that covers the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and sets forth reasonable line item detail regarding anticipated expenditures, including: (i) estimated operating expenditures; (ii) estimated capital expenditures; (iii) the proposed financing plans for such expenditures; and (iv) such other items as are set forth therein, and such Initial Budget is deemed to be constructively attached to this Agreement and incorporated herein by reference.

"*Initial Limited Partners*" means CERC, OGEH and Bronco (with respect to the Common Units received by them pursuant to Section 5.2), and the General Partner (with respect to the Incentive Distribution Rights), in each case upon being admitted to the Partnership in accordance with Section 10.1.

"Initial Public Offering" means the registration by the Partnership of any Partnership Interests, including Common Units, pursuant to a Registration Statement that is filed and declared effective under the Securities Act.

"Initial Unit Price" means (a) with respect to the Common Units if the Initial Public Offering has not yet occurred, \$20, (b) with respect to the Common Units and Subordinated Units if the Initial Public Offering has occurred, the initial public offering price per Common Unit at which the underwriters in the Initial Public Offering agree to offer the Common Units to the public for sale as set forth on the cover page of the final prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the Securities Act with respect to the Initial Public Offering, or (c) with respect to any other class or series of Units, the price per Unit at which such class or series of Units is initially sold by the Partnership, as determined by the General Partner, in each case adjusted as the General Partner determines to be appropriate to give effect to any distribution, subdivision or combination of Units.

"Interim Capital Transactions" means the following transactions if they occur prior to the Liquidation Date: (a) borrowings, refinancings or refundings of indebtedness (other than Working Capital Borrowings and other than for items purchased on open account or for a deferred purchase price in the ordinary course of business) by any Group Member and sales of debt securities of any Group Member; (b) issuances of equity interests of any Group Member (including the Common Units sold to the IPO Underwriters in the Initial Public Offering) to anyone other than the Partnership Group; and (c) sales or other voluntary or involuntary dispositions of any assets of any Group Member other than (i) sales or other dispositions of inventory, accounts receivable and other assets in the ordinary course of business and (ii) sales or other dispositions of assets as part of normal retirements or replacements.

"Interim Intercompany Revolver Facilities" means any unsecured Indebtedness provided by a Sponsor Party or any of its Affiliates to the Partnership prior to the consummation of the Revolving Credit Facility; provided that if the Interim Intercompany Revolver Facilities have not been replaced by the 270th day after the Closing Date, CERC and OGEH shall consult with Bronco and each party shall use reasonable best efforts to replace the Interim Intercompany Revolver Facilities with either a third-party credit facility or alternative lending arrangements from one or more of CERC, OGE or Bronco or their Affiliates.

"Investment Capital Expenditures" means capital expenditures that are neither Expansion Capital Expenditures nor Maintenance Capital Expenditures.

"Investment Grade Status" means (a) prior to the date that the Revolving Credit Facility is executed, "Investment Grade Status" as defined in Exhibit A to the Commitment Letter for the \$1,400,000,000 5-Year Revolving Credit Facility set forth in Annex A of the Master Formation Agreement, and (b) on and after the date that the Revolving Credit Facility is executed, "Investment Grade Status" as defined in the Revolving Credit Facility.

"IPO Closing Date" means the closing date of the first sale of Common Units in the Initial Public Offering.

"IPO Common Unit" means the Outstanding Common Units immediately after the Initial Public Offering.

"IPO Underwriters" means each Person named as an underwriter in the Underwriting Agreement who purchases Common Units pursuant thereto.

"Leverage Ratio" means (a) prior to the date that the Revolving Credit Facility is executed, the Debt to EBITDA Ratio, and (b) on and after the date that the Revolving Credit Facility is executed, the "Leverage Ratio" as defined in the Revolving Credit Facility.

"Liability" means any liability or obligation of any nature, whether accrued, contingent or otherwise.

"Limited Partner" means, unless the context otherwise requires, the Organizational Limited Partner prior to its withdrawal from the Partnership, each Initial Limited Partner, each additional Person that becomes a Limited Partner pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and any Departing General Partner upon the change of its status from General Partner to Limited Partner pursuant to Section 11.3, in each case, in such Person's capacity as a limited partner of the Partnership.

"Limited Partner Interest" means an interest of a Limited Partner in the Partnership, which may be evidenced by Common Units, Subordinated Units, Incentive Distribution Rights or other Partnership Interests (other than a General Partner Interest) or a combination thereof (but excluding Derivative Partnership Interests), and includes any and all benefits to which such Limited Partner is entitled as provided in this Agreement, together with all obligations of such Limited Partner pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

"Liquidation Date" means (a) in the case of an event giving rise to the dissolution of the Partnership of the type described in clauses (a) and (b) of the first sentence of Section 12.2, the date on which the applicable time period during which the holders of Outstanding Units have the right to elect to continue the business of the Partnership has expired without such an election being made and (b) in the case of any other event giving rise to the dissolution of the Partnership, the date on which such event occurs.

"*Liquidator*" means one or more Persons selected by the General Partner to perform the functions described in Section 12.4 as liquidating trustee of the Partnership within the meaning of the Delaware Act.

"Losses" has the meaning set forth in the Omnibus Agreement.

"Maintenance Capital Expenditure" means cash expenditures (including expenditures for the construction or development of new capital assets or the replacement, improvement or expansion of existing capital assets) by a Group Member made to maintain, over the long-term, the operating capacity or operating income of the Partnership Group. For purposes of this definition, "long-term" generally refers to a period of not less than twelve months.

"Master Formation Agreement" means that certain Master Formation Agreement, dated as of March 14, 2013, by and among CNP, OGE, Bronco Midstream Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Bronco Midstream Holdings II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and to which the Partnership and the General Partner are bound, together with the additional conveyance documents and instruments contemplated or referenced thereunder, as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"Merger Agreement" is defined in Section 14.1.

"Midstream Operations" has the meaning defined in the Omnibus Agreement.

"Midstream Successor" means any Person that is engaged in the business or industry of the Partnership Group (which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not include private equity firms or other financial sponsors that have or may acquire investments in entities that conduct business in the same business or industry as the Partnership Group).

"Minimum Bronco Pre-IPO MQD Amount" means, with respect to any Quarter, the amount of Distributable Cash, on a per Unit basis, with respect to the corresponding Quarter in the 2014 calendar year (or, if with respect to the fourth Quarter of the 2014 calendar year, with respect to the fourth Quarter of the 2013 calendar year), subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 5.10(a) and Section 6.10.

"Minimum Quarterly Distribution" means, after the IPO Closing Date, an amount per Unit per Quarter (or with respect to periods of less than a full Quarter, it means the product of such amount multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of days in such period and the denominator is the total number of days in such Quarter) set forth in the final prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) of the rules and regulations of the Commission under the Securities Act with respect to the Initial Public Offering as the Minimum Quarterly Distribution, as determined by the Board of Directors in connection with the Initial Public Offering, subject to adjustment in accordance with Sections 5.12, 6.7 and 6.10.

"National Securities Exchange" means an exchange registered with the Commission under Section 6(a) of the Exchange Act (or any successor to such Section).

"Net Agreed Value" means, (a) in the case of any Contributed Property, the Agreed Value of such property or other consideration reduced by any Liabilities either assumed by the Partnership upon such contribution or to which such property or other consideration is subject when contributed and (b) in the case of any property distributed to a Partner by the Partnership, the Partnership's Carrying Value of such property (as adjusted pursuant to Section 5.5(d)(ii)) at the time such property is distributed, reduced by any Liabilities either assumed by such Partner upon such distribution or to which such property is subject at the time of distribution, in either case as determined and required by the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704(b) of the Code.

"Net Income" means, for any taxable period, the excess, if any, of the Partnership's items of income and gain (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable period over the Partnership's items of loss and deduction (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable period. The items included in the calculation of Net Income shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items specially allocated under Section 6.1(d); provided, that the determination of the items that have been specially allocated under Section 6.1(d) shall be made without regard to any reversal of such items under Section 6.1(d) (xii).

"Net Loss" means, for any taxable period, the excess, if any, of the Partnership's items of loss and deduction (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable period over the Partnership's items of income and gain (other than those items taken into account in the computation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable period. The items included in the calculation of Net Loss shall be determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and shall not include any items specially allocated under Section 6.1(d); provided, that the determination of the items that have been specially allocated under Section 6.1(d) shall be made without regard to any reversal of such items under Section 6.1(d) (xii).

"Net Positive Adjustments" means, with respect to any Partner, the excess, if any, of the total positive adjustments over the total negative adjustments made to the Capital Account of such Partner pursuant to Book-Up Events and Book-Down Events.

"Net Termination Gain" means, for any taxable period, the sum, if positive, of all items of income, gain, loss or deduction (determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b)) that are (a) recognized by the Partnership (i) after the Liquidation Date or (ii) upon the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership Group, taken as a whole, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions (excluding any disposition to a member of the Partnership Group), or (b) deemed recognized by the Partnership pursuant to Section 5.5(d); provided, however, the items included in the determination of Net Termination Gain shall not include any items of income, gain or loss specially allocated under Section 6.1(d).

"Net Termination Loss" means, for any taxable period, the sum, if negative, of all items of income, gain, loss or deduction (determined in accordance with Section 5.5(b)) that are (a) recognized by the Partnership (i) after the Liquidation Date or (ii) upon the sale, exchange or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership Group, taken as a whole, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions (excluding any disposition to a member of the Partnership Group), or (b) deemed recognized by the Partnership pursuant to Section 5.5(d); provided, however, items included in the determination of Net Termination Loss shall not include any items of income, gain or loss specially allocated under Section 6.1(d).

- "Nonrecourse Built-in Gain" means with respect to any Contributed Properties or Adjusted Properties that are subject to a mortgage or pledge securing a Nonrecourse Liability, the amount of any taxable gain that would be allocated to the Partners pursuant to Section 6.2(b) if such properties were disposed of in a taxable transaction in full satisfaction of such liabilities and for no other consideration.
- "Nonrecourse Deductions" means any and all items of loss, deduction or expenditure (including any expenditure described in Section 705(a)(2)(B) of the Code) that, in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(b), are attributable to a Nonrecourse Liability.
  - "Nonrecourse Liability" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.752-1(a)(2).
  - "Notice of Election to Purchase" is defined in Section 15.1(b).
  - "Observer" is defined in Section 3.4(b).
  - "OGE" means OGE Energy Corp., an Oklahoma corporation.
  - "OGEH" is defined in the Preamble.
  - "OGEH Arrearage Amount" is defined in Section 6.4(b).
  - "OGEH Distributable Amount" is defined in Section 6.4(b)(iv).
  - "OGEH LP Contribution" is defined in Section 5.2(a)(i).
- "OGEH Unit" means (a) a Common Unit issued prior to the IPO Closing Date to OGEH or to any successor or permitted transferee of any OGEH Units and (b) a Bronco Unit that has been transferred to OGEH or its Affiliate, in each case, which Common Units shall continue to constitute OGEH Units notwithstanding any subsequent transfer thereof.
  - "Omnibus Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
- "Operating Expenditures" means, with respect to any period after the IPO Closing Date, all Partnership Group cash expenditures (or the Partnership's proportionate share of expenditures in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned), including taxes, compensation of employees, officers and directors of the General Partner, reimbursement of expenses of the General Partner and its Affiliates, debt service payments, Maintenance Capital Expenditures, repayment of Working Capital Borrowings, payments made in the ordinary course of business under any Hedge Contracts, subject to the following:

- (a) repayments of Working Capital Borrowings deducted from Operating Surplus pursuant to clause (b)(iii) of the definition of Operating Surplus shall not constitute Operating Expenditures when actually repaid;
- (b) payments (including prepayments and prepayment penalties) of principal of and premium on indebtedness other than Working Capital Borrowings shall not constitute Operating Expenditures;
- (c) Operating Expenditures shall not include (i) Expansion Capital Expenditures or Investment Capital Expenditures, (ii) payment of transaction expenses (including taxes) relating to Interim Capital Transactions, (iii) distributions to Partners, (iv) repurchases of Partnership Interests, other than repurchases of Partnership Interests by the Partnership to satisfy obligations under employee benefit plans or reimbursement of expenses of the General Partner for purchases of Partnership Interests by the General Partner to satisfy obligations under employee benefit plans, or (v) any other expenditures or payments made using the proceeds of the Initial Public Offering; and
- (d) (i) amounts paid in connection with the initial purchase of a Hedge Contract shall be amortized over the life of such Hedge Contract and (ii) payments made in connection with the termination of any Hedge Contract prior to the expiration of its scheduled settlement or termination date shall be included in equal quarterly installments over the remaining scheduled life of such Hedge Contract.
- "Operating Surplus" means, with respect to any period after the IPO Closing Date and ending prior to the Liquidation Date, on a cumulative basis and without duplication,
- (a) the sum of (i) a dollar amount to be determined by mutual agreement of the Sponsor Parties in connection with the Initial Public Offering, (ii) all cash receipts of the Partnership Group (or the Partnership's proportionate share of cash receipts in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) for the period beginning on the IPO Closing Date and ending on the last day of such period, but excluding cash receipts from Interim Capital Transactions and the termination of Hedge Contracts (provided that cash receipts from the termination of a Hedge Contract prior to its scheduled settlement or termination date shall be included in Operating Surplus in equal quarterly installments over the remaining scheduled life of such Hedge Contract), (iii) all cash receipts of the Partnership Group (or the Partnership's proportionate share of cash receipts in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) after the end of such period but on or before the date of determination of Operating Surplus with respect to such period resulting from Working Capital Borrowings and (iv) the amount of cash distributions paid during the Construction Period (including incremental Incentive Distributions) on Construction Equity, less
- (b) the sum of (i) Operating Expenditures for the period beginning on the IPO Closing Date and ending on the last day of such period, (ii) the amount of cash reserves (or the Partnership's proportionate share of cash reserves in the case of Subsidiaries that are not wholly owned) established by the General Partner to provide funds for future Operating Expenditures, (iii) all Working Capital Borrowings not repaid within twelve months after having been incurred, or repaid within such 12-month period with the proceeds of additional Working Capital Borrowings, and (iv) any cash loss realized on disposition of an Investment Capital Expenditure;

provided, however, that disbursements made (including contributions to a Group Member or disbursements on behalf of a Group Member) or cash reserves established, increased or reduced after the end of such period but on or before the date of determination of Available Cash with respect to such period shall be deemed to have been made, established, increased or reduced, for purposes of determining Operating Surplus, within such period if the General Partner so determines.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Operating Surplus" with respect to the Quarter in which the Liquidation Date occurs and any subsequent Quarter shall equal zero. Cash receipts from an Investment Capital Expenditure shall be treated as cash receipts only to the extent they are a return on principal, but return of principal shall not be treated as cash receipts.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of counsel (who may be regular counsel to, or the general counsel or other inside counsel of, the Partnership or the General Partner or any of its Affiliates) reasonably acceptable to the General Partner or to such other person selecting such counsel or obtaining such opinion.

"Organizational Limited Partner" means CERC, in its capacity as the organizational limited partner of the Partnership pursuant to this Agreement.

"Outstanding" means, with respect to Partnership Interests, all Partnership Interests that are issued by the Partnership and reflected as outstanding in the Register as of the date of determination; provided, however, that if at any time after an Initial Public Offering any Person or Group (other than the General Partner or its Affiliates) beneficially owns 20% or more of the Outstanding Partnership Interests of any class then Outstanding, none of the Partnership Interests owned by such Person or Group shall be entitled to be voted on any matter or be considered to be Outstanding when sending notices of a meeting of Limited Partners to vote on any matter (unless otherwise required by law), calculating required votes, determining the presence of a quorum or for other similar purposes under this Agreement, except that Partnership Interests so owned shall be considered to be Outstanding for purposes of Section 11.1(b) (such Partnership Interests shall not, however, be treated as a separate class of Partnership Interests for purposes of this Agreement or the Delaware Act); provided, further, that the foregoing limitation shall not apply to (i) any Person or Group who acquired 20% or more of the Outstanding Partnership Interests of any class directly from the General Partner or its Affiliates (other than the Partnership), (ii) any Person or Group who acquired 20% or more of the Outstanding Partnership Interests of any class then Outstanding directly or indirectly from a Person or Group described in clause (i) provided that, upon or prior to such acquisition, the General Partner shall have notified such Person or Group in writing that such limitation shall not apply, or (iii) any Person or Group who acquired 20% or more of any Partnership Interests issued by the Partnership with the prior approval of the Board of Directors of the General Partner.

"Partner Nonrecourse Debt" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(b)(4).

- "Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(2).
- "Partner Nonrecourse Deductions" means any and all items of loss, deduction or expenditure (including any expenditure described in Section 705(a)(2)(B) of the Code) that, in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i), are attributable to a Partner Nonrecourse Debt.
  - "Partners" means the General Partner and the Limited Partners.
  - "Partnership" means CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP, a Delaware limited partnership.
  - "Partnership Equity Value" is defined in Section 5.6(e)(iv)(B).
  - "Partnership Group" means, collectively, the Partnership and its Subsidiaries.
- "Partnership Interest" means any class or series of equity interest in the Partnership, which shall include any Limited Partner Interests and the General Partner Interest but shall exclude any Derivative Partnership Interests.
- "Partnership Minimum Gain" means that amount determined in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(b)(2) and 1.704-2(d).
- "Per Unit Capital Amount" means, as of any date of determination, the Capital Account, stated on a per Unit basis, underlying any Unit held by a Person other than the General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner who holds Units.
- "Percentage Interest" means as of any date of determination as to any Unitholder with respect to Units, the quotient obtained by dividing (i) the number of Units held by such Unitholder by (ii) the total number of Outstanding Units. The Percentage Interest with respect to an Incentive Distribution Right shall be zero. The Percentage Interest with respect to the General Partner Interest shall at all times be zero.

# "Permitted Transfer" means:

- (a) with respect to CERC, a transfer by such Limited Partner of a Limited Partner Interest to a wholly owned Subsidiary of CNP;
- (b) with respect to OGEH, a transfer by such Limited Partner of a Limited Partner Interest to a wholly owned Subsidiary of OGE; and
- (c) with respect to Bronco, (i) a transfer by such Limited Partner of a Limited Partner Interest to any member of the ArcLight Group or (ii) a transfer by such Limited Partner of a Limited Partner Interest to any Person occurring on or after the earlier of the IPO Closing Date and the date that is 18 months after the Closing Date;

provided that (i) with respect to Permitted Transfers by CERC, the Subsidiary transferee remains a wholly owned Subsidiary of CNP (or any successor Person), at all times following such transfer, (ii) with respect to Permitted Transfers by OGEH, the Subsidiary transferee remains a wholly owned Subsidiary of OGE (or any successor Person), at all times following such transfer and (iii) with respect to Permitted Transfers by Bronco to members of the ArcLight Group prior to the earlier of the IPO Closing Date and the date that is 18 months after the Closing Date, the ArcLight Group transferee remains a member of the ArcLight Group following such transfer until at least the earlier of the IPO Closing Date and the date that is 18 months after the Closing Date, it being acknowledged that any transfer resulting in (A) with respect to clauses (i) and (ii), the Subsidiary transferee no longer being wholly owned or (B) with respect to clause (iii), the ArcLight Group transferee no longer being a member of the ArcLight Group prior to the earlier of the IPO Closing Date and the date that is 18 months after the Closing Date, shall be deemed a transfer of such Membership Interests that is subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 4.11 and Section 4.12. References herein to CERC, OGEH and Bronco shall include any transferee of a Limited Partner Interest pursuant to a Permitted Transfer.

"Person" means an individual or a corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, estate, unincorporated organization, association, government agency or political subdivision thereof or other entity.

"Plan of Conversion" is defined in Section 14.1.

"Pro Forma Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Indebtedness incurred in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to renew, refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge, any existing Indebtedness, the amount of aggregate Indebtedness calculated after giving pro forma effect to such incurrence, renewal, refunding, refinancing, replacement, defeasance or other discharge of such existing Indebtedness.

"Pro Rata" means (a) when used with respect to Units or any class thereof, apportioned among all designated Units in accordance with their relative Percentage Interests, (b) when used with respect to Partners or Record Holders, apportioned among all Partners or Record Holders in accordance with their relative Percentage Interests and (c) when used with respect to holders of Incentive Distribution Rights, apportioned among all holders of Incentive Distribution Rights in accordance with the relative number or percentage of Incentive Distribution Rights held by each such holder.

"Proposed Transferee" is defined in Section 4.12(b)(iv).

"Purchase Date" means the date determined by the General Partner as the date for purchase of all Outstanding Limited Partner Interests of a certain class (other than Limited Partner Interests owned by the General Partner and its Affiliates) pursuant to Article XV.

"Put Right" has the meaning set forth in Annex B to the Master Formation Agreement.

"*Quarter*" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a fiscal quarter of the Partnership, or, with respect to the fiscal quarter of the Partnership that includes the Closing Date, the portion of such fiscal quarter after the Closing Date.

"Rate Eligibility Trigger" is defined in Section 4.9(a)(i).

"Recapture Income" means any gain recognized by the Partnership (computed without regard to any adjustment required by Section 734 or Section 743 of the Code) upon the disposition of any property or asset of the Partnership, which gain is characterized as ordinary income because it represents the recapture of deductions previously taken with respect to such property or asset.

"Record Date" means the date established by the General Partner or otherwise in accordance with this Agreement for determining (a) the identity of the Record Holders entitled to receive notice of, or entitled to exercise rights in respect of, any lawful action of Limited Partners (including voting) or (b) the identity of Record Holders entitled to receive any report or distribution or to participate in any offer.

"Record Holder" means (a) with respect to any class of Partnership Interests for which a Transfer Agent has been appointed, the Person in whose name a Partnership Interest of such class is registered on the books of the Transfer Agent and the Register as of the Partnership's close of business on a particular Business Day or (b) with respect to other classes of Partnership Interests, the Person in whose name any such other Partnership Interest is registered in the Register as of the Partnership's close of business on a particular Business Day.

"Redeemable Interests" means any Partnership Interests for which a redemption notice has been given, and has not been withdrawn, pursuant to Section 4.10.

"Register" is defined in Section 4.5(a) of this Agreement.

"Registration Rights Agreement" means that certain Registration Rights Agreement to be entered into on the Closing Date by and among Bronco, CNP, OGE and the Partnership.

"Registration Statement" means the Registration Statement on Form S-1 or other applicable form, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, filed by the Partnership or a successor thereto with the Commission under the Securities Act to register the offering and sale of the Common Units in the Initial Public Offering.

"Remaining Net Positive Adjustments" means as of the end of any taxable period, (i) with respect to a Unitholder, the excess of (a) the Net Positive Adjustments of the Unitholders holding Common Units or Subordinated Units as of the end of such period over (b) the sum of those Partners' Share of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items for each prior taxable period, and (ii) with respect to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights, the excess of (a) the Net Positive Adjustments of the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights as of the end of such period over (b) the sum of the Share of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items of the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights for each prior taxable period.

"Required Allocations" means any allocation of an item of income, gain, loss or deduction pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(i), Section 6.1(d)(i), Section 6.1(d)(v), Section 6.

"Reset MQD" is defined in Section 5.12(a).

- "Reset Notice" is defined in Section 5.12(b).
- "Retained Converted Subordinated Unit" is defined in Section 5.5(c)(ii).
- "Revolving Credit Facility" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
- "ROFO Acceptance Notice" is defined in Section 4.11(b)(i).
- "ROFO Accepting Limited Partner" is defined in Section 4.11(b)(i).
- "ROFO Non-Selling Limited Partner" is defined in Section 4.11(a).
- "ROFO Notice" is defined in Section 4.11(a).
- "ROFO Offer Notice" is defined in Section 4.11(b)(i).
- "ROFO Price" is defined in Section 4.11(a).
- "ROFO Seller" is defined in Section 4.11(a).
- "ROFO Units" is defined in Section 4.11(a).
- "ROFR Acceptance Notice" is defined in Section 4.12(b)(i).
- "ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partner" is defined in Section 4.12(a).
- "ROFR Offer" is defined in Section 4.12(a).
- "ROFR Period" is defined in Section 4.12(a).
- "ROFR Sale Price" is defined in Section 4.12(a).
- "ROFR Seller" is defined in Section 4.12(a).
- "ROFR Seller's Notice" is defined in Section 4.12(a).
- "ROFR Units" is defined in Section 4.12(a).
- "Second Liquidation Target Amount" is defined in Section 6.1(c)(i)(E).
- "Second Target Distribution" means 125% of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution.
- "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time and any successor to such statute.
- "SEPH" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
- "SESH" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.

"Share of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items" means in connection with any allocation of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items for any taxable period, (i) with respect to a Unitholder, the amount that bears the same ratio to such Additional Book Basis Derivative Items as the Unitholders' Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of the end of such taxable period bears to the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of that time, and (ii) with respect to the Partners holding Incentive Distribution Rights, the amount that bears the same ratio to such Additional Book Basis Derivative Items as the Remaining Net Positive Adjustments of the Partners holding the Incentive Distribution Rights as of the end of such taxable period bears to the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments as of that time.

"Special Approval" means (i) after the Bronco Fall-Away Date and prior to the IPO Closing Date, approval by a majority of the disinterested directors of the General Partner and (ii) on and after the IPO Closing Date, approval by a majority of the members of the Conflicts Committee acting in good faith.

"Sponsor Parties" means each of CERC and OGEH (and their successors), in their capacities as Limited Partners.

"Subordinated Unit" means a Limited Partner Interest having the rights and obligations specified with respect to Subordinated Units in this Agreement. The term "Subordinated Unit" does not include a Common Unit. A Subordinated Unit that is convertible into a Common Unit shall not constitute a Common Unit until such conversion occurs.

"Subordination Period" means the period commencing on the IPO Closing Date and expiring on the first to occur of the following dates:

- (a) the first Business Day following the distribution of Available Cash to Partners pursuant to Section 6.3(a) in respect of any Quarter beginning with the first Quarter ending after the third anniversary of the IPO Closing Date in respect of which (i) (A) distributions of Available Cash from Operating Surplus on each of the Outstanding Common Units, Subordinated Units and any other Outstanding Units that are senior or equal in right of distribution to the Subordinated Units, in each case with respect to each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-Quarter periods immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded the sum of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all Outstanding Common Units, Subordinated Units and any other Outstanding Units that are senior or equal in right of distribution to the Subordinated Units, in each case in respect of such periods and (B) the Adjusted Operating Surplus for each of the three consecutive, non-overlapping four-Quarter periods immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded the sum of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all of the Common Units, Subordinated Units and any other Units that are senior or equal in right of distribution to the Subordinated Units, in each case that were Outstanding during such periods on a Fully Diluted Weighted Average Basis, and (ii) there are no Cumulative Common Unit Arrearages.
- (b) the first Business Day following the distribution of Available Cash to Partners pursuant to Section 6.3(a) in respect of any Quarter beginning with the first Quarter ending after the first anniversary of the IPO Closing Date in respect of which (i) (A) distributions of Available Cash from Operating Surplus on each of the Outstanding Common Units,

Subordinated Units and any other Outstanding Units that are senior or equal in right of distribution to the Subordinated Units, in each case with respect to the four-consecutive-Quarter period immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded 150% of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all of the Outstanding Common Units, Subordinated Units and any other Outstanding Units that are senior or equal in right of distribution to the Subordinated Units, in each case in respect of such period, and (B) the Adjusted Operating Surplus for the four-consecutive-Quarter period immediately preceding such date equaled or exceeded 150% of the sum of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution on all of the Common Units, Subordinated Units and any other Units that are senior or equal in right of distribution to the Subordinated Units, in each case that were Outstanding during such period on a Fully Diluted Weighted Average Basis, plus the corresponding Incentive Distributions and (ii) there are no Cumulative Common Unit Arrearages.

(c) the date on which the General Partner is removed in a manner described in Section 11.4.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, (a) a corporation of which more than 50% of the voting power of shares entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors or other governing body of such corporation is owned, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination, by such Person, by one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or a combination thereof, (b) a partnership (whether general or limited) in which such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person is, at the date of determination, a general or limited partner of such partnership, but only if more than 50% of the partnership interests of such partnership interests of the partnership as a single class) is owned, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination, by such Person, by one or more Subsidiaries of such Person, or a combination thereof, or (c) any other Person (other than a corporation or a partnership) in which such Person, one or more Subsidiaries of such Person, or a combination thereof, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination, has (i) at least a majority ownership interest or (ii) the power to elect or direct the election of a majority of the directors or other governing body of such Person.

"Surviving Business Entity" is defined in Section 14.2(b)(ii).

"Swap Agreements" means any agreement with respect to any swap, forward, future or other derivative transaction or option or similar agreement entered into by the Partnership or any of its Subsidiaries in order to provide protection to the Partnership and/or its Subsidiaries against fluctuations in future interest rates, currency exchange rates or commodity prices.

"Target Distributions" means, collectively, the First Target Distribution, Second Target Distribution and Third Target Distribution.

"Term Loan Facility" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.

"Third Target Distribution" means 150% of the Minimum Quarterly Distribution.

"*Trading Day*" means a day on which the principal National Securities Exchange on which the referenced Partnership Interests of any class are listed or admitted for trading is open for the transaction of business or, if such Partnership Interests are not listed or admitted for trading on any National Securities Exchange, a day on which banking institutions in New York City are not legally required to be closed.

"Transaction Documents" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.

"transfer" is defined in Section 4.4(a).

"transferee" means a Person who has received Partnership Interests by means of a transfer.

"Transfer Agent" means such bank, trust company or other Person (including the General Partner or one of its Affiliates) as may be appointed from time to time by the General Partner to act as registrar and transfer agent for any class of Partnership Interests in accordance with the Exchange Act and the rules of the National Securities Exchange on which such Partnership Interests are listed (if any); provided that, if no such Person is appointed as registrar and transfer agent for any class of Partnership Interests, the General Partner shall act as registrar and transfer agent for such class of Partnership Interests.

"*Transition Services Agreements*" means each of the OGE Services Agreement and the CNP Services Agreement, in each case as defined in the Master Formation Agreement.

"Treasury Regulation" means the United States Treasury regulations promulgated under the Code.

"*Underwriting Agreement*" means the Underwriting Agreement among the IPO Underwriters, the General Partner and the Partnership in connection with the Initial Public Offering providing for the purchase of Common Units by the IPO Underwriters.

"*Unit*" means a Partnership Interest that is designated by the General Partner as a "Unit" and shall include Common Units and Subordinated Units but shall not include (i) the General Partner Interest or (ii) Incentive Distribution Rights.

"Unit Majority" means (i) during the Subordination Period, at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units (excluding Common Units owned by the General Partner and its Affiliates), voting as a class, and at least a majority of the Outstanding Subordinated Units, voting as a class, and (ii) prior to and after the end of the Subordination Period, at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units.

"Unit Price" is defined in Section 5.6(e)(iv)(A).

"Unitholders" means the holders of Units.

"Unpaid MQD" is defined in Section 6.1(c)(i)(B).

"Unrealized Gain" attributable to any item of Partnership property means, as of any date of determination, the excess, if any, of (a) the fair market value of such property as of such date (as determined under Section 5.5(d)) over (b) the Carrying Value of such property as of such date (prior to any adjustment to be made pursuant to Section 5.5(d) as of such date).

"Unrealized Loss" attributable to any item of Partnership property means, as of any date of determination, the excess, if any, of (a) the Carrying Value of such property as of such date (prior to any adjustment to be made pursuant to Section 5.5(d) as of such date) over (b) the fair market value of such property as of such date (as determined under Section 5.5(d)).

"Unrecovered Initial Unit Price" means at any time, with respect to a Unit, the Initial Unit Price less the sum of all distributions constituting Capital Surplus theretofore made in respect of an IPO Common Unit and any distributions of cash (or the Net Agreed Value of any distributions in kind) in connection with the dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership theretofore made in respect of an IPO Common Unit, adjusted as the General Partner determines to be appropriate to give effect to any distribution, subdivision or combination of such Units. From and after the IPO Closing Date, the Unrecovered Initial Unit Price shall be determined by reference to the Initial Unit Price per Common Unit in such Initial Public Offering.

"Unrestricted Person" means (a) each Indemnitee, (b) each Partner, (c) each Person who is or was a member, partner, director, officer, employee or agent of any Group Member, a General Partner or any Departing General Partner or any Affiliate of any Group Member, a General Partner or any Departing General Partner and (d) any Person the General Partner designates as an "Unrestricted Person" for purposes of this Agreement from time to time.

"Upstream Transfer" is defined in Section 4.8(a).

"U.S. GAAP" means United States generally accepted accounting principles, as in effect from time to time, consistently applied.

"Voting Securities" of a Person shall mean securities of any class of such Person entitling the holders thereof to vote in the election of, or to appoint, members of the board of directors or other similar governing body of the Person; *provided*, that if such Person is a limited partnership, Voting Securities of such Person shall be the general partner interest in such Person.

"Withdrawal Opinion of Counsel" is defined in Section 11.1(b).

"Working Capital Borrowings" means borrowings incurred pursuant to a credit facility, commercial paper facility or similar financing arrangement that are used solely for working capital purposes or to pay distributions to the Partners; *provided* that when such borrowings are incurred it is the intent of the borrower to repay such borrowings within 12 months from the date of such borrowings other than from additional Working Capital Borrowings.

Section 1.2 Construction. Unless the context requires otherwise: (a) any pronoun used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine or neuter forms, and the singular form of nouns, pronouns and verbs shall include the plural and vice versa; (b) references to Articles and Sections refer to Articles and Sections of this Agreement; (c) the terms "include," "includes," "including" or words of like import shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation"; and (d) the terms "hereof," "herein" or "hereunder" refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement. The table of contents and headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only, and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. The General Partner has the power to construe and interpret this Agreement and to act upon any such construction or interpretation.

Any construction or interpretation of this Agreement by the General Partner and any action taken pursuant thereto and any determination made by the General Partner in good faith shall, in each case, be conclusive and binding on all Record Holders and all other Persons for all purposes.

### ARTICLE II

## **ORGANIZATION**

Section 2.1 Formation; Conversion. The Partnership was formed as a limited liability company pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware LLC Act on December 31, 2010. The General Partner and the Organizational Limited Partner caused the Partnership to be converted from a limited liability company to a limited partnership in accordance with Section 17-217 of the Delaware Act and adopted the Partnership's original Agreement of Limited Partnership on May 1, 2013. The General Partner and the Organizational Limited Partner hereby amend and restate the original Agreement of Limited Partnership of CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP in its entirety. This amendment and restatement shall become effective on the date of this Agreement. Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement, the rights, duties, liabilities and obligations of the Partners and the administration, dissolution and termination of the Partnership shall be governed by the Delaware Act. All Partnership Interests shall constitute personal property of the record owner thereof for all purposes.

Section 2.2 *Name*. The name of the Partnership shall be "CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP". Subject to applicable law, the Partnership's business may be conducted under any other name or names as determined by the General Partner, including the name of the General Partner. The words "Limited Partnership," "L.P.," "Ltd." or similar words or letters shall be included in the Partnership's name where necessary for the purpose of complying with the laws of any jurisdiction that so requires. The General Partner may change the name of the Partnership at any time and from time to time and shall notify the Limited Partners of such change in the next regular communication to the Limited Partners.

Section 2.3 Registered Office; Registered Agent; Principal Office; Other Offices. Unless and until changed by the General Partner, the registered office of the Partnership in the State of Delaware shall be located at 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware 19801, and the registered agent for service of process on the Partnership in the State of Delaware at such registered office shall be The Corporation Trust Company. The principal office of the Partnership shall be located at such place as the General Partner may from time to time designate by notice to the Limited Partners. The Partnership may maintain offices at such other place or places within or outside the State of Delaware as the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate. The address of the General Partner shall be such place as the General Partner may from time to time designate by notice to the Limited Partners.

Section 2.4 *Purpose and Business*. The purpose and nature of the business to be conducted by the Partnership shall be to (a) engage directly in, or enter into or form, hold and dispose of any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other arrangement to engage indirectly in, any business activity that is approved by the General Partner and that lawfully may be conducted by a limited partnership organized pursuant to the Delaware Act and, in connection therewith, to exercise all of the rights and powers conferred upon the

Partnership pursuant to the agreements relating to such business activity, and (b) do anything necessary or appropriate to the foregoing, including the making of capital contributions or loans to a Group Member; *provided*, *however*, that the General Partner shall not cause the Partnership to engage, directly or indirectly, in any business activity that the General Partner determines would be reasonably likely to cause the Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the General Partner shall have no duty or obligation to propose or approve the conduct by the Partnership of any business and may decline to do so free of any duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership or any Limited Partner and, in declining to so propose or approve, shall not be required to act in good faith or pursuant to any other standard imposed by this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity and the General Partner in determining whether to propose or approve the conduct by the Partnership of any business shall be permitted to do so in its sole and absolute discretion.

Section 2.5 *Powers*. The Partnership shall be empowered to do any and all acts and things necessary, appropriate, proper, advisable, incidental to or convenient for the furtherance and accomplishment of the purposes and business described in Section 2.4 and for the protection and benefit of the Partnership.

Section 2.6 *Term.* The term of the Partnership commenced upon the filing of its certificate of limited liability company in accordance with the Delaware LLC Act, was uninterrupted by the filing of its Certificate of Limited Partnership in accordance with Section 17-217 of the Delaware Act and shall continue until the dissolution of the Partnership in accordance with the provisions of Article XII. The existence of the Partnership as a separate legal entity shall continue until the cancellation of the Certificate of Limited Partnership as provided in the Delaware Act.

Section 2.7 *Title to Partnership Assets*. Title to the assets of the Partnership, whether real, personal or mixed and whether tangible or intangible, shall be deemed to be owned by the Partnership as an entity, and no Partner, individually or collectively, shall have any ownership interest in such assets of the Partnership or any portion thereof. Title to any or all assets of the Partnership may be held in the name of the Partnership, the General Partner, one or more of its Affiliates or one or more nominees of the General Partner or its Affiliates, as the General Partner may determine. The General Partner hereby declares and warrants that any assets of the Partnership for which record title is held in the name of the General Partner or one or more of its Affiliates or one or more nominees of the General Partner or its Affiliates shall be held by the General Partner or such Affiliate or nominee for the use and benefit of the Partnership in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; *provided*, *however*, that the General Partner shall use reasonable efforts to cause record title to such assets (other than those assets in respect of which the General Partner determines that the expense and difficulty of conveyancing makes transfer of record title to the Partnership impracticable) to be vested in the Partnership or one or more of the Partnership's designated Affiliates as soon as reasonably practicable; *provided*, *further*, that, prior to the withdrawal or removal of the General Partner or as soon thereafter as practicable, the General Partner shall use reasonable efforts to effect the transfer of record title to the Partnership and, prior to any such transfer, will provide for the use of such assets in a manner satisfactory to any successor General Partner. All assets of the Partnership shall be recorded as the property of

the Partnership in its books and records, irrespective of the name in which record title to such assets of the Partnership is held.

Section 2.8 *Partnership Initial Public Offering*. The Partners acknowledge that the Partnership was formed for the purpose of acquiring operating assets and subsequently completing the Initial Public Offering. As a result, this Agreement contains a number of provisions that are intended to be applicable after the Partnership completes the Initial Public Offering. The Partners acknowledge that it may take a significant amount of time before the Partnership is able to complete the Initial Public Offering, if ever. The Partners agree to make such amendments to this Agreement (and take such other additional actions) as are necessary or appropriate to give effect to such Initial Public Offering; *provided* that such actions or amendments shall not be designed to disproportionately impact any particular holders of General Partner Interests or Common Units.

## Section 2.9 Power of Attorney

(a) Each Limited Partner hereby constitutes and appoints the General Partner and, if a Liquidator shall have been selected pursuant to Section 12.3, the Liquidator (and any successor to the Liquidator by merger, transfer, assignment, election or otherwise) and each of their authorized officers and attorneys-in-fact, as the case may be, with full power of substitution, as its true and lawful agent and attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority in its name, place and stead, to:

(i) execute, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file and record in the appropriate public offices (A) all certificates, documents and other instruments (including this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership and all amendments or restatements hereof or thereof) that the General Partner or the Liquidator determines to be necessary or appropriate to form, qualify or continue the existence or qualification of the Partnership as a limited partnership (or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability) in the State of Delaware and in all other jurisdictions in which the Partnership may conduct business or own property; (B) all certificates, documents and other instruments that the General Partner or the Liquidator determines to be necessary or appropriate to reflect, in accordance with its terms, any amendment, change, modification or restatement of this Agreement; (C) all certificates, documents and other instruments (including conveyances and a certificate of cancellation) that the General Partner or the Liquidator determines to be necessary or appropriate to reflect the dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership pursuant to the terms of this Agreement; (D) all certificates, documents and other instruments relating to the admission, withdrawal, removal or substitution of any Partner pursuant to, or other events described in, Articles IV, X, XI or XII; (E) all certificates, documents and other instruments relating to the determination of the rights, preferences and privileges of any class or series of Partnership Interests issued pursuant to Section 5.6; and (F) all certificates, documents and other instruments (including agreements and a certificate of merger or conversion) relating to a merger, consolidation or conversion of the Partnership pursuant to Article XIV; and

(ii) execute, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file and record all ballots, consents, approvals, waivers, certificates, documents and other instruments that the General Partner or the Liquidator determines to be necessary or appropriate to (A) make, evidence, give, confirm or ratify any vote, consent, approval, agreement or other action that is made or given by the Partners hereunder or is consistent with the terms of this Agreement or (B) effectuate the terms or intent of this Agreement; *provided*, that when required by Section 13.3 or any other provision of this Agreement that establishes a percentage of the Limited Partners or of the Limited Partners of any class or series required to take any action, the General Partner and the Liquidator may exercise the power of attorney made in this Section 2.9(a)(ii) only after the necessary vote, consent or approval of the Limited Partners or of the Limited Partners of such class or series, as applicable.

Nothing contained in this Section 2.6(a) shall be construed as authorizing the General Partner to amend this Agreement except in accordance with Article XIII or as may be otherwise expressly provided for in this Agreement.

(b) The foregoing power of attorney is hereby declared to be irrevocable and a power coupled with an interest, and it shall survive and, to the maximum extent permitted by law, not be affected by, the subsequent death, incompetency, disability, incapacity, dissolution, bankruptcy or termination of any Limited Partner and the transfer of all or any portion of such Limited Partner's Limited Partner Interest and shall extend to such Limited Partner's heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives. Each such Limited Partner hereby agrees to be bound by any representation made by the General Partner or the Liquidator acting in good faith pursuant to such power of attorney, and each such Limited Partner, to the maximum extent permitted by law, hereby waives any and all defenses that may be available to contest, negate or disaffirm the action of the General Partner or the Liquidator taken in good faith under such power of attorney. Each Limited Partner shall execute and deliver to the General Partner or the Liquidator, within 15 days after receipt of the request therefor, such further designation, powers of attorney and other instruments as the General Partner or the Liquidator may request in order to effectuate this Agreement and the purposes of the Partnership.

## ARTICLE III

### RIGHTS OF LIMITED PARTNERS

Section 3.1 *Limitation of Liability*. The Limited Partners shall have no liability under this Agreement except as expressly provided in this Agreement or the Delaware Act.

Section 3.2 *Management of Business*. No Limited Partner, in its capacity as such, shall participate in the operation, management or control (within the meaning of the Delaware Act) of the Partnership's business, transact any business in the Partnership's name or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Partnership. No action taken by any Affiliate of the General Partner or any officer, director, employee, manager, member, general partner, agent or trustee of the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, or any officer, director, employee, manager, member, general partner, agent or trustee of a Group Member, in its capacity as such, shall be deemed to be participating in the control of the business of the Partnership by a limited partner of the Partnership (within the meaning of Section 17-303(a) of the Delaware Act) nor shall any such action affect, impair or eliminate the limitations on the liability of the Limited Partners under this Agreement.

Section 3.3 Rights of Limited Partners.

- (a) Each Limited Partner shall have the right, for a purpose reasonably related to such Limited Partner's interest as a Limited Partner in the Partnership, upon reasonable written demand stating the purpose of such demand, and at such Limited Partner's own expense:
  - (i) to obtain true and full information regarding the status of the business and financial condition of the Partnership; *provided* that, after the IPO Closing Date, the requirements of this Section 3.3(a)(i) shall be satisfied to the extent the Limited Partner is furnished the Partnership's most recent annual report and any subsequent quarterly or periodic reports required to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act (*provided* that the foregoing materials shall be deemed to be available to a Limited Partner in satisfaction of the requirements of this Section 3.3(a)(i) if posted on or accessible through the Partnership's or the Commission's website);
    - (ii) to obtain a current list of the name and last known business, residence or mailing address of each Partner; and
    - (iii) to obtain a copy of this Agreement and the Certificate of Limited Partnership and all amendments thereto.
- (b) The rights to information granted the Limited Partners pursuant to Section 3.3(a) replace in their entirety any rights to information provided for in Section 17-305(a) of the Delaware Act and each of the Partners and each other Person or Group who acquires an interest in Partnership Interests hereby agrees to the fullest extent permitted by law that they do not have any rights as Partners to receive any information either pursuant to Sections 17-305(a) of the Delaware Act or otherwise except for the information identified in Section 3.3(a).
- (c) The General Partner may keep confidential from the Limited Partners, for such period of time as the General Partner deems reasonable, (i) any information that the General Partner reasonably believes to be in the nature of trade secrets or (ii) other information the disclosure of which the General Partner in good faith believes (A) is not in the best interests of the Partnership Group, (B) could damage the Partnership Group or its business or (C) that any Group Member is required by law or regulation or by agreement with any third party to keep confidential (other than agreements with Affiliates of the Partnership the primary purpose of which is to circumvent the obligations set forth in this Section 3.3).
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or Section 17-305 of the Delaware Act, each of the Partners, each other Person or Group who acquires an interest in a Partnership Interest and each other Person bound by this Agreement hereby agrees to the fullest extent permitted by law that they do not have rights to receive information from the Partnership or any Indemnitee for the purpose of determining whether to pursue litigation or assist in pending litigation against the Partnership or any Indemnitee relating to the affairs of the Partnership except pursuant to the applicable rules of discovery relating to litigation commenced by such Person or Group.

- Section 3.4 *Bronco Approval and Observer Rights*. Notwithstanding any other rights Bronco may have under this Agreement, but subject to any restrictions or limitations imposed on limited partners under the Delaware Act, until the Bronco Fall-Away Date:
- (a) Without the prior written consent of Bronco (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), the General Partner shall not, and shall cause the Group Members not to, effect any of the following actions:
  - (i) incur capital expenditures in excess of (A) 110% of the total amount for all capital expenditures set forth in the Initial Budget, or (B) if the IPO Closing Date has not occurred by January 1, 2014, \$1,250 million in any period of 12 months commencing on January 1, 2014 and each anniversary thereof;
  - (ii) take any action or enter into any transaction in connection with which the Partnership elects to or is required to seek reaffirmation of the credit rating assigned to the Partnership by Moody's Investors Service, Inc., Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, or Fitch, Inc.;
  - (iii) Encumber any asset or incur any Indebtedness, other than with respect to Indebtedness under the Credit Facilities, that would, in the aggregate with all other Indebtedness (including under the Credit Facilities), result in the Partnership having a Debt to EBITDA Ratio in excess of 3.0;
  - (iv) enter into any agreement or arrangement between any Group Member, on the one hand, and the General Partner, any Sponsor Party or any Affiliate of the General Partner or any Sponsor Party (other than a Group Member), on the other hand, other than (A) the Transition Services Agreements, provided that the amounts payable by Group Members thereunder shall not in the aggregate exceed (x) \$77,212,000 with respect to the 2013 calendar year and (y) with respect to any calendar year thereafter, the actual amount of corporate charges from the Sponsor Parties to the Partnership under the Transition Services Agreements with respect to the immediately preceding calendar year (which amount shall not exceed the amount of corporate charges from the Sponsor Parties to the Partnership under the Transition Services Agreements with respect to the 2013 calendar year); (B) the transactions described on Exhibit C; (C) the Interim Intercompany Revolver Facilities; (D) subject to the restrictions in clause (A) of this Section 3.4(a)(iv), any of the Transaction Documents; and (E) any supply, transportation, storage or similar contract with an Affiliate of the General Partner or of a Sponsor Party (other than a Group Member) that is regulated as a public utility and has natural gas distribution or retail electric power load service obligations, which is entered into in the ordinary course of business and the terms of which are no less favorable to any Group Member party than those negotiated on an arms-length basis and, if applicable, have been approved by the regulatory body having jurisdiction to review and approve the terms of such transaction;
    - (v) enter into any transaction described in Section 7.6(a) other than the Interim Intercompany Revolver Facilities.

- (vi) (A) transfer an asset (other than the transfer of working capital in connection with expenses as provided in the Initial Budget or expenses the payment of which the consent of Bronco is not otherwise required) to a Person other than a Group Member outside the ordinary course of business with a value in excess of \$50 million in any transaction or \$100 million in the aggregate in any calendar year, (B) transfer or issue equity interests in any Subsidiary of the Partnership to a Person other than a Group Member with a value in excess of \$50 million in any transaction or \$100 million in the aggregate in any calendar year, (C) enter into any Merger Agreement or Plan of Conversion with another Person (other than a Group Member), or (D) acquire equity interests or assets of another Person (other than an existing Subsidiary of the Partnership), including by merger or consolidation, with a value in excess of \$50 million in any transaction or \$100 million in any calendar year;
- (vii) except with respect to renewals or replacements of expiring contracts with existing customers or suppliers that are negotiated on an arms-length basis, enter into any agreement or arrangement on or after the date that is 18 months following the Closing Date involving payments to or by a Group Member in excess of \$35 million in any calendar year or \$50 million over its term that is not otherwise permitted under this Section 3.4;
- (viii) alter, repeal, amend or adopt any provision of its certificate of limited partnership, certificate of formation or certificate of incorporation or any agreement of limited partnership, limited liability company agreement or bylaws or any similar organizational or governing document, except in connection with the Initial Public Offering (including as contemplated by Section 13.1) or as does not in any way affect the rights of Bronco (or a Bronco Successor) or of any Units held by Bronco (or a Bronco Successor);
- (ix) change the form of organization of the Partnership or take any action that would cause the Partnership to be taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes;
- (x) change the form of organization of any Group Member other than the Partnership, except (A) as would not negatively impact the Partnership's ability to obtain "will" level tax opinions customary in the master limited partnership industry, (B) the conversion of any corporate Subsidiary of the Partnership into a "pass through" entity for federal income tax purposes, or (C) the re-domiciling of Subsidiaries of the Partnership in the same form under the laws of another jurisdiction;
- (xi) engage, participate or invest, directly or indirectly, in any new line of business, other than any business that (A) involves Midstream Operations as its primary function and (B) would not cause the Partnership to be taxed as a corporation for federal income tax purposes;
- (xii) except in connection with the Initial Public Offering, issue cumulative additional equity in any Group Member on or before December 31, 2013 in excess of the lesser of (A) the cumulative equity amount set forth in the Initial Budget for calendar year 2013 and (B) an amount sufficient to cause the Leverage Ratio not to exceed 2.5;

(xiii) except in connection with the Initial Public Offering, issue additional equity in any Group Member on or after January 1, 2014; provided, that if the General Partner determines, in its reasonable discretion, that the issuance of additional equity thereafter is necessary in order for the Partnership to maintain Investment Grade Status, the Parties shall cooperate in good faith to determine the appropriate size and timing of any equity issuance;

(xiv) issue additional equity in any Group Member at any time if the Initial Public Offering is anticipated to occur within the following sixty (60) days;

(xv) except in connection with the Initial Public Offering, issue additional Partnership Interests to Persons other than the Initial Limited Partners;

(xvi) enter into any mergers or consolidations with respect to Subsidiaries of the Partnership with any Persons (other than Group Members) where the value of such Persons exceeds \$50 million individually or \$100 million in the aggregate in any calendar year;

(xvii) amend the Initial Budget;

(xviii) adopt any incentive compensation program unless (A) all compensation thereunder is based solely upon either (x) metrics tied to the performance of the Partnership Group and/or the Common Units and not any equity interests of any Sponsor Party or other Person or (y) providing services to or employment with the Partnership Group during the term of the award and (B) all unit or other equity compensation thereunder is payable solely by the issuance or transfer of Common Units or cash and not any equity interests of any Sponsor Party or other Person; or

(xix) consummate the Initial Public Offering with a coverage ratio greater than 1.20.

Any approval by Bronco pursuant to this Section 3.4(a) shall be evidenced in writing executed by a senior executive officer of Bronco. Any such approval by Bronco pursuant to any subsection of this Section 3.4(a) shall be deemed an approval for purposes of all subsections of this Section 3.4(a). A failure by Bronco to object in writing within ten (10) Business Days of receipt of written notice from the General Partner to any matter that requires consent pursuant to this Section 3.4(a) will be deemed to be an approval by Bronco of such matter. At any time prior to the Bronco Fall-Away Date, if Bronco timely objects in writing to a potential transaction, agreement, arrangement or other matter involving any Group Member that requires consent pursuant to this Section 3.4(a), then neither Bronco nor any of its Affiliates may pursue such transaction, agreement, arrangement or other matter independently. If Bronco approves such transaction, agreement, arrangement or other matter, then Bronco and its Affiliates will not be restricted from pursuing such transaction, agreement, arrangement or other matter independently from the Partnership Group; *provided*, *however*, that (1) Bronco shall abstain from consenting or objecting to any transaction, agreement, arrangement or other matter with respect to which any Person (other than a Group Member) in which Bronco or a Bronco Affiliate has any economic

interest, is pursuing or is involved in or, to Bronco's knowledge, is considering pursuing or becoming involved in, and (2) Bronco shall treat any and all information that it receives in connection with its rights under Section 3.4(a), whether written or oral, as Confidential Information as defined in, and in accordance with the terms of, the Omnibus Agreement.

- (b) Bronco shall have the right to (x) designate two individuals who are employees of Bronco or its Affiliates (each such individual, an "*Observer*"), and one alternate Observer to serve in place of either of the principal Observers, to receive notice (which notice will be delivered to the Observers on the same date such notice is delivered to the members of the Board of Directors) of and attend meetings of the Board of Directors in an observer capacity and (y) receive copies of information routinely provided to the members of the Board of Directors; *provided* that the failure of the General Partner to give any such notice or documents or information to Bronco or an Observer shall not affect the validity of any action taken by the General Partner or the Board of Directors. Bronco's rights set forth above shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:
  - (i) Bronco agrees to treat any and all such information, whether written or oral, as Confidential Information as defined in, and in accordance with the terms of, the Omnibus Agreement;
  - (ii) If the Board of Directors (A) has been advised by legal counsel to the Partnership that the withholding of certain written materials from the Observers or the exclusion of the Observers from attendance at certain portions of a board meeting is necessary for the protection of the attorney-client privilege for the benefit of the Partnership with respect to a matter in which the Partnership is involved, and the Board of Directors notifies the Observers as soon as practical after becoming aware of such advice of the circumstances giving rise to the need to protect such attorney-client privilege or (B) will be considering at such board meeting (and in connection therewith receiving materials regarding) a transaction, agreement, arrangement or other matter with respect to which a Person (other than a Group Member) in which Bronco or a Bronco Affiliate has an economic interest, is pursuing or is involved in, then, at the election of a majority of the Board of Directors, (x) such written materials may be redacted or withheld from Bronco and the Observers, or (y) the Observers may be excluded from such portions of the board meetings or committee meetings, in each case, only to the extent necessary to protect such attorney-client privilege or related to such matter (as the case may be);
  - (iii) The Observers shall not have any voting rights. No consent or approval of the Observers shall be required for any action taken by the Board of Directors. The attendance or participation of the Observers at a meeting shall not be required for action by the Board of Directors; and
  - (iv) The reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Observers in connection with any meeting of the Board of Directors shall be borne and paid by the General Partner (and any Observer may obtain reimbursement from the General Partner for any such reasonably documented costs and expenses).

- (v) The initial Observers shall be Robb Turner and Eric Lammers, and Michael Christopher shall be the initial alternate Observer. Bronco may change its designated Observers or alternate Observer from time to time by providing notice to the General Partner thereof, which change shall be subject to the General Partner's approval thereof (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed).
- (c) No General Partner Membership Interest may be "transferred" (as such term is defined in the General Partner LLC Agreement), in whole or in part, other than to an Affiliate, without the written consent of Bronco (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed).
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, so long as EH II is a Group Member, the General Partner shall not, in its capacity as a holder of the EH Management Units, cause EH II to take any action that the General Partner would otherwise be prohibited from causing EH II (as a Group Member) to take pursuant to Section 3.4(a).
- (e) In the event the General Partner elects not to cause the Partnership to pursue any claim for indemnification that the Partnership is entitled to pursue under any agreement or arrangement (including this Agreement) between any Group Member, on the one hand, and the General Partner, any Sponsor Party or any Affiliate of the General Partner or any Sponsor Party (other than a Group Member), on the other hand (such party, an "*Indemnitor*") that could result in the payment of any amount by the Indemnitor, Bronco shall have the right to cause the General Partner to cause the Partnership to pursue such claim by delivering written notice of Bronco's election to the General Partner until the Bronco Fall-Away Date. Promptly following the receipt by the General Partner of Bronco's written election pursuant to the foregoing sentence, the Partnership will provide notice thereof in writing to the applicable Indemnitor, specifying the nature of and specific basis for such claim, and the General Partner shall thereafter cause the Partnership to diligently pursue such claim in accordance with the applicable indemnification provisions of such agreement or arrangement. If the Partnership fails to provide such notice to the Indemnitor within ten (10) Business Days or if the Partnership fails to diligently pursue such claim in accordance with this Section 3.4(e), then Bronco may notify the Indemnitor of such claim directly and may control the pursuit of such claim against the Indemnitor on behalf of the Partnership. Both Sponsor Parties agree to cause their designated members of the Board of Directors of the General Partner to approve the actions reasonably requested by Bronco with respect to any such claim.

## ARTICLE IV

# CERTIFICATES; RECORD HOLDERS; TRANSFER OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS; REDEMPTION OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS

Section 4.1 *Certificates*. Owners of Partnership Interests and, where appropriate, Derivative Partnership Interests, shall be recorded in the Register and ownership of such interests shall be evidenced by a physical certificate or book entry notation in the Register. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, unless the General Partner shall determine otherwise in respect of some or all of any or all classes of Partnership Interests and Derivative Partnership Interests, Partnership Interests and Derivative Partnership Interests shall

not be evidenced by physical certificates. Certificates, if any, shall be executed on behalf of the Partnership by the Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Financial Officer or any Vice President and the Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or other authorized officer of the General Partner, and shall bear the legend set forth in Section 4.8(g). The signatures of such officers upon a certificate may be facsimiles. In case any officer who has signed or whose signature has been placed upon such certificate shall have ceased to be such officer before such certificate is issued, it may be issued by the Partnership with the same effect as if he were such officer at the date of its issuance. If a Transfer Agent has been appointed for a class of Partnership Interests, no Certificate for such class of Partnership Interests shall be valid for any purpose until it has been countersigned by the Transfer Agent; provided, however, that, if the General Partner elects to cause the Partnership to issue Partnership Interests of such class in global form, the Certificate shall be valid upon receipt of a certificate from the Transfer Agent certifying that the Partnership Interests have been duly registered in accordance with the directions of the Partnership. Subject to the requirements of Section 6.8(b) and Section 6.8(c), if Common Units are evidenced by Certificates, on or after the date on which Subordinated Units are converted into Common Units pursuant to the terms of Section 5.8, the Record Holders of such Subordinated Units (i) if the Subordinated Units are evidenced by Certificates, may exchange such Certificates for Certificates evidencing the Common Units into which such Record Holder's Subordinated Units converted, or (ii) if the Subordinated Units are not evidenced by Certificates, shall be issued Certificates evidencing the Common Units into which such Record Holders' Subordinated Units converted. With respect to any Partnership Interests that are represented by physical certificates, the General Partner may determine that such Partnership Interests will no longer be represented by physical certificates and may, upon written notice to the holders of such Partnership Interests and subject to applicable law, take whatever actions it deems necessary or appropriate to cause such Partnership Interests to be registered in book entry or global form and may cause such physical certificates to be cancelled or deemed cancelled.

Section 4.2 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost or Stolen Certificates.

- (a) If any mutilated Certificate is surrendered to the Transfer Agent, the appropriate officers of the General Partner on behalf of the Partnership shall execute, and the Transfer Agent shall countersign and deliver in exchange therefor, a new Certificate evidencing the same number and type of Partnership Interests or Derivative Partnership Interests as the Certificate so surrendered.
- (b) The appropriate officers of the General Partner on behalf of the Partnership shall execute and deliver, and the Transfer Agent shall countersign, a new Certificate in place of any Certificate previously issued, if the Record Holder of the Certificate:
  - (i) makes proof by affidavit, in form and substance satisfactory to the General Partner, that a previously issued Certificate has been lost, destroyed or stolen;
  - (ii) requests the issuance of a new Certificate before the General Partner has notice that the Certificate has been acquired by a purchaser for value in good faith and without notice of an adverse claim;

- (iii) if requested by the General Partner, delivers to the General Partner a bond, in form and substance satisfactory to the General Partner, with surety or sureties and with fixed or open penalty as the General Partner may direct to indemnify the Partnership, the Partners, the General Partner and the Transfer Agent against any claim that may be made on account of the alleged loss, destruction or theft of the Certificate; and
  - (iv) satisfies any other reasonable requirements imposed by the General Partner or the Transfer Agent.

If a Limited Partner fails to notify the General Partner within a reasonable period of time after such Limited Partner has notice of the loss, destruction or theft of a Certificate, and a transfer of the Limited Partner Interests represented by the Certificate is registered before the Partnership, the General Partner or the Transfer Agent receives such notification, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the Limited Partner shall be precluded from making any claim against the Partnership, the General Partner or the Transfer Agent for such transfer or for a new Certificate.

(c) As a condition to the issuance of any new Certificate under this Section 4.2, the General Partner may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Transfer Agent) reasonably connected therewith.

Section 4.3 *Record Holders*. The names and addresses of Unitholders as they appear in the Register shall be the official list of Record Holders of the Partnership Interests for all purposes. The Partnership and the General Partner shall be entitled to recognize the Record Holder as the Partner with respect to any Partnership Interest and, accordingly, shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to, or interest in, such Partnership Interest on the part of any other Person or Group, regardless of whether the Partnership or the General Partner shall have actual or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by law or any applicable rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any National Securities Exchange on which such Partnership Interests are listed or admitted to trading. Without limiting the foregoing, when a Person (such as a broker, dealer, bank, trust company or clearing corporation or an agent of any of the foregoing) is acting as nominee, agent or in some other representative capacity for another Person or Group in acquiring and/or holding Partnership Interests, as between the Partnership on the one hand, and such other Person on the other, such representative Person shall be the Limited Partner with respect to such Partnership Interest upon becoming the Record Holder in accordance with Section 10.1(b) and have the rights and obligations of a Partner hereunder as, and to the extent, provided herein, including Section 10.1(c).

# Section 4.4 Transfer Generally.

(a) The term "transfer," when used in this Agreement with respect to a Partnership Interest, shall mean a transaction (i) by which the General Partner assigns its General Partner Interest to another Person or by which a holder of Incentive Distribution Rights assigns its Incentive Distribution Rights to another Person, and includes a transfer, sale, assignment, gift, Encumbrance, hypothecation, exchange or any other disposition by law or otherwise or (ii) by which the holder of a Limited Partner Interest (other than an Incentive Distribution Right) makes

any direct or indirect transfer, sale, assignment, gift, Encumbrance, hypothecation, exchange or any other disposition by law or otherwise and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any distribution, transfer, assignment or other disposition of any Limited Partner Interest, whether voluntary, involuntary or pursuant to any dissolution, liquidation or termination of such Person, to such Person's members, stockholders, partners or other interestholders shall constitute a "transfer" of a Limited Partner Interest (for the avoidance of doubt, with respect to a Limited Partner, any transfer, sale, assignment, gift, Encumbrance, hypothecation, exchange or other disposition of any interest in such Limited Partner, by such Limited Partner or any interestholder of such Limited Partner shall be deemed to be an indirect Transfer of a Limited Partner Interest hereunder); provided, however, that any transfer of all or substantially all the assets, or a Change in Control, of CNP or OGE shall not be a "transfer" hereunder.

- (b) No Partnership Interest shall be transferred, in whole or in part, except in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Article IV. Any transfer or purported transfer of a Partnership Interest not made in accordance with this Article IV shall be null and void, and the Partnership shall have no obligation to effect or recognize any such transfer or purported transfer. Except as provided in Section 4.8(f), notwithstanding the other provisions of this Article IV, prior to the IPO Closing Date, no transfer of any Partnership Interests shall be made if such transfer would (i) violate the then applicable federal or state securities laws or rules and regulations of the Commission, any state securities commission or any other governmental authority with jurisdiction over such transfer, (ii) terminate the existence or qualification of the Partnership under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation, (iii) cause the Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not already so treated or taxed), or (iv) with respect to transfers by Partners other than Bronco prior to the IPO Closing Date, constitute a breach or violation of, or a change of control or event of default under, any credit agreement, loan agreement, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust or other similar instrument or document governing indebtedness for borrowed money of the Partnership or any Group Member. The Partnership may issue stop transfer instructions to any Transfer Agent in order to implement any restriction on transfer contemplated by this Agreement.
- (c) Subject to Section 3.4(c), nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to prevent or limit a disposition by any stockholder, member, partner or other owner of the General Partner of any or all of the shares of stock, membership interests, partnership interests or other ownership interests in the General Partner and the term "transfer" shall not include any such disposition.

Section 4.5 Registration and Transfer of Limited Partner Interests.

(a) The General Partner shall keep, or cause to be kept by the Transfer Agent on behalf of the Partnership, one or more registers in which, subject to such reasonable regulations as it may prescribe and subject to the provisions of Section 4.5(b), the registration and transfer of Limited Partner Interests, and any Derivative Partnership Interests as applicable, shall be recorded (the "*Register*").

- (b) The General Partner shall not recognize any transfer of Limited Partner Interests evidenced by Certificates until the Certificates evidencing such Limited Partner Interests are surrendered for registration of transfer. No charge shall be imposed by the General Partner for such transfer; *provided*, that as a condition to the issuance of any new Certificate under this Section 4.5, the General Partner may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed with respect thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Transfer Agent) reasonably connected therewith. Upon surrender of a Certificate for registration of transfer of any Limited Partner Interests evidenced by a Certificate, and subject to the provisions of this Section 4.5(b), the appropriate officers of the General Partner on behalf of the Partnership shall execute and deliver, and in the case of Certificates evidencing Limited Partner Interests for which a Transfer Agent has been appointed, the Transfer Agent shall countersign and deliver, in the name of the holder or the designated transferee or transferees, as required pursuant to the holder's instructions, one or more new Certificates evidencing the same aggregate number and type of Limited Partner Interests as was evidenced by the Certificate so surrendered. Upon the proper surrender of a Certificate, such transfer shall be recorded in the Register.
- (c) Except as provided in Section 4.9, by acceptance of any Limited Partner Interests pursuant to a transfer in accordance with this Article IV, each transferee of a Limited Partner Interest (including any nominee, or agent or representative acquiring such Limited Partner Interests for the account of another Person or Group) (i) shall be admitted to the Partnership as a Limited Partner with respect to the Limited Partner Interests so transferred to such Person when any such transfer or admission is reflected in the Register and such Person becomes the Record Holder of the Limited Partner Interests so transferred, (ii) shall become bound, and shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound, by the terms of this Agreement, (iii) shall be deemed to represent that the transferee has the capacity, power and authority to enter into this Agreement and (iv) shall be deemed to make any consents, acknowledgements or waivers contained in this Agreement, all with or without execution of this Agreement by such Person. The transfer of any Limited Partner Interests and the admission of any new Limited Partner shall not constitute an amendment to this Agreement.
- (d) Subject to (i) the foregoing provisions of this Section 4.5, (ii) Section 4.3, (iii) Section 4.8, (iv) with respect to any class or series of Limited Partner Interests, the provisions of any statement of designations or an amendment to this Agreement establishing such class or series, (v) any contractual provisions binding on any Limited Partner and (vi) provisions of applicable law, including the Securities Act, Limited Partner Interests shall be freely transferable.
- (e) If at any time a Person (other than a Limited Partner pursuant to the terms of Section 4.11 or Section 4.12) acquires a majority of the Common Units held by Bronco at the time of such transfer, including at least the Initial Bronco Amount (a "*Bronco Successor*"), then such Bronco Successor shall succeed to all of Bronco's rights and obligations provided in Section 3.4, Section 4.6(b) and Section 4.6(d), as though such Bronco Successor were Bronco thereunder, and Bronco shall no longer be entitled to exercise any of Bronco's rights and obligations in Section 3.4, Section 4.6(b) and Section 4.6(d) regardless of the number of Common Units Bronco continues to hold; *provided*, *however*, that any Bronco Successor that, at the time of such transfer, is a Midstream Successor shall not succeed to any of Bronco's rights under Section 3.4 or this Section 4.5(e).

(f) If at any time Bronco is controlled by a Midstream Successor, then Bronco shall not be entitled to exercise any of Bronco's rights under Section 3.4, Section 4.6(b) or Section 4.6(d) regardless of the number of Common Units Bronco continues to hold, but only for so long as such Midstream Successor remains in control of Bronco. As used in this Section 4.5(f), the term "control" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of Bronco, whether through ownership of Voting Securities, by contract or otherwise.

Section 4.6 Transfer of the General Partner's General Partner Interest.

- (a) Subject to Section 4.6(b) and (c), the General Partner may at its option transfer all or any part of its General Partner Interest without Unitholder approval or the approval of the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights.
- (b) Subject to Section 4.6(c), the General Partner shall not transfer all or any part of its General Partner Interest to any Person without the prior approval of (i) all members of the Board of Directors and (ii) prior to the Bronco Fall-Away Date, Bronco.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no transfer by the General Partner of all or any part of its General Partner Interest to another Person shall be permitted unless (i) the transferee agrees to assume the rights and duties of the General Partner under this Agreement and to be bound by the provisions of this Agreement, (ii) the Partnership receives an Opinion of Counsel that such transfer would not result in the loss of limited liability of any Limited Partner under the Delaware Act or cause the Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not already so treated or taxed) and (iii) such transferee also agrees to purchase all (or the appropriate portion thereof, if applicable) of the partnership or membership interest of the General Partner as the general partner or managing member, if any, of each other Group Member. In the case of a transfer pursuant to and in compliance with this Section 4.6, the transferee or successor (as the case may be) shall, subject to compliance with the terms of Section 10.2, be admitted to the Partnership as the General Partner effective immediately prior to the transfer of the General Partner Interest, and the business of the Partnership shall continue without dissolution.
- (d) The General Partner shall not transfer all or any EH Management Units to any Person without the prior approval of (i) all members of the Board of Directors and (ii) prior to the Bronco Fall-Away Date, Bronco; provided, that the General Partner shall transfer all of the EH Management Units to any successor General Partner elected in accordance with the terms of this Agreement as a condition to the election of such successor.

Section 4.7 *Transfer of Incentive Distribution Rights*. The General Partner or any other holder of Incentive Distribution Rights may transfer any or all of its Incentive Distribution Rights without Unitholder approval.

Section 4.8 Restrictions on Transfers of Limited Partner Interests.

- (a) Except for a Permitted Transfer or as provided in Section 4.11(d) or Section 4.12(d), no Common Units or Subordinated Units may be transferred, in whole or in part, unless the Limited Partner purporting to transfer such Common Units or Subordinated Units first complies with the applicable provisions of Sections 4.11 and 4.12. Prior to the earlier of the IPO Closing Date and the date that is 18 months following the Closing Date, except for a Permitted Transfer or a transfer in connection with an Initial Public Offering, no Limited Partner Interest may be transferred, in whole or in part, without the prior approval of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors, including the affirmative votes of one member appointed by CERC and one member appointed by OGEH.

  Notwithstanding the foregoing, any transfer of the direct or indirect equity ownership interests of Bronco by the respective holders thereof (an "Upstream Transfer") shall be permitted, shall not require the consent of the Board of Directors and shall not be subject to Sections 4.11 and 4.12; provided, however, that no Upstream Transfer shall be made prior to the earlier of the IPO Closing Date and the date that is 18 months following the Closing Date if it would result in Bronco ceasing to be a member of the ArcLight Group.
- (b) From the execution hereof until the IPO Closing Date, no transfer (including a Permitted Transfer) of a Limited Partner Interest may be undertaken unless and until the following have occurred: (i) the proposed transferee shall have agreed in writing to be bound by the terms of this Agreement and provided to the Partnership its name, address, taxpayer identification number and any other information reasonably necessary to permit the Partnership to file all required federal and state tax returns or reasonably requested by the Board of Directors, and (ii) the Limited Partner proposing to make such transfer shall have delivered to the Partnership an Opinion of Counsel (reasonably acceptable as to form, substance and identity of counsel to the Partnership) that no registration under the Securities Act is required in connection with such transfer (unless the requirement of an opinion is waived by the Board of Directors).
- (c) From the execution hereof until the IPO Closing Date, each Limited Partner making a transfer of a Limited Partner Interest shall be obligated to pay its own expenses incurred in connection with such transfer, and the Partnership shall not have any obligation with respect thereto. Each Limited Partner making a transfer shall pay, or reimburse the Partnership for, all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Partnership in connection with such transfer and the admission of the transferee as a Limited Partner, including the legal fees incurred in connection with the legal opinions referred to in Section 4.8(b).
- (d) The General Partner may impose restrictions on the transfer of Partnership Interests if it receives an Opinion of Counsel that such restrictions are necessary to (i) avoid a significant risk of the Partnership becoming taxable as a corporation or otherwise becoming taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not already so treated or taxed) or (ii) preserve the uniformity of the Limited Partner Interests (or any class or classes thereof). The General Partner may impose such restrictions by amending this Agreement, subject to Section 3.4(a); provided, however, that any amendment that would result in the delisting or suspension of trading of any class of Limited Partner Interests on the principal National Securities Exchange on which such class of Limited Partner Interests is then listed or admitted to trading must be approved, prior to such amendment being effected, by the holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Limited Partner Interests of such class.

- (e) The transfer of a Subordinated Unit or a Common Unit issued upon conversion of a Subordinated Unit shall be subject to the restrictions imposed by Section 6.8(b) and Section 6.8(c).
- (f) Nothing contained in this Article IV, or elsewhere in this Agreement, shall preclude the settlement of any transactions involving Partnership Interests entered into through the facilities of any National Securities Exchange on which such Partnership Interests are listed or admitted to trading.
  - (g) Each certificate or book-entry evidencing Partnership Interests shall bear a conspicuous legend in substantially the following form:

THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY ACKNOWLEDGES FOR THE BENEFIT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP THAT THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE SOLD, OFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IF SUCH TRANSFER WOULD (A) VIOLATE THE THEN APPLICABLE FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY WITH JURISDICTION OVER SUCH TRANSFER, (B) TERMINATE THE EXISTENCE OR QUALIFICATION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, OR (C) CAUSE CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP TO BE TREATED AS AN ASSOCIATION TAXABLE AS A CORPORATION OR OTHERWISE TO BE TAXED AS AN ENTITY FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES (TO THE EXTENT NOT ALREADY SO TREATED OR TAXED). CNP OGE GP LLC, THE GENERAL PARTNER OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP, MAY IMPOSE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF THIS SECURITY IF IT RECEIVES AN OPINION OF COUNSEL THAT SUCH RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO (A) AVOID A SIGNIFICANT RISK OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP BECOMING TAXABLE AS A CORPORATION OR OTHERWISE BECOMING TAXABLE AS AN ENTITY FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES OR (B) IN THE CASE OF LIMITED PARTNER INTERESTS, TO PRESERVE THE UNIFORMITY THEREOF (OR ANY CLASS OR CLASSES OF LIMITED PARTNER INTERESTS). THIS SECURITY MAY BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON ITS TRANSFER PROVIDED IN THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT. COPIES OF SUCH AGREEMENT MAY BE OBTAINED AT NO COST BY WRITTEN REQUEST MADE BY THE HOLDER OF RECORD OF THIS SECURITY TO THE SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL PARTNER AT THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE PARTNERSHIP. THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH ABOVE SHALL NOT PRECLUDE THE SETTLEMENT OF ANY TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THIS SECURITY ENTERED INTO THROUGH THE FACILITIES OF ANY NATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE ON WHICH THIS SECURITY IS LISTED OR ADMITTED TO TRADING.

Section 4.9 Eligibility Certifications; Ineligible Holders.

(a) If at any time after the IPO Closing Date the General Partner determines, with the advice of counsel, that:

- (i) the U.S. federal income tax status (or lack of proof of the U.S. federal income tax status) of one or more Limited Partners has or is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the rates that can be charged to customers by any Group Member on assets that are subject to regulation by the FERC or an analogous regulatory body (a "*Rate Eligibility Trigger*"); or
- (ii) any Group Member is subject to any federal, state or local law or regulation that would create a substantial risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any property in which the Group Member has an interest based on the nationality, citizenship or other related status of one or more Limited Partners (a "Citizenship Eligibility Trigger");
- then, (x) in the case of a Rate Eligibility Trigger, the General Partner may obtain such proof of the U.S. federal income tax status of the Limited Partners and, to the extent relevant, their beneficial owners, as the General Partner determines to be necessary to establish those Limited Partners whose U.S. federal income tax status does not or would not have a material adverse effect on the rates that can be charged to customers by any Group Member or (y) in the case of a Citizenship Eligibility Trigger, the General Partner may obtain such proof of the nationality, citizenship or other related status of the Limited Partners (or, if any Limited Partner is a nominee holding for the account of another Person, the nationality, citizenship or other related status of such Person) as the General Partner determines to be necessary to establish those Limited Partners whose nationality, citizenship or other related status does not or would not subject any Group Member to a significant risk of cancellation or forfeiture of any of its properties or interests therein.
- (b) Without limitation of the foregoing, the General Partner may require all Limited Partners to certify as to their (and their beneficial owners') status as Eligible Holders upon demand and on a regular basis, as determined by the General Partner, and may require transferees of Limited Partner Interests to so certify prior to being admitted to the Partnership as a Limited Partner (any such required certificate, an "Eligibility Certificate").
- (c) If any Limited Partner fails to furnish to the General Partner an Eligibility Certificate or other requested information of its (and its beneficial owners') status as an Eligible Holder within thirty (30) days (or such other period as the General Partner may determine) of receipt of a request from the General Partner to furnish an Eligibility Certificate or other requested information, or if upon receipt of such Eligibility Certificate or other requested information the General Partner determines that a Limited Partner or a transferee of a Limited Partner is not an Eligible Holder (such a Partner, an "*Ineligible Holder*"), the Limited Partner Interests owned by such Limited Partner shall be subject to redemption in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.10 or the General Partner may refuse to effect the transfer of the Limited Partner Interests to such transferee. In addition, the General Partner shall be substituted for any Limited Partner that is an Ineligible Holder as the Limited Partner in respect of the Ineligible Holder's Limited Partner Interests.
- (d) The General Partner shall, in exercising voting rights in respect of Limited Partner Interests held by it on behalf of Ineligible Holders, distribute the votes in the same ratios as the votes of Limited Partners (including the General Partner and its Affiliates) in respect of Limited Partner Interests other than those of Ineligible Holders are cast, either for, against or abstaining as to the matter.

- (e) Upon dissolution of the Partnership, an Ineligible Holder shall have no right to receive a distribution in kind pursuant to Section 12.4 but shall be entitled to the cash equivalent thereof, and the Partnership shall provide cash in exchange for an assignment of the Ineligible Holder's share of any distribution in kind. Such payment and assignment shall be treated for Partnership purposes as a purchase by the Partnership from the Ineligible Holder of its Limited Partner Interest (representing the right to receive its share of such distribution in kind).
- (f) At any time after an Ineligible Holder can and does certify that it no longer is an Ineligible Holder, it may, upon application to the General Partner, request that with respect to any Limited Partner Interests of such Ineligible Holder not redeemed pursuant to Section 4.10, such Ineligible Holder be admitted as a Limited Partner, and upon approval of the General Partner, such Ineligible Holder shall be admitted as Limited Partner and shall no longer constitute an Ineligible Holder, and the General Partner shall cease to be deemed to be the Limited Partner in respect of such Limited Partner Interests.

Section 4.10 Redemption of Partnership Interests of Ineligible Holders.

- (a) If at any time a Limited Partner fails to furnish an Eligibility Certificate or any information requested within thirty (30) days (or such other period as the General Partner may determine) of receipt of a request from the General Partner to furnish an Eligibility Certificate, or if upon receipt of such Eligibility Certificate or such other information the General Partner determines, with the advice of counsel, that a Limited Partner is an Ineligible Holder, the Partnership may, unless the Limited Partner establishes to the satisfaction of the General Partner that such Limited Partner is not an Ineligible Holder or has transferred his Limited Partner Interests to a Person who is not an Ineligible Holder and who furnishes an Eligibility Certificate to the General Partner prior to the date fixed for redemption as provided below, redeem the Limited Partner Interest of such Limited Partner as follows:
  - (i) The General Partner shall, not later than the 30th day before the date fixed for redemption, give notice of redemption to the Limited Partner, at his last address designated in the Register by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid. The notice shall be deemed to have been given when so mailed. The notice shall specify the Redeemable Interests, the date fixed for redemption, the place of payment, that payment of the redemption price will be made upon redemption of the Redeemable Interests (or, if later in the case of Redeemable Interests evidenced by Certificates, upon surrender of the Certificates evidencing the Redeemable Interests at the place specified in the notice) and that on and after the date fixed for redemption no further allocations or distributions to which the Limited Partner would otherwise be entitled in respect of the Redeemable Interests will accrue or be made.
  - (ii) The aggregate redemption price for Redeemable Interests shall be an amount equal to the Current Market Price (the date of determination of which shall be the date fixed for redemption) of Limited Partner Interests of the class to be so redeemed multiplied by the number of Limited Partner Interests of each such class included among

the Redeemable Interests. The redemption price shall be paid, as determined by the General Partner, in cash or by delivery of a promissory note of the Partnership in the principal amount of the redemption price, bearing interest at the rate of 5% annually and payable in three equal annual installments of principal together with accrued interest, commencing one year after the redemption date.

- (iii) The Limited Partner or his duly authorized representative shall be entitled to receive the payment for the Redeemable Interests at the place of payment specified in the notice of redemption on the redemption date (or, if later in the case of Redeemable Interests evidenced by Certificates, upon surrender by or on behalf of the Limited Partner or transferee at the place specified in the notice of redemption, of the Certificates evidencing the Redeemable Interests, duly endorsed in blank or accompanied by an assignment duly executed in blank).
  - (iv) After the redemption date, Redeemable Interests shall no longer constitute issued and Outstanding Limited Partner Interests.
- (b) The provisions of this Section 4.10 shall also be applicable to Limited Partner Interests held by a Limited Partner as nominee, agent or representative of a Person determined to be an Ineligible Holder.
- (c) Nothing in this Section 4.10 shall prevent the recipient of a notice of redemption from transferring his Limited Partner Interest before the redemption date if such transfer is otherwise permitted under this Agreement and the transferor provides notice of such transfer to the General Partner. Upon receipt of notice of such a transfer, the General Partner shall withdraw the notice of redemption, provided that the transferee of such Limited Partner Interest certifies to the satisfaction of the General Partner that such transferee is not an Ineligible Holder. If the transferee fails to make such certification within 30 days after the request, and, in any event, before the redemption date, such redemption shall be effected from the transferee on the original redemption date.

Section 4.11 Right of First Offer.

(a) Subject to Section 4.8 and Section 4.11(d), except for a Permitted Transfer or a transfer to which Section 4.12 applies, if a Limited Partner (a "ROFO Seller") wishes to solicit proposals from third parties to acquire all or any portion of the ROFO Seller's Common Units or Subordinated Units, the ROFO Seller shall first provide a written notice (the "ROFO Notice") to each other Limited Partner (or, in the case of a transfer of Subordinated Units, only to the other Limited Partners holding Subordinated Units), with a copy to the Partnership, containing: (i) the number of Common Units or Subordinated Units proposed to be transferred (the "ROFO Units") and (ii) a request for each other Limited Partner entitled to receive such notice (each, a "ROFO Non-Selling Limited Partner") to specify the purchase price (the "ROFO Price") and other terms and conditions on which such ROFO Non-Selling Limited Partner is willing to purchase the ROFO Units.

## (b) If the ROFO Seller is a Person other than Bronco:

- (i) Within thirty (30) days after receiving the ROFO Notice, one or more ROFO Non-Selling Limited Partners (each, a "ROFO Accepting Limited Partners") may elect in writing (the "ROFO Offer Notice") to purchase all, but not less than all, of the ROFO Units. The ROFO Offer Notice shall specify the ROFO Price and other terms and conditions on which such ROFO Non-Selling Limited Partner is willing to purchase the ROFO Units. If any ROFO Accepting Limited Partner submits a ROFO Offer Notice within the time period specified herein, the ROFO Seller shall have thirty (30) days from the date it received the ROFO Offer Notice to elect in writing (the "ROFO Acceptance Notice") to accept the ROFO Accepting Limited Partner's offer to purchase the ROFO Units.
- (ii) If the ROFO Seller accepts a ROFO Accepting Limited Partner's offer, the ROFO Accepting Limited Partner must purchase the ROFO Units in the manner, and subject to the terms and conditions, described in Section 4.11(e). If the ROFO Seller does not accept any offer from a ROFO Accepting Limited Partner or fails to make such election within thirty (30) days after receiving the ROFO Offer Notice, or if there are no ROFO Accepting Limited Partners, then the ROFO Seller may, during the next one hundred twenty (120) days, transfer the ROFO Units to a third-party transferee (i) at a purchase price not less than 105% of the highest offered ROFO Price and upon terms no more favorable to the proposed transferee than those specified in the ROFO Notice and (ii) subject to the applicable terms and restrictions of this Agreement, including Section 4.8.
- (iii) If more than one ROFO Accepting Limited Partner submits a ROFO Offer Notice and the ROFO Seller decides to accept any of such ROFO Offer Notices, then the ROFO Seller shall be obligated to accept such ROFO Offer Notice containing the highest offered ROFO Price. If the highest offered ROFO Price is submitted by more than one ROFO Accepting Limited Partner, each such ROFO Accepting Limited Partner shall be allocated a number of ROFO Units on a Pro Rata basis in accordance with the number of Common Units or Subordinated Units, as applicable, owned by such ROFO Accepting Limited Partner in relation to the total number of Common Units or Subordinated Units, as applicable, owned by all ROFO Accepting Limited Partners, or in such other proportion as such ROFO Accepting Limited Partners shall otherwise agree.

## (c) If the ROFO Seller is Bronco:

- (i) Within thirty (30) days after receiving the ROFO Notice, either OGEH or CERC may elect to submit a ROFO Offer Notice to purchase all, but not less than all, of the ROFO Units, which ROFO Offer Notice shall specify the ROFO Price and other terms and conditions on which OGEH or CERC (as applicable) would be willing to purchase the ROFO Units.
- (ii) If both OGEH and CERC submit a ROFO Offer Notice within the time period specified in Section 4.11(c)(i) and the ROFO Seller decides to accept any of such ROFO Offer Notices, then the ROFO Seller shall be obligated to accept such ROFO Offer Notice containing the highest offered ROFO Price. If both OGEH and CERC submit a ROFO Offer Notice within the time period specified in Section 4.11(c)(i) at the same ROFO Offer Price and the ROFO Seller elects to accept any of such ROFO Offer Notices, then the ROFO Seller shall be obligated to accept the ROFO Offer Notice submitted by OGEH.

- (iii) If either OGEH or CERC submits a ROFO Offer Notice within the applicable time period specified in Section 4.11(c)(i), subject to Section 4.1(c)(ii), the ROFO Seller will have thirty (30) days from the date it received the ROFO Offer Notice to submit a ROFO Acceptance Notice.
- (iv) If the ROFO Seller accepts an offer from OGEH or CERC, OGEH or CERC must purchase the ROFO Units in the manner, and subject to the terms and conditions, described in Section 4.11(e). If the ROFO Seller does not accept such offer or fails to make such election within thirty (30) days after receiving the ROFO Offer Notice, or neither OGEH or CERC submits a ROFO Offer Notice within the applicable time period specified in Section 4.11(c) (i), then the ROFO Seller may, during the next one hundred twenty (120) days, transfer the ROFO Units to a third-party transferee (i) at a purchase price not less than 105% of the highest offered ROFO Price and upon terms no more favorable to the proposed transferee than those specified in the ROFO Notice and (ii) subject to the applicable terms and restrictions of this Agreement, including Section 4.8.
- (d) Except as set forth below, the obligations in this Section 4.11 shall apply to any proposed transfer of Common Units or Subordinated Units by a Limited Partner prior to the IPO Closing Date. The obligations in this Section 4.11 shall not apply to any such proposed transfer by Bronco after the earlier of the IPO Closing Date and the date that is 18 months following the Closing Date. On and after the IPO Closing Date, the obligations in this Section 4.11 shall apply only to any proposed transfer of Common Units or Subordinated Units, or series of such transfers to the same Person, by a Sponsor Party involving more than 5% of the aggregate of the Common Units and Subordinated Units held by such Sponsor Party. After the IPO Closing Date, the only Limited Partners entitled to receive a ROFO Notice and deliver a ROFO Offer Notice shall be the Sponsor Parties.
- (e) Sales of the ROFO Units to the applicable ROFO Accepting Limited Partner pursuant to this Section 4.11 shall be made at the offices of the Partnership within sixty (60) days of the delivery of ROFO Acceptance Notice, or on such other date as the participating parties may agree in writing. Such sales shall be effected by the ROFO Seller's delivery of the ROFO Units, free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than restrictions imposed by the governing documents of the Partnership and securities laws), to the applicable ROFO Accepting Limited Partner, against payment to the ROFO Seller of the ROFO Price by the applicable ROFO Accepting Limited Partner and on the terms and conditions specified in the applicable ROFO Offer Notice.

Section 4.12 Right of First Refusal.

(a) Subject to Section 4.8 and Section 4.12(d), except for a Permitted Transfer or a transfer to which Section 4.11 applies, if a Limited Partner (a "**ROFR Seller**") receives an unsolicited *bona fide* offer from a third party for a transfer of all or any portion of the ROFR

Seller's Common Units or Subordinated Units, and the ROFR Seller wishes to accept such offer, the ROFR Seller shall first provide a written notice (the "ROFR Seller's Notice") to each other Limited Partner (or, in the case of a transfer of Subordinated Units, only to the other Limited Partners holding Subordinated Units), with a copy to the Partnership, containing: (i) the number of Common Units or Subordinated Units proposed to be transferred (the "ROFR Units") and the per Unit purchase price offered therefor, which may only be in cash (the "ROFR Sale Price"), and (ii) the material terms and conditions of such proposed transfer. Delivery of the ROFR Seller's Notice to the Limited Partners entitled to receive such notice (each, a "ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partner") shall constitute an offer (a "ROFR Offer") by the ROFR Seller to sell the ROFR Units at the ROFR Sale Price to each other ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partner, which shall remain outstanding for a period of thirty (30) days after the delivery of the ROFR Seller's Notice (subject to extension as provided below, the "ROFR Period").

- (b) If the ROFR Seller is a Person other than Bronco:
- (i) During the ROFR Period, each ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partner shall have the right to accept the ROFR Offer in full but not in part, by delivering a written notice to the ROFR Seller (a "ROFR Acceptance Notice"), with a copy to each other ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partner and the Partnership of its acceptance of the ROFR Offer with respect to all of the ROFR Units at the ROFR Sale Price and on the same terms specified in the ROFR Seller's Notice.
- (ii) If more than one ROFR Acceptance Notice is timely delivered to the ROFR Seller, each ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partner that submitted a ROFR Acceptance Notice shall be entitled to purchase a portion of the ROFR Units determined on a pro rata basis in accordance with the number of Common Units or Subordinated Units, as applicable, owned by each such participating ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partners in relation to the total number of Common Units or Subordinated Units, as applicable, owned by all such participating ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partners, or in such other proportion as such ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partners may agree.
- (iii) A failure by a ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partner to validly deliver a ROFR Acceptance Notice during the ROFR Period shall be deemed a rejection of the ROFR Offer and a waiver of such ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partner's right to purchase any portion of the ROFR Units.
- (iv) If no ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partner timely delivers a ROFR Acceptance Notice, then the ROFR Seller shall be free, for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the expiration of the ROFR Period, to sell such ROFR Units to a third party (the "*Proposed Transferee*") (x) at a price per Unit equal to or greater than the ROFR Price and upon terms no more favorable to the Proposed Transferee than those specified in the ROFR Seller's Notice and (y) subject to the applicable terms and restrictions of this Agreement, including Section 4.8.
- (c) If the ROFR Seller is Bronco:

- (i) During the ROFR Period, OGEH and CERC shall each have the right to accept the ROFR Offer in full but not in part, in each case by delivering a ROFR Acceptance Notice, with a copy to each other ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partner and the Partnership of its acceptance of the ROFR Offer with respect to all of the ROFR Units at the ROFR Sale Price and on the same terms specified in the ROFR Seller's Notice.
- (ii) If both OGEH and CERC timely submit a ROFR Acceptance Notice, then OGEH shall be entitled to purchase all of the ROFR Units, unless OGEH and CERC agree otherwise.
- (iii) A failure by OGEH or CERC to validly deliver a ROFR Acceptance Notice during the applicable ROFR Period shall be deemed a rejection of the ROFR Offer and a waiver of such party's right to purchase any portion of the ROFR Units.
- (iv) If neither OGEH or CERC timely delivers a ROFR Acceptance Notice, then the ROFR Seller shall be free, for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days from the date of the expiration of the ROFR Period, to sell such ROFR Units to a Proposed Transferee (x) at a price per Unit equal to or greater than the ROFR Price and upon terms no more favorable to the Proposed Transferee than those specified in the ROFR Seller's Notice and (y) subject to the applicable terms and restrictions of this Agreement, including Section 4.8.
- (d) Except as set forth below, the obligations in this Section 4.12 shall apply to any proposed transfer of Common Units or Subordinated Units by a Limited Partner prior to the IPO Closing Date. The obligations in this Section 4.12 shall not apply to any such proposed transfer by Bronco after the earlier of the IPO Closing Date and the date that is 18 months following the Closing Date. On and after the IPO Closing Date, the obligations in this Section 4.12 shall apply only to any proposed transfer of Common Units or Subordinated Units, or series of such transfers to the same Person, by a Sponsor Party involving more than 5% of the aggregate of the Common Units or Subordinated Units held by such Sponsor Party. After the IPO Closing Date, the only Limited Partners entitled to receive a ROFR Seller's Notice and deliver a ROFR Acceptance Notice shall be the Sponsor Parties.
- (e) Sales of the ROFR Units to be sold to the participating ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partners pursuant to this Section 4.12 shall be made at the offices of the Partnership within sixty (60) days of the delivery of ROFR Seller's Notice, or on such other date as the participating parties may agree in writing. Such sales shall be effected by the ROFR Seller's delivery of the ROFR Units, free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than restrictions imposed by the governing documents of the Partnership and securities laws), to the participating ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partners, against payment to the ROFR Seller of the purchase consideration therefor by the participating ROFR Non-Transferring Limited Partners and on the terms and conditions specified in the ROFR Seller's Notice.

### ARTICLE V

# CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND ISSUANCE OF PARTNERSHIP INTERESTS

Section 5.1 *Organizational Contributions*. In connection with the conversion of the Partnership from a limited liability company to a limited partnership as described in Section 2.1, (a) the General Partner was admitted as the General Partner of the Partnership, (b) the Organizational Limited Partner was admitted as a Limited Partner of the Partnership and (c) the Organizational Limited Partner received 291,002,583 Common Units, representing a 100% Limited Partner Interest in the Partnership, in exchange for the previously outstanding limited liability company membership interests that were held by the Organizational Limited Partner at the time of such conversion.

Section 5.2 Initial Contributions; Percentage Interests.

- (a) On the Closing Date and pursuant to the Master Formation Agreement:
- (i) OGEH contributed 100% of its EH Economic Units to the Partnership, free and clear of all Encumbrances, in exchange for a Limited Partner Interest (the "OGEH LP Contribution");
- (ii) Bronco contributed 100% of its EH Economic Units to the Partnership, free and clear of all Encumbrances, in exchange for a Limited Partner Interest (the "Bronco LP Contribution");
- (iii) in exchange for, and simultaneously with, the OGEH LP Contribution, the Partnership issued to OGE 141,956,176 Common Units, representing a 28.456% Percentage Interest in the Partnership;
- (iv) in exchange for, and simultaneously with, the Bronco LP Contribution, the Partnership issued to Bronco 65,908,224 Common Units, representing a 13.212% Percentage Interest in the Partnership;
- (b) Upon completion of and as a result of the transactions described in Section 5.1 and Section 5.2(a), CERC holds 291,002,583 Common Units, representing a 58.333% Percentage Interest in the Partnership.
- Section 5.3 *Contributions by Limited Partners*. On or after the IPO Closing Date, no Limited Partner will be required to make any Capital Contribution to the Partnership pursuant to this Agreement.

Section 5.4 *Interest and Withdrawal*. No interest shall be paid by the Partnership on Capital Contributions. No Partner shall be entitled to the withdrawal or return of its Capital Contribution, except to the extent, if any, that distributions made pursuant to this Agreement or upon termination of the Partnership may be considered as such by law and then only to the extent provided for in this Agreement. Except to the extent expressly provided in this Agreement, no Partner shall have priority over any other Partner either as to the return of Capital Contributions or as to profits, losses or distributions. Any such return shall be a compromise to which all Partners agree within the meaning of Section 17-502(b) of the Delaware Act.

### Section 5.5 Capital Accounts.

- (a) The Partnership shall maintain for each Partner (or a beneficial owner of Partnership Interests held by a nominee, agent or representative in any case in which the nominee, agent or representative has furnished the identity of such owner to the Partnership in accordance with Section 6031(c) of the Code or any other method acceptable to the General Partner) owning a Partnership Interest a separate Capital Account with respect to such Partnership Interest in accordance with the rules of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv). The initial Capital Account balance attributable to the Common Units issued to the Organizational Limited Partner, OGEH, and Bronco pursuant to Sections 5.1 and 5.2(a) shall equal the product of the number of Common Units issued to the Organizational Limited Partner, OGEH, and Bronco, respectively, and the Initial Unit Price for each such Common Unit (and the initial Capital Account balance attributable to each such Common Unit shall equal its Initial Unit Price). The initial Capital Account attributable to the Incentive Distribution Rights shall be zero. Such Capital Account shall be increased by (i) the amount of all Capital Contributions made to the Partnership with respect to such Partnership Interest and (ii) all items of Partnership income and gain (including income and gain exempt from tax) computed in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and allocated with respect to such Partnership Interest and (y) all items of Partnership deduction and loss computed in accordance with Section 5.5(b) and allocated with respect to such Partnership Interest pursuant to Section 6.1.
- (b) For purposes of computing the amount of any item of income, gain, loss or deduction that is to be allocated pursuant to Article VI and is to be reflected in the Partners' Capital Accounts, the determination, recognition and classification of any such item shall be the same as its determination, recognition and classification for federal income tax purposes (including any method of depreciation, cost recovery or amortization used for that purpose), *provided*, that:
  - (i) Solely for purposes of this Section 5.5, the Partnership shall be treated as owning directly its proportionate share (as determined by the General Partner based upon the provisions of the applicable Group Member Agreement) of all property owned by (x) any other Group Member that is classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes and (y) any other partnership, limited liability company, unincorporated business or other entity classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes of which a Group Member is, directly or indirectly, a partner, member or other equity holder.
  - (ii) All fees and other expenses incurred by the Partnership to promote the sale of (or to sell) a Partnership Interest that can neither be deducted nor amortized under Section 709 of the Code, if any, shall, for purposes of Capital Account maintenance, be treated as an item of deduction at the time such fees and other expenses are incurred and shall be allocated among the Partners pursuant to Section 6.1.

- (iii) Except as otherwise provided in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), the computation of all items of income, gain, loss and deduction shall be made without regard to any election under Section 754 of the Code that may be made by the Partnership and, as to those items described in Section 705(a)(1)(B) or 705(a)(2)(B) of the Code, without regard to the fact that such items are not includable in gross income or are neither currently deductible nor capitalized for federal income tax purposes. To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any Partnership asset pursuant to Section 734(b) or 743(b) of the Code is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of such adjustment in the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain or loss.
- (iv) Any income, gain or loss attributable to the taxable disposition of any Partnership property shall be determined as if the adjusted basis of such property as of such date of disposition were equal in amount to the Partnership's Carrying Value with respect to such property as of such date.
- (v) In accordance with the requirements of Section 704(b) of the Code, any deductions for depreciation, cost recovery or amortization attributable to any Contributed Property shall be determined as if the adjusted basis of such property on the date it was acquired by the Partnership were equal to the Agreed Value of such property. Upon an adjustment pursuant to Section 5.5(d) to the Carrying Value of any Partnership property subject to depreciation, cost recovery or amortization, any further deductions for such depreciation, cost recovery or amortization attributable to such property shall be determined under the rules prescribed by Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-3(d)(2) as if the adjusted basis of such property were equal to the Carrying Value of such property immediately following such adjustment.
- (vi) The Gross Liability Value of each Liability of the Partnership described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.752-7(b)(3)(i) shall be adjusted at such times as provided in this Agreement for an adjustment to Carrying Values. The amount of any such adjustment shall be treated for purposes hereof as an item of loss (if the adjustment increases the Carrying Value of such Liability of the Partnership) or an item of gain (if the adjustment decreases the Carrying Value of such Liability of the Partnership).

(c)

- (i) A transferee of a Partnership Interest shall succeed to a pro rata portion of the Capital Account of the transferor relating to the Partnership Interest so transferred.
- (ii) Subject to Section 6.8(c), immediately prior to the transfer of a Subordinated Unit or of a Subordinated Unit that has converted into a Common Unit pursuant to Section 5.8 by a holder thereof (other than a transfer to an Affiliate unless the General Partner elects to have this subparagraph 5.5(c)(ii) apply), the Capital Account maintained for such Person with respect to its Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units will (A) first, be allocated to the Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units to be transferred in an amount equal to the product of (x) the number

of such Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units to be transferred and (y) the Per Unit Capital Amount for a Common Unit, and (B) second, any remaining balance in such Capital Account will be retained by the transferor, regardless of whether it has retained any Subordinated Units or converted Subordinated Units. Following any such allocation, the transferor's Capital Account, if any, maintained with respect to the retained Subordinated Units or retained converted Subordinated Units, if any, will have a balance equal to the amount allocated under clause (B) hereinabove, and the transferee's Capital Account established with respect to the transferred Subordinated Units or transferred converted Subordinated Units will have a balance equal to the amount allocated under clause (A) hereinabove.

(iii) Subject to Section 6.8(b), immediately prior to the transfer of an IDR Reset Common Unit by a holder thereof (other than a transfer to an Affiliate unless the General Partner elects to have this subparagraph (iii) apply), the Capital Account maintained for such Person with respect to its IDR Reset Common Units will (A) first, be allocated to the IDR Reset Common Units to be transferred in an amount equal to the product of (x) the number of such IDR Reset Common Units to be transferred and (y) the Per Unit Capital Amount for a Common Unit, and (B) second, any remaining balance in such Capital Account will be retained by the transferor, regardless of whether it has retained any IDR Reset Common Units. Following any such allocation, the transferor's Capital Account, if any, maintained with respect to the retained IDR Reset Common Units, if any, will have a balance equal to the amount allocated under clause (B) hereinabove, and the transferee's Capital Account established with respect to the transferred IDR Reset Common Units will have a balance equal to the amount allocated under clause (A) above.

(d)

(i) Consistent with Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(f), on an issuance of additional Partnership Interests for cash or Contributed Property, the issuance of Partnership Interests as consideration for the provision of services, or the conversion of the General Partner's Combined Interest to Common Units pursuant to Section 11.3(b), the Capital Account of each Partner and the Carrying Value of each Partnership property immediately prior to such issuance shall be adjusted upward or downward to reflect any Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss attributable to such Partnership property, and any such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss shall be treated, for purposes of maintaining Capital Accounts, as if it had been recognized on an actual sale of each such property for an amount equal to its fair market value immediately prior to such issuance and had been allocated among the Partners at such time pursuant to Section 6.1(c) and Section 6.1(d) in the same manner as any item of gain or loss actually recognized following an event giving rise to the dissolution of the Partnership would have been allocated; *provided*, *however*, that in the event of an issuance of Partnership Interests for a de minimis amount of cash or Contributed Property, or in the event of an issuance of a de minimis amount of Partnership Interests as consideration for the provision of services, the General Partner may determine that such adjustments are unnecessary for the proper administration of the Partnership. In determining such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss, the aggregate fair market value of all Partnership property (including cash or cash equivalents) immediately prior to the issuance of additional Partnership Interests shall be determined by the General Partner using such method of valuation as it may adopt. In making its

determination of the fair market values of individual properties, the General Partner may determine that it is appropriate to first determine an aggregate value for the Partnership, derived from the current trading price of the Common Units, and taking fully into account the fair market value of the Partnership Interests of all Partners at such time, and then allocate such aggregate value among the individual properties of the Partnership (in such manner as it determines appropriate).

(ii) In accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(f), immediately prior to any actual or deemed distribution to a Partner of any Partnership property (other than a distribution of cash that is not in redemption or retirement of a Partnership Interest), the Capital Accounts of all Partners and the Carrying Value of all Partnership property shall be adjusted upward or downward to reflect any Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss attributable to such Partnership property, and any such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss shall be treated, for purposes of maintaining Capital Accounts, as if it had been recognized on an actual sale of each such property immediately prior to such distribution for an amount equal to its fair market value, and had been allocated among the Partners, at such time, pursuant to Section 6.1(c) and Section 6.1(d) in the same manner as any item of gain or loss actually recognized following an event giving rise to the dissolution of the Partnership would have been allocated. In determining such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss the aggregate fair market value of all Partnership property (including cash or cash equivalents) immediately prior to a distribution shall (A) in the case of an actual distribution that is not made pursuant to Section 12.4 or in the case of a deemed distribution, be determined in the same manner as that provided in Section 5.5(d)(i) or (B) in the case of a liquidating distribution pursuant to Section 12.4, be determined by the Liquidator using such method of valuation as it may adopt.

Section 5.6 Issuances of Additional Partnership Interests; Additional Capital Contributions Prior to the IPO Closing Date; Call and Put Rights,

- (a) The Partnership may issue additional Partnership Interests (other than General Partner Interests) and Derivative Partnership Interests for any Partnership purpose at any time and from time to time to such Persons for such consideration and on such terms and conditions as the General Partner shall determine, all without the approval of any Limited Partners (subject to Section 3.4(a)). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, prior to the Bronco Fall-Away Date, the Partnership shall not issue any Units with designations, preferences, rights, powers or duties that are senior to Common Units held by Bronco without the prior written consent of Bronco.
- (b) Each additional Partnership Interest authorized to be issued by the Partnership pursuant to Section 5.6(a) may be issued in one or more classes, or one or more series of any such classes, with such designations, preferences, rights, powers and duties (which, except as otherwise provided in Section 5.6(a), may be senior to existing classes and series of Partnership Interests), as shall be fixed by the General Partner, including (i) the right to share in Partnership profits and losses or items thereof; (ii) the right to share in Partnership distributions; (iii) the

rights upon dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership; (iv) whether, and the terms and conditions upon which, the Partnership may or shall be required to redeem the Partnership Interest; (v) whether such Partnership Interest is issued with the privilege of conversion or exchange and, if so, the terms and conditions of such conversion or exchange; (vi) the terms and conditions upon which each Partnership Interest will be issued, evidenced by Certificates and assigned or transferred; (vii) the method for determining the Percentage Interest as to such Partnership Interest; and (viii) the right, if any, of each such Partnership Interest to vote on Partnership matters, including matters relating to the relative rights, preferences and privileges of such Partnership Interest.

- (c) The General Partner shall take all actions that it determines to be necessary or appropriate in connection with (i) each issuance of Partnership Interests and Derivative Partnership Interests pursuant to this Section 5.6, (ii) the conversion of the Combined Interest into Units pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, (iii) the issuance of Common Units pursuant to Section 5.12, (iv) reflecting admission of such additional Limited Partners in the Register as the Record Holders of such Limited Partner Interests and (v) all additional issuances of Partnership Interests. The General Partner shall determine the relative rights, powers and duties of the holders of the Units or other Partnership Interests being so issued. The General Partner shall do all things necessary to comply with the Delaware Act and is authorized and directed to do all things that it determines to be necessary or appropriate in connection with any future issuance of Partnership Interests or in connection with the conversion of the Combined Interest into Units pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, including compliance with any statute, rule, regulation or guideline of any federal, state or other governmental agency or any National Securities Exchange on which the Units or other Partnership Interests are listed or admitted to trading.
  - (d) No fractional Units shall be issued by the Partnership.
  - (e) Additional Capital Contributions Prior to the IPO Closing Date.
  - (i) Prior to the IPO Closing Date, each Limited Partner shall have the right, but not the obligation, to fund its Pro Rata portion of any additional Capital Contributions approved by the Board of Directors.
  - (ii) If a Limited Partner elects not to fund any amount of its Pro Rata portion of an additional Capital Contribution, then the other Limited Partners shall have the right, but not the obligation, to fund their Pro Rata portion of the remaining balance of such unfunded Capital Contribution. In such event, the General Partner shall give the other Limited Partners written notice thereof.
  - (iii) Each time a request for additional Capital Contributions is to be made, the Partnership shall give each Limited Partner a written notice specifying (A) the aggregate amount of the Capital Contribution requested and such Limited Partner's share thereof, and (B) wire instructions for the account into which such Capital Contribution shall be made. Except as otherwise approved by the Board of Directors, the Limited Partners shall make any Capital Contributions requested hereunder (X) within fifteen (15) days of the date that the notice in the preceding sentence is given by the Partnership, or

- (Y) within ten (10) days of the date such Limited Partner is given notice by the Partnership that it is entitled to fund a balance of a Capital Contribution pursuant to Section 5.6(e)(ii), in each case subject to any extension necessary to pursue any required regulatory approvals or clearances.
- (iv) In exchange for payment of any additional Capital Contributions as provided in this Section 5.6(e), the Partnership shall issue to each Limited Partner that elects to fund such additional Capital Contribution a number of additional Common Units equal to (i) the dollar amount of such Capital Contribution funded by the Limited Partner divided by (ii) 80% of then-applicable Unit Price.
  - (A) As used herein, "*Unit Price*" means the Partnership Equity Value at such time, divided by the sum of the number of Common Units Outstanding on such date. The Unit Price shall be determined by the General Partner.
  - (B) As used herein, "*Partnership Equity Value*" shall be derived from a 5.8% yield (coinciding with a 5.97% Alerian MLP Index Yield (AMZ Yield) as of March 2013) as adjusted on the date of determination to reflect changes in the Alerian MLP Index Yield and the aggregate amount of Adjusted Available Cash for the four most recently completed Quarters. For purposes of this Section 5.6(e)(iv), the aggregate amount of Adjusted Available Cash for the four most recent Quarters occurring immediately prior to the first quarter after the Closing Date shall be the relevant historical or projected amounts for such periods provided in Exhibit D. An example of the calculation of the Unit Price is included as Exhibit D.
- (f) *Issuance of Units with Respect to Call and Put Rights*. If a Call Right or a Put Right is exercised, in exchange for the Partnership purchasing an additional interest in SESH as provided in Annex B to the Master Formation Agreement, the Partnership shall issue to SEPH a number of additional Common Units as determined pursuant to Annex B to the Master Formation Agreement.

Section 5.7 Conversion of Common Units Into Subordinated Units. In connection with the Initial Public Offering, the General Partner may, in its sole and absolute discretion and upon written notice to the Limited Partners, convert such portion of the Common Units held by each of CERC and OGEH (or their respective successors) as is necessary to cause up to 50% of the Outstanding Units on the IPO Closing Date to be Subordinated Units into Subordinated Units on a one-for-one basis without the necessity of any vote or approval of any other Partner; provided, however, that each of CERC and OGEH (or their respective successors) must have the same percentage of such Person's Common Units converted into Subordinated Units. From and after the date of any such conversion, the provisions of this Agreement relating to Subordinated Units, including the provisions of Section 5.8, shall apply.

Section 5.8 Conversion of Subordinated Units.

(a) All of the Subordinated Units shall convert into Common Units on a one-for-one basis on the expiration of the Subordination Period.

- (b) In the event that Subordinated Units shall convert into Common Units pursuant to Section 5.8(a) at a time when there shall be more than one holder of Subordinated Units, then, unless all of the holders of the Subordinated Units shall agree to a different allocation, the Subordinated Units that are to be converted into Common Units shall be allocated among the holders of the Subordinated Units pro rata based on the number of Subordinated Units held by each such holder.
- (c) Upon the conversion of Subordinated Units in accordance with this Section 5.8, each converting holder shall be deemed to be the Record Holder of the number of Common Units issuable upon conversion, notwithstanding that the Certificates representing such Common Units shall not then actually be delivered to such Person. Upon notice from the Partnership, each holder of Subordinated Units so converted shall promptly surrender to the Partnership Certificates representing the Subordinated Units so converted, in proper transfer form. If the date for the conversion of Subordinated Units into Common Units shall not be a Business Day, then such conversion shall occur on the next Business Day. Each Subordinated Unit shall be canceled by the General Partner upon its conversion.
- (d) The issuance or delivery of certificates for Common Units upon the conversion of Subordinated Units shall be made without charge to the converting holder of Subordinated Units for such certificates or for any tax in respect of the issuance or delivery of such certificates or the securities represented thereby, and such certificates shall be issued or delivered in the respective names of, or in such names as may be directed by, the holders of the Subordinated Units converted; provided, however, that the Partnership shall not be required to pay any tax which may be payable in respect of any transfer involved in the issuance and delivery of any such certificate in a name other than that of the holder of the Subordinated Units converted, and the Partnership shall not be required to issue or deliver such certificate unless or until the Person or Persons requesting the issuance or delivery thereof shall have paid to the Partnership the amount of such tax or shall have established to the reasonable satisfaction of the Partnership that such tax has been paid.
  - (e) A Subordinated Unit that has converted into a Common Unit shall be subject to the provisions of Section 6.8.

Section 5.9 *Limited Preemptive Right*. Except as provided in this Section 5.9 and in Section 5.2 and Section 5.12 or as otherwise provided in a separate agreement by the Partnership, no Person shall have any preemptive, preferential or other similar right with respect to the issuance of any Partnership Interest, whether unissued, held in the treasury or hereafter created. After the IPO Closing Date, for so long as a Person remains an Affiliate of the General Partner, each Affiliate of the General Partner shall have the right, which it may from time to time assign in whole or in part to any of its Affiliates, to purchase Partnership Interests from the Partnership whenever, and on the same terms that, the Partnership issues Partnership Interests to Persons other than the General Partner and its Affiliates, up to the extent necessary to maintain the Percentage Interests of such Person equal to that which existed immediately prior to the issuance of such Partnership Interests.

Section 5.10 Splits and Combinations.

- (a) Subject to Section 5.10(d), Section 6.7 and Section 6.10 (dealing with adjustments of distribution levels), the Partnership may make a Pro Rata distribution of Partnership Interests to all Record Holders or may effect a subdivision or combination of Partnership Interests so long as, after any such event, each Partner shall have the same Percentage Interest in the Partnership as before such event, and any amounts calculated on a per Unit basis (including any Common Unit Arrearage, Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage or Minimum Bronco Pre-IPO MQD Amount) or stated as a number of Units are proportionately adjusted.
- (b) Whenever such a distribution, subdivision or combination of Partnership Interests is declared, the General Partner shall select a Record Date as of which the distribution, subdivision or combination shall be effective and shall send notice thereof at least 20 days prior to such Record Date to each Record Holder as of a date not less than 10 days prior to the date of such notice (or such shorter periods as required by applicable law). The General Partner also may cause a firm of independent public accountants selected by it to calculate the number of Partnership Interests to be held by each Record Holder after giving effect to such distribution, subdivision or combination. The General Partner shall be entitled to rely on any certificate provided by such firm as conclusive evidence of the accuracy of such calculation.
- (c) Promptly following any such distribution, subdivision or combination, the Partnership may issue Certificates or uncertificated Partnership Interests to the Record Holders of Partnership Interests as of the applicable Record Date representing the new number of Partnership Interests held by such Record Holders, or the General Partner may adopt such other procedures that it determines to be necessary or appropriate to reflect such changes. If any such combination results in a smaller total number of Partnership Interests Outstanding, the Partnership shall require, as a condition to the delivery to a Record Holder of Partnership Interests represented by Certificates, the surrender of any Certificate held by such Record Holder immediately prior to such Record Date.
- (d) The Partnership shall not issue fractional Units upon any distribution, subdivision or combination of Units. If a distribution, subdivision or combination of Units would result in the issuance of fractional Units but for the provisions of Section 5.6(d) and this Section 5.10(d), each fractional Unit shall be rounded to the nearest whole Unit (with fractional Units equal to or greater than a 0.5 Unit being rounded to the next higher Unit).

Section 5.11 *Fully Paid and Non-Assessable Nature of Limited Partner Interests*. All Limited Partner Interests issued pursuant to, and in accordance with the requirements of, this Article V shall be fully paid and non-assessable Limited Partner Interests in the Partnership, except as such non-assessability may be affected by Sections 17-303, 17-607 or 17-804 of the Delaware Act.

Section 5.12 Issuance of Common Units in Connection with Reset of Incentive Distribution Rights.

(a) Subject to the provisions of this Section 5.12, the holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights (or, if there is more than one holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights, the holders of a majority in interest of the Incentive Distribution Rights) shall have the right, at any time when there are no Subordinated Units outstanding and the Partnership has made a

distribution pursuant to Section 6.5(b)(v) for each of the four most recently completed Quarters and the amount of each such distribution did not exceed Adjusted Operating Surplus for such Quarter, to make an election (the "IDR Reset Election") to cause the Minimum Quarterly Distribution and the Target Distributions to be reset in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.12(e) and, in connection therewith, the holder or holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights will become entitled to receive their respective proportionate share of a number of Common Units (the "IDR Reset Common Units") derived by dividing (i) the average amount of cash distributions made by the Partnership for the two full Quarters immediately preceding the giving of the Reset Notice (as defined in Section 5.12(b)) in respect of the Incentive Distribution Rights by (ii) the average of the cash distributions made by the Partnership in respect of each Common Unit for the two full Quarters immediately preceding the giving of the Reset Notice (the number of Common Units determined by such quotient is referred to herein as the "Aggregate Quantity of IDR Reset Common Units"). If at the time of any IDR Reset Election the General Partner and its Affiliates are not the holders of a majority interest of the Incentive Distribution Rights, then the IDR Reset Election shall be subject to the prior written concurrence of the General Partner that the conditions described in the immediately preceding sentence have been satisfied. The making of the IDR Reset Election in the manner specified in this Section 5.12 shall cause the Minimum Quarterly Distribution and the Target Distributions to be reset in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.12(e) and, in connection therewith, the holder or holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights will become entitled to receive IDR Reset Common Units on the basis specified above, without any further approval required by the Unitholders other than as set forth in this Section 5.12(a), at the time specified in Secti

- (b) To exercise the right specified in Section 5.12(a), the holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights (or, if there is more than one holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights, the holders of a majority in interest of the Incentive Distribution Rights) shall deliver a written notice (the "*Reset Notice*") to the Partnership. Within 10 Business Days after the receipt by the Partnership of such Reset Notice, the Partnership shall deliver a written notice to the holder or holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights of the Partnership's determination of the Aggregate Quantity of IDR Reset Common Units that each holder of Incentive Distribution Rights will be entitled to receive.
- (c) The holder or holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights will be entitled to receive the Aggregate Quantity of IDR Reset Common Units on the fifteenth Business Day after receipt by the Partnership of the Reset Notice; *provided*, *however*, that the issuance of IDR Reset Common Units to the holder or holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights shall not occur prior to the approval of the listing or admission for trading of such IDR Reset Common Units by the principal National Securities Exchange upon which the Common Units are then listed or admitted for trading if any such approval is required pursuant to the rules and regulations of such National Securities Exchange.
- (d) If the principal National Securities Exchange upon which the Common Units are then traded has not approved the listing or admission for trading of the IDR Reset Common Units to be issued pursuant to this Section 5.12 on or before the 30th calendar day following the Partnership's receipt of the Reset Notice and such approval is required by the rules and regulations of such National Securities Exchange, then the holder of the Incentive Distribution

Rights (or, if there is more than one holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights, the holders of a majority in interest of the Incentive Distribution Rights) shall have the right to either rescind the IDR Reset Election or elect to receive other Partnership Interests having such terms as the General Partner may approve, with the approval of the Conflicts Committee, that will provide (i) the same economic value, in the aggregate, as the Aggregate Quantity of IDR Reset Common Units would have had at the time of the Partnership's receipt of the Reset Notice, as determined by the General Partner, and (ii) for the subsequent conversion of such Partnership Interests into Common Units within not more than 12 months following the Partnership's receipt of the Reset Notice upon the satisfaction of one or more conditions that are reasonably acceptable to the holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights (or, if there is more than one holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights, the holders of a majority in interest of the Incentive Distribution Rights).

- (e) The Minimum Quarterly Distribution and the Target Distributions, shall be adjusted at the time of the issuance of IDR Reset Common Units or other Partnership Interests pursuant to this Section 5.12 such that (i) the Minimum Quarterly Distribution shall be reset to equal the average cash distribution amount per Common Unit for the two Quarters immediately prior to the Partnership's receipt of the Reset Notice (the "*Reset MQD*"), (ii) the First Target Distribution shall be reset to equal 115% of the Reset MQD, (iii) the Second Target Distribution shall be reset to equal 125% of the Reset MQD and (iv) the Third Target Distribution shall be reset to equal 150% of the Reset MQD.
- (f) Upon the issuance of IDR Reset Common Units pursuant to Section 5.12(a), the Capital Account maintained with respect to the Incentive Distribution Rights will (i) first, be allocated to IDR Reset Common Units in an amount equal to the product of (A) the Aggregate Quantity of IDR Reset Common Units and (B) the Per Unit Capital Amount for an IPO Common Unit, and (ii) second, as to any remaining balance in such Capital Account, will be retained by the holder of the Incentive Distribution Rights. If there is not sufficient capital associated with the Incentive Distribution Rights to allocate the full Per Unit Capital Amount for an IPO Common Unit to the IDR Reset Common Units in accordance with clause (i) of this Section 5.12(f), the IDR Reset Common Units shall be subject to Sections 6.1(d)(x)(B) and (C).

### ARTICLE VI

# ALLOCATIONS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

Section 6.1 *Allocations for Capital Account Purposes*. For purposes of maintaining the Capital Accounts and in determining the rights of the Partners among themselves, the Partnership's items of income, gain, loss and deduction (computed in accordance with Section 5.5(b)) for each taxable period shall be allocated among the Partners as provided herein below.

(a) *Net Income*. After giving effect to the special allocations set forth in Section 6.1(d), Net Income for each taxable period and all items of income, gain, loss and deduction taken into account in computing Net Income for such taxable period shall be allocated as follows:

- (i) First, to the General Partner until the aggregate of the Net Income allocated to the General Partner pursuant to this Section 6.1(a)(i) and the Net Termination Gain allocated to the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1(c)(i)(A) or Section 6.1(c)(iv)(A) for the current and all previous taxable periods is equal to the aggregate of the Net Loss allocated to the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(ii) for all previous taxable periods and the Net Termination Loss allocated to the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1(c)(ii)(D) or Section 6.1(c)(iii)(B) for the current and all previous taxable periods; and
  - (ii) The balance, if any, to all Unitholders, Pro Rata.
- (b) *Net Loss*. After giving effect to the special allocations set forth in Section 6.1(d), Net Loss for each taxable period and all items of income, gain, loss and deduction taken into account in computing Net Loss for such taxable period shall be allocated as follows:
  - (i) First, to the Unitholders, Pro Rata; *provided*, that Net Losses shall not be allocated pursuant to this Section 6.1(b)(i) to the extent that such allocation would cause any Unitholder to have a deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account at the end of such taxable period (or increase any existing deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account); and
    - (ii) The balance, if any, 100% to the General Partner.
- (c) *Net Termination Gains and Losses*. After giving effect to the special allocations set forth in Section 6.1(d), Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss (including a pro rata part of each item of income, gain, loss and deduction taken into account in computing Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss) for such taxable period shall be allocated in the manner set forth in this Section 6.1(c). All allocations under this Section 6.1(c) shall be made after Capital Account balances have been adjusted by all other allocations provided under this Section 6.1 and after all distributions of Available Cash provided under Section 6.4, Section 6.5 and Section 6.6 have been made; *provided*, *however*, that solely for purposes of this Section 6.1(c), Capital Accounts shall not be adjusted for distributions made pursuant to Section 12.4.
  - (i) Except as provided in Section 6.1(c)(iv) or Section 6.1(c)(v), Net Termination Gain (including a pro rata part of each item of income, gain, loss, and deduction taken into account in computing Net Termination Gain) shall be allocated:
    - (A) First, to the General Partner until the aggregate of the Net Termination Gain allocated to the General Partner pursuant to this Section 6.1(c) (i)(A) or Section 6.1(c)(iv)(A) and the Net Income allocated to the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1(a)(i) for the current and all previous taxable periods is equal to the aggregate of the Net Loss allocated to the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(ii) for all previous taxable periods and the Net Termination Loss allocated to the General Partner pursuant to Section 6.1(c)(ii)(D) or Section 6.1(c)(iii)(B) for all previous taxable periods;
    - (B) Second, to all Unitholders holding Common Units, Pro Rata, until the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding is equal to the sum of (1) its Unrecovered Initial Unit Price, (2) the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for the Quarter during which the Liquidation Date occurs, reduced by

any distribution pursuant to Section 6.5(a)(i) or Section 6.5(b)(i) with respect to such Common Unit for such Quarter (the amount determined pursuant to this clause (2) is hereinafter referred to as the "*Unpaid MQD*") and (3) any then existing Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage;

- (C) Third, if such Net Termination Gain is recognized (or is deemed to be recognized) prior to the conversion of the last Outstanding Subordinated Unit into a Common Unit, to all Unitholders holding Subordinated Units, Pro Rata, until the Capital Account in respect of each Subordinated Unit then Outstanding equals the sum of (1) its Unrecovered Initial Unit Price, determined for the taxable period (or portion thereof) to which this allocation of gain relates, and (2) the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for the Quarter during which the Liquidation Date occurs, reduced by any distribution pursuant to Section 6.5(a)(iii) with respect to such Subordinated Unit for such Quarter;
- (D) Fourth, to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, until the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding is equal to the sum of (1) its Unrecovered Initial Unit Price, (2) the Unpaid MQD, (3) any then existing Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage, and (4) the excess of (aa) the First Target Distribution less the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for each Quarter of the Partnership's existence over (bb) the cumulative per Unit amount of any distributions of Available Cash that is deemed to be Operating Surplus made pursuant to Section 6.5(a)(iv) and Section 6.5(b)(ii) (the sum of (1), (2), (3) and (4) is hereinafter referred to as the "First Liquidation Target Amount");
- (E) Fifth, (x) 15% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and (y) 85% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, until the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding is equal to the sum of (1) the First Liquidation Target Amount, and (2) the excess of (aa) the Second Target Distribution less the First Target Distribution for each Quarter of the Partnership's existence over (bb) the cumulative per Unit amount of any distributions of Available Cash that is deemed to be Operating Surplus made pursuant to Section 6.5(a)(v) and Section 6.5(b)(iii) (the sum of (1) and (2) is hereinafter referred to as the "Second Liquidation Target Amount");
- (F) Sixth, (x) 25% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and (y) 75% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, until the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding is equal to the sum of (1) the Second Liquidation Target Amount, and (2) the excess of (aa) the Third Target Distribution less the Second Target Distribution for each Quarter of the Partnership's existence over (bb) the cumulative per Unit amount of any distributions of Available Cash that is deemed to be Operating Surplus made pursuant to Section 6.5(a)(vi) and Section 6.5(b) (iv); and
  - (G) Finally, (x) 50% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and (y) 50% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata.

- (ii) Except as otherwise provided by Section 6.1(c)(iii) or Section 6.1(c)(v), Net Termination Loss (including a pro rata part of each item of income, gain, loss, and deduction taken into account in computing Net Termination Loss) shall be allocated:
  - (A) First, if Subordinated Units remain Outstanding, to all Unitholders holding Subordinated Units, Pro Rata, until the Capital Account in respect of each Subordinated Unit then Outstanding has been reduced to zero;
  - (B) Second, to all Unitholders holding Common Units, Pro Rata, until the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding has been reduced to zero;
  - (C) Third, to the Unitholders, Pro Rata; *provided* that Net Termination Loss shall not be allocated pursuant to this Section 6.1(c)(ii)(C) to the extent such allocation would cause any Unitholder to have a deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account (or increase any existing deficit in its Adjusted Capital Account); and
    - (D) Fourth, the balance, if any, 100% to the General Partner.
- (iii) Except as otherwise provided by Section 6.1(c)(v), any Net Termination Loss deemed recognized pursuant to Section 5.5(d) prior to the Liquidation Date shall be allocated:
  - (A) First, to the Unitholders, Pro Rata; *provided* that Net Termination Loss shall not be allocated pursuant to this Section 6.1(c)(iii)(A) to the extent such allocation would cause any Unitholder to have a deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account at the end of such taxable period (or increase any existing deficit in its Adjusted Capital Account); and
    - (B) The balance, if any, to the General Partner.
- (iv) If a Net Termination Loss has been allocated pursuant to Section 6.1(c)(iii), subsequent Net Termination Gain deemed recognized pursuant to Section 5.5(d) prior to the Liquidation Date shall be allocated:
  - (A) First, to the General Partner until the aggregate Net Termination Gain allocated to the General Partner pursuant to this Section 6.1(c)(iv) (A) is equal to the aggregate Net Termination Loss previously allocated pursuant to Section 6.1(c)(iii)(B);
  - (B) Second, to the Unitholders, Pro Rata, until the aggregate Net Termination Gain allocated pursuant to this Section 6.1(c)(iv)(B) is equal to the aggregate Net Termination Loss previously allocated pursuant to Section 6.1(c)(iii)(A); and
    - (C) The balance, if any, pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.1(c)(i).

- (v) Allocations of Net Termination Gain and Net Termination Loss Prior to IPO Closing Date.
- (A) Net Termination Gain recognized (or deemed recognized pursuant to Section 5.5(d)) on or prior to the IPO Closing Date shall be treated as Net Income and allocated pursuant to Section 6.1(a).
- (B) Net Termination Loss recognized (or deemed recognized pursuant to Section 5.5(d)) on or prior to the IPO Closing Date shall be treated as Net Loss and allocated pursuant to Section 6.1(b).
- (d) Special Allocations. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1, the following special allocations shall be made for such taxable period:
- (i) Partnership Minimum Gain Chargeback. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1, if there is a net decrease in Partnership Minimum Gain during any Partnership taxable period, each Partner shall be allocated items of Partnership income and gain for such period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in the manner and amounts provided in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(f)(6), 1.704-2(g)(2) and 1.704-2(j)(2)(i), or any successor provision. For purposes of this Section 6.1(d), each Partner's Adjusted Capital Account balance shall be determined, and the allocation of income or gain required hereunder shall be effected, prior to the application of any other allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d) with respect to such taxable period (other than an allocation pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(vi) and Section 6.1(d)(vii)). This Section 6.1(d)(i) is intended to comply with the Partnership Minimum Gain chargeback requirement in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(f) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.
- (ii) Chargeback of Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Section 6.1 (other than Section 6.1(d)(i)), except as provided in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(4), if there is a net decrease in Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain during any Partnership taxable period, any Partner with a share of Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain at the beginning of such taxable period shall be allocated items of Partnership income and gain for such period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in the manner and amounts provided in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(i)(4) and 1.704-2(j)(2)(ii), or any successor provisions. For purposes of this Section 6.1(d), each Partner's Adjusted Capital Account balance shall be determined, and the allocation of income or gain required hereunder shall be effected, prior to the application of any other allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d), other than Section 6.1(d)(i) and other than an allocation pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(vi) and Section 6.1(d)(vii), with respect to such taxable period. This Section 6.1(d)(ii) is intended to comply with the chargeback of items of income and gain requirement in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(4) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.
  - (iii) Priority Allocations.

- (A) If the amount of cash or the Net Agreed Value of any property distributed (except cash or property distributed pursuant to Section 12.4) with respect to a Unit exceeds the amount of cash or the Net Agreed Value of property distributed with respect to another Unit (the amount of the excess, an "Excess Distribution" and the Unit with respect to which the greater distribution is paid, an "Excess Distribution Unit"), then there shall be allocated gross income and gain to each Unitholder receiving an Excess Distribution with respect to the Excess Distribution Unit until the aggregate amount of such items allocated with respect to such Excess Distribution Unit pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(iii)(A) for the current taxable period and all previous taxable periods is equal to the amount of the Excess Distribution.
- (B) After the application of Section 6.1(d)(iii)(A), all or any portion of the remaining items of Partnership gross income or gain for the taxable period, if any, shall be allocated to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, until the aggregate amount of such items allocated to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(iii)(B) for the current taxable period and all previous taxable periods is equal to the cumulative amount of all Incentive Distributions made to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights from the Closing Date to a date 45 days after the end of the current taxable period.
- (iv) Qualified Income Offset. In the event any Partner unexpectedly receives any adjustments, allocations or distributions described in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(5), or 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(6), items of Partnership gross income and gain shall be specially allocated to such Partner in an amount and manner sufficient to eliminate, to the extent required by the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704(b) of the Code, the deficit balance, if any, in its Adjusted Capital Account created by such adjustments, allocations or distributions as quickly as possible; *provided*, that an allocation pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(iv) shall be made only if and to the extent that such Partner would have a deficit balance in its Adjusted Capital Account as adjusted after all other allocations provided for in this Section 6.1 have been tentatively made as if this Section 6.1(d)(iv) were not in this Agreement.
- (v) Gross Income Allocation. In the event any Partner has a deficit balance in its Capital Account at the end of any taxable period in excess of the sum of (A) the amount such Partner is required to restore pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement and (B) the amount such Partner is deemed obligated to restore pursuant to Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5), such Partner shall be specially allocated items of Partnership gross income and gain in the amount of such excess as quickly as possible; *provided*, that an allocation pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(v) shall be made only if and to the extent that such Partner would have a deficit balance in its Capital Account as adjusted after all other allocations provided for in this Section 6.1 have been tentatively made as if Section 6.1(d)(iv) and this Section 6.1(d)(v) were not in this Agreement.

- (vi) Nonrecourse Deductions. Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable period shall be allocated to the Partners Pro Rata. If the General Partner determines that the Partnership's Nonrecourse Deductions should be allocated in a different ratio to satisfy the safe harbor requirements of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704(b) of the Code, the General Partner is authorized, upon notice to the other Partners, to revise the prescribed ratio to the numerically closest ratio that does satisfy such requirements.
- (vii) Partner Nonrecourse Deductions. Partner Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable period shall be allocated 100% to the Partner that bears the Economic Risk of Loss with respect to the Partner Nonrecourse Debt to which such Partner Nonrecourse Deductions are attributable in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i). If more than one Partner bears the Economic Risk of Loss with respect to a Partner Nonrecourse Debt, such Partner Nonrecourse Deductions attributable thereto shall be allocated between or among such Partners in accordance with the ratios in which they share such Economic Risk of Loss.
- (viii) Nonrecourse Liabilities. For purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.752-3(a)(3), the Partners agree that Nonrecourse Liabilities of the Partnership in excess of the sum of (A) the amount of Partnership Minimum Gain and (B) the total amount of Nonrecourse Built-in Gain shall be allocated among the Partners Pro Rata.
- (ix) Code Section 754 Adjustments. To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any Partnership asset pursuant to Section 734(b) or 743(b) of the Code is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of such adjustment to the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain (if the adjustment increases the basis of the asset) or loss (if the adjustment decreases such basis), and such item of gain or loss shall be specially allocated to the Partners in a manner consistent with the manner in which their Capital Accounts are required to be adjusted pursuant to such Section of the Treasury Regulations.
  - (x) Economic Uniformity; Changes in Law.
  - (A) At the election of the General Partner with respect to any taxable period ending upon, or after, the termination of the Subordination Period, all or a portion of the remaining items of Partnership gross income or gain for such taxable period, after taking into account allocations pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(iii), shall be allocated 100% to each Partner holding Subordinated Units that are Outstanding as of the termination of the Subordination Period ("Final Subordinated Units") in the proportion of the number of Final Subordinated Units held by such Partner to the total number of Final Subordinated Units then Outstanding, until each such Partner has been allocated an amount of gross income or gain that increases the Capital Account maintained with respect to such Final Subordinated Units to an amount that after taking into account the other allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction to be made with respect to such taxable period will equal the product of (A) the number of Final Subordinated

Units held by such Partner and (B) the Per Unit Capital Amount for a Common Unit. The purpose of this allocation is to establish uniformity between the Capital Accounts underlying Final Subordinated Units and the Capital Accounts underlying Common Units held by Persons other than the General Partner and its Affiliates immediately prior to the conversion of such Final Subordinated Units into Common Units. This allocation method for establishing such economic uniformity will be available to the General Partner only if the method for allocating the Capital Account maintained with respect to the Subordinated Units between the transferred and retained Subordinated Units pursuant to Section 5.5(c)(ii) does not otherwise provide such economic uniformity to the Final Subordinated Units.

- (B) With respect to an event triggering an adjustment to the Carrying Value of Partnership property pursuant to Section 5.5(d) during any taxable period of the Partnership ending upon, or after, the issuance of IDR Reset Common Units pursuant to Section 5.12, after the application of Section 6.1(d)(x)(A), any Unrealized Gains and Unrealized Losses shall be allocated among the Partners in a manner that to the nearest extent possible results in the Capital Accounts maintained with respect to such IDR Reset Common Units issued pursuant to Section 5.12 equaling the product of (A) the Aggregate Quantity of IDR Reset Common Units and (B) the Per Unit Capital Amount for an IPO Common Unit.
- (C) With respect to any taxable period during which an IDR Reset Unit is transferred to any Person who is not an Affiliate of the transferor, all or a portion of the remaining items of Partnership gross income or gain for such taxable period shall be allocated 100% to the transferor Partner of such transferred IDR Reset Common Unit until such transferor Partner has been allocated an amount of gross income or gain that increases the Capital Account maintained with respect to such transferred IDR Reset Unit to an amount equal to the Per Unit Capital Amount for an IPO Common Unit.
- (D) For the proper administration of the Partnership and for the preservation of uniformity of the Limited Partner Interests (or any class or classes thereof), the General Partner shall (i) adopt such conventions as it deems appropriate in determining the amount of depreciation, amortization and cost recovery deductions; (ii) make special allocations of income, gain, loss, deduction, Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss; and (iii) amend the provisions of this Agreement as appropriate (x) to reflect the proposal or promulgation of Treasury Regulations under Section 704(b) or Section 704(c) of the Code or (y) otherwise to preserve or achieve uniformity of the Limited Partner Interests (or any class or classes thereof). The General Partner may adopt such conventions, make such allocations and make such amendments to this Agreement as provided in this Section 6.1(d) (x)(D) only if such conventions, allocations or amendments would not have a material adverse effect on the Partners, the holders of any class or classes of Limited Partner Interests issued and Outstanding or the Partnership, and if such allocations are consistent with the principles of Section 704 of the Code.

#### (xi) Curative Allocation.

- (A) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1, other than the Required Allocations, the Required Allocations shall be taken into account in making the Agreed Allocations so that, to the extent possible, the net amount of items of gross income, gain, loss and deduction allocated to each Partner pursuant to the Required Allocations and the Agreed Allocations, together, shall be equal to the net amount of such items that would have been allocated to each such Partner under the Agreed Allocations had the Required Allocations and the related Curative Allocation not otherwise been provided in this Section 6.1. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, Required Allocations relating to (1) Nonrecourse Deductions shall not be taken into account except to the extent that there has been a decrease in Partner Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain. In exercising its discretion under this Section 6.1(d)(xi)(A), the General Partner may take into account future Required Allocations that, although not yet made, are likely to offset other Required Allocations previously made. Allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(xi)(A) shall only be made with respect to Required Allocations to the extent the General Partner determines that such allocations will otherwise be inconsistent with the economic agreement among the Partners. Further, allocations pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(xi)(A) shall be deferred with respect to allocations pursuant to clauses (1) and (2) hereof to the extent the General Partner determines that such allocations are likely to be offset by subsequent Required Allocations.
- (B) The General Partner shall, with respect to each taxable period, (1) apply the provisions of Section 6.1(d)(xi)(A) in whatever order is most likely to minimize the economic distortions that might otherwise result from the Required Allocations, and (2) divide all allocations pursuant to Section 6.1(d)(xi)(A) among the Partners in a manner that is likely to minimize such economic distortions.
- (xii) Corrective and Other Allocations. In the event of any allocation of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items or any Book-Down Event or any recognition of a Net Termination Loss, the following rules shall apply:
  - (A) Except as provided in Section 6.1(d)(xii)(B), in the case of any allocation of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items (other than an allocation of Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss under Section 5.5(d) hereof), the General Partner shall allocate such Additional Book Basis Derivative Items to (1) the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights and the General Partner to the same extent that the Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss giving rise to such Additional Book Basis Derivative Items was allocated to them pursuant to Section 5.5(d) and (2) all Unitholders, Pro Rata, to the extent that the Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss giving rise to such Additional Book Basis Derivative Items was allocated to any Unitholders pursuant to Section 5.5(d).

- (B) In the case of any allocation of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items (other than an allocation of Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss under Section 5.5(d) hereof or an allocation of Net Termination Gain or Net Termination Loss pursuant to Section 6.1(c) hereof) as a result of a sale or other taxable disposition of any Partnership asset that is an Adjusted Property ("*Disposed of Adjusted Property*"), the General Partner shall allocate (1) additional items of gross income and gain (aa) away from the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights and (bb) to the Unitholders, or (2) additional items of deduction and loss (aa) away from the Unitholders and (bb) to the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights, to the extent that the Additional Book Basis Derivative Items allocated to the Unitholders exceed their Share of Additional Book Basis Derivative Items with respect to such Disposed of Adjusted Property. Any allocation made pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(xii)(B) shall be made after all of the other Agreed Allocations have been made as if this Section 6.1(d)(xii) were not in this Agreement and, to the extent necessary, shall require the reallocation of items that have been allocated pursuant to such other Agreed Allocations.
- (C) In the case of any negative adjustments to the Capital Accounts of the Partners resulting from a Book-Down Event or from the recognition of a Net Termination Loss, such negative adjustment (1) shall first be allocated, to the extent of the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments, in such a manner, as determined by the General Partner, that to the extent possible the aggregate Capital Accounts of the Partners will equal the amount that would have been the Capital Account balances of the Partners if no prior Book-Up Events had occurred, and (2) any negative adjustment in excess of the Aggregate Remaining Net Positive Adjustments shall be allocated pursuant to Section 6.1(c) hereof.
- (D) For purposes of this Section 6.1(d)(xii), the Unitholders shall be treated as being allocated Additional Book Basis Derivative Items to the extent that such Additional Book Basis Derivative Items have reduced the amount of income that would otherwise have been allocated to the Unitholders under this Agreement. In making the allocations required under this Section 6.1(d)(xii), the General Partner may apply whatever conventions or other methodology it determines will satisfy the purpose of this Section 6.1(d)(xii). Without limiting the foregoing, if an Adjusted Property is contributed by the Partnership to another entity classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes (the "lower tier partnership"), the General Partner may make allocations similar to those described in Sections 6.1(d)(xii)(A)–(C) to the extent the General Partner determines such allocations are necessary to account for the Partnership's allocable share of income, gain, loss and deduction of the lower tier partnership that relate to the contributed Adjusted Property in a manner that is consistent with the purpose of this Section 6.1(d)(xii).

- (E) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1(d)(xii), (x) no allocations shall be made pursuant to this Section 6.1(d)(xii) with respect to any taxable period (or portion thereof) ending on or prior to the IPO Closing Date and (y) for taxable periods (or portions thereof) ending after the IPO Closing Date, the determinations of Additional Book Basis (and items derived therefrom) and Net Positive Adjustments (and items derived therefrom) shall be made without regard to any Book-Up Event or Book-Down Event that occurred on or prior to the IPO Closing Date.
- (xiii) Special Curative Allocation in Event of Liquidation Prior to End of Subordination Period. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 6.1 (other than the Required Allocations), if the Liquidation Date occurs after the IPO Closing Date and prior to the conversion of the last Outstanding Subordinated Unit, then items of income, gain, loss and deduction for the taxable period that includes the Liquidation Date (and, if necessary, items arising in previous taxable periods to the extent the General Partner determines such items may be so allocated), shall be specially allocated among the Partners in the manner determined appropriate by the General Partner so as to cause, to the maximum extent possible, the Capital Account in respect of each Common Unit to equal the amount such Capital Account would have been if all prior allocations of Net Termination Gain and Net Termination Loss had been made pursuant to Section 6.1(c)(i) or Section 6.1(c)(ii), as applicable.

Section 6.2 *Allocations for Tax Purposes*.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided herein, for federal income tax purposes, each item of income, gain, loss and deduction shall be allocated among the Partners in the same manner as its correlative item of "book" income, gain, loss or deduction is allocated pursuant to Section 6.1.
- (b) In an attempt to eliminate Book-Tax Disparities attributable to a Contributed Property or Adjusted Property, items of income, gain, loss, depreciation, amortization and cost recovery deductions shall be allocated for federal income tax purposes among the Partners in the manner provided under Section 704(c) of the Code, and the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704(b) and 704(c) of the Code, as determined appropriate by the General Partner (taking into account the General Partner's discretion under Section 6.1(d)(x)(D)); *provided*, that the General Partner shall apply the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-3(d) in all events.
- (c) The General Partner may determine to depreciate or amortize the portion of an adjustment under Section 743(b) of the Code attributable to unrealized appreciation in any Adjusted Property (to the extent of the unamortized Book-Tax Disparity) using a predetermined rate derived from the depreciation or amortization method and useful life applied to the unamortized Book-Tax Disparity of such property, despite any inconsistency of such approach with Treasury Regulation Section 1.167(c)-l(a)(6) or any successor regulations thereto. If the General Partner determines that such reporting position cannot reasonably be taken, the General Partner may adopt depreciation and amortization conventions under which all purchasers acquiring Limited Partner Interests in the same month would receive depreciation and amortization deductions, based upon the same applicable rate as if they had purchased a direct

interest in the Partnership's property. If the General Partner chooses not to utilize such aggregate method, the General Partner may use any other depreciation and amortization conventions to preserve the uniformity of the intrinsic tax characteristics of any Limited Partner Interests, so long as such conventions would not have a material adverse effect on the Limited Partners or the Record Holders of any class or classes of Limited Partner Interests.

- (d) In accordance with Treasury Regulation Sections 1.1245-1(e) and 1.1250-1(f), any gain allocated to the Partners upon the sale or other taxable disposition of any Partnership asset shall, to the extent possible, after taking into account other required allocations of gain pursuant to this Section 6.2, be characterized as Recapture Income in the same proportions and to the same extent as such Partners (or their predecessors in interest) have been allocated any deductions directly or indirectly giving rise to the treatment of such gains as Recapture Income.
- (e) All items of income, gain, loss, deduction and credit recognized by the Partnership for federal income tax purposes and allocated to the Partners in accordance with the provisions hereof shall be determined without regard to any election under Section 754 of the Code that may be made by the Partnership; *provided, however*, that such allocations, once made, shall be adjusted (in the manner determined by the General Partner) to take into account those adjustments permitted or required by Sections 734 and 743 of the Code.
- (f) Each item of Partnership income, gain, loss and deduction shall, for federal income tax purposes, be determined for each taxable period and prorated on a monthly basis and shall be allocated to the Partners as of the opening of the first Business Day of each month; *provided*, *however*, that gain or loss on a sale or other disposition of any assets of the Partnership or any other extraordinary item of income, gain, loss or deduction as determined by the General Partner, shall be allocated to the Partners as of the opening of the first Business Day of the month in which such item is recognized for federal income tax purposes. The General Partner may revise, alter or otherwise modify such methods of allocation to the extent permitted or required by Section 706 of the Code and the regulations or rulings promulgated thereunder.
- (g) Allocations that would otherwise be made to a Limited Partner under the provisions of this Article VI shall instead be made to the beneficial owner of Limited Partner Interests held by a nominee, agent or representative in any case in which the nominee, agent or representative has furnished the identity of such owner to the Partnership in accordance with Section 6031(c) of the Code or any other method determined by the General Partner.

Section 6.3 Requirement and Characterization of Distributions; Distributions to Record Holders.

(a) Within 45 days following the end of each Quarter commencing with the Quarter ended on June 30, 2013, an amount equal to 100% of Distributable Cash (before the IPO Closing Date) or 100% of Available Cash (on and after the IPO Closing Date) with respect to such Quarter shall be distributed in accordance with this Article VI by the Partnership to the Partners as of the Record Date selected by the General Partner. After the IPO Closing Date, all amounts of Available Cash distributed by the Partnership on any date from any source shall be deemed to be Operating Surplus until the sum of all amounts of Available Cash theretofore distributed by the Partnership to the Partners pursuant to Section 6.5 equals the Operating Surplus from the

Closing Date through the close of the immediately preceding Quarter. Any remaining amounts of Available Cash distributed by the Partnership on such date shall, except as otherwise provided in Section 6.6, be deemed to be "*Capital Surplus*." All distributions required to be made under this Agreement shall be made subject to Sections 17-607 and 17-804 of the Delaware Act.

- (b) With respect to the distribution for the Quarter in which the Initial Public Offering occurs:
- (i) the amount of Distributable Cash distributed to the Partners shall equal 100% of the Distributable Cash with respect to such Quarter multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of days in the period commencing on the first day of such Quarter and ending on the day prior to the IPO Closing Date and of which the denominator is the number of days in such Quarter, which amount of Distributable Cash shall be distributed to the Partners immediately prior to the closing of the Initial Public Offering in accordance with Section 6.3(a); and
- (ii) the amount of Available Cash distributed to the Partners shall equal 100% of the Available Cash with respect to such Quarter multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of days in the period commencing on the IPO Closing Date and ending on the last day of such Quarter and of which the denominator is the number of days in such Quarter, which amount of Available Cash shall be distributed to the Partners in accordance with Section 6.3(a).
- (c) Notwithstanding Section 6.3(a), in the event of the dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership, all cash received during or after the Quarter in which the Liquidation Date occurs shall be applied and distributed solely in accordance with, and subject to the terms and conditions of, Section 12.4.
- (d) The General Partner may treat taxes paid by the Partnership on behalf of, or amounts withheld with respect to, all or less than all of the Partners, as a distribution of Distributable Cash (if before the IPO Closing Date) or Available Cash (if on or after the IPO Closing Date) to such Partners, as determined appropriate under the circumstances by the General Partner.
- (e) Each distribution in respect of a Partnership Interest shall be paid by the Partnership, directly or through the Transfer Agent or through any other Person or agent, only to the Record Holder of such Partnership Interest as of the Record Date set for such distribution. Such payment shall constitute full payment and satisfaction of the Partnership's liability in respect of such payment, regardless of any claim of any Person who may have an interest in such payment by reason of an assignment or otherwise.

Section 6.4 Distributions of Distributable Cash Prior to the Initial Public Offering.

(a) Prior to the date that is 18 months after the Closing, Distributable Cash with respect to any Quarter (or portion thereof) prior to the IPO Closing Date shall be distributed to the Unitholders, Pro Rata.

- (b) On and after the date that is 18 months after the Closing, Distributable Cash with respect to any Quarter (or portion thereof) prior to the IPO Closing Date shall be distributed as follows:
  - (i) *First*, to the holders of the Bronco Units until such holders receive the greater of (A) their Pro Rata share of such Distributable Cash and (B) the Minimum Bronco Pre-IPO MQD Amount per Bronco Unit (or with respect to periods of less than a full Quarter, the product of such amount multiplied by a fraction of which the numerator is the number of days in such period and the denominator is the total number of days in such Quarter) (the "*Bronco Pre-IPO MQD*");
    - (ii) Second, to the holders of the Bronco Units until all Bronco Arrearage Amounts then outstanding have been paid in full;
  - (iii) *Third*, to the holders of the CERC Units until such holders receive their Pro Rata share of such Distributable Cash (the "CERC Distributable Amount"); and
  - (iv) Fourth, to the holders of the OGEH Units until such holders receive their Pro Rata share of such Distributable Cash (the "OGEH Distributable Amount").

In the event that Distributable Cash is not sufficient to pay the Bronco Pre-IPO MQD with respect to a Quarter, the amount of the Bronco Pre-IPO MQD that is not paid with respect to such Quarter (the "*Bronco Arrearage Amount*") shall carry forward and be paid to the holders of the Bronco Units as a special distribution (A) from time to time in accordance with Section 6.4(b) in the priority set forth therein and (B) to the extent then outstanding, on the earlier of (1) the IPO Closing Date and (2) the dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership; *provided* that in any event the Bronco Arrearage Amount shall be distributed in full prior to any distributions made with respect to the CERC Arrearage Amount or the OGEH Arrearage Amount.

In the event that Distributable Cash is not sufficient to pay the CERC Distributable Amount with respect to a Quarter, the amount of the CERC Distributable Amount that is not paid with respect to such Quarter (the "CERC Arrearage Amount") shall carry forward and be paid to the holders of the CERC Units as a special distribution, to the extent then outstanding, on the earlier of (1) the IPO Closing Date and (2) the dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership; provided that in any event the CERC Arrearage Amount shall be distributed in full prior to any distributions made with respect to the OGEH Arrearage Amount.

In the event that Distributable Cash is not sufficient to pay the OGEH Distributable Amount with respect to a Quarter, the amount of the OGEH Distributable Amount that is not paid with respect to such Quarter (the "OGEH Arrearage Amount") shall carry forward and be paid to the holders of the OGEH Units as a special distribution, to the extent then outstanding, on the earlier of (1) the IPO Closing Date and (2) the dissolution and liquidation of the Partnership.

Section 6.5 Distributions of Available Cash from Operating Surplus After the IPO Closing Date.

- (a) *During the Subordination Period*. Available Cash with respect to any Quarter (or portion thereof) after the IPO Closing Date and within the Subordination Period that is deemed to be Operating Surplus pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.3 or 6.6 shall be distributed as follows, except as otherwise required in respect of additional Partnership Interests issued pursuant to Section 5.6(b):
  - (i) First, to the Unitholders holding Common Units, Pro Rata, until there has been distributed in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;
  - (ii) Second, to the Unitholders holding Common Units, Pro Rata, until there has been distributed in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage existing with respect to such Quarter;
  - (iii) Third, to the Unitholders holding Subordinated Units, Pro Rata, until there has been distributed in respect of each Subordinated Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;
  - (iv) Fourth, to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the First Target Distribution over the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;
  - (v) Fifth, (A) 15% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and (B) 85% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the Second Target Distribution over the First Target Distribution for such Quarter;
  - (vi) Sixth, (A) 25% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and (B) 75% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the Third Target Distribution over the Second Target Distribution for such Quarter; and
    - (vii) Thereafter, (A) 50% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and (B) 50% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata;

provided, however, if the Minimum Quarterly Distribution, the First Target Distribution, the Second Target Distribution and the Third Target Distribution have been reduced to zero pursuant to the second sentence of Section 6.7(a), the distribution of Available Cash that is deemed to be Operating Surplus with respect to any Quarter will be made solely in accordance with Section 6.5(a)(vii).

(b) *After the Subordination Period*. Available Cash with respect to any Quarter after the Subordination Period (which Quarter may include the date on which the Subordination Period ends) that is deemed to be Operating Surplus pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.3 or Section 6.6 shall be distributed as follows, except as otherwise required in respect of additional Partnership Interests issued pursuant to Section 5.6(b):

- (i) First, to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;
- (ii) Second, to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the First Target Distribution over the Minimum Quarterly Distribution for such Quarter;
- (iii) Third, (A) 15% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and (B) 85% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the Second Target Distribution over the First Target Distribution for such Quarter;
- (iv) Fourth, (A) 25% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and (B) 75% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata, until there has been distributed in respect of each Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the excess of the Third Target Distribution over the Second Target Distribution for such Quarter; and
  - (v) Thereafter, (A) 50% to the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, Pro Rata, and (B) 50% to all Unitholders, Pro Rata;

provided, however, if the Minimum Quarterly Distribution, the First Target Distribution, the Second Target Distribution and the Third Target Distribution have been reduced to zero pursuant to the second sentence of Section 6.7(a), the distribution of Available Cash that is deemed to be Operating Surplus with respect to any Quarter will be made solely in accordance with Section 6.5(b)(v).

Section 6.6 *Distributions of Available Cash from Capital Surplus After the IPO Closing Date.* Available Cash that is deemed to be Capital Surplus pursuant to the provisions of Section 6.3(a) shall be distributed, unless the provisions of Section 6.3 require otherwise, to the Unitholders, Pro Rata, until the Minimum Quarterly Distribution has been reduced to zero pursuant to the second sentence of Section 6.7(a). Available Cash that is deemed to be Capital Surplus shall then be distributed to all Unitholders holding Common Units, Pro Rata, until there has been distributed in respect of each Common Unit then Outstanding an amount equal to the Cumulative Common Unit Arrearage. Thereafter, all Available Cash shall be distributed as if it were Operating Surplus and shall be distributed in accordance with Section 6.5.

Section 6.7 Adjustment of Minimum Quarterly Distribution and Target Distribution Levels.

(a) The Minimum Quarterly Distribution, Target Distributions, Common Unit Arrearages and Cumulative Common Unit Arrearages shall be proportionately adjusted in the event of any distribution, combination or subdivision (whether effected by a distribution payable in Units or otherwise) of Units or other Partnership Interests in accordance with Section 5.10. In the event of a distribution of Available Cash that is deemed to be from Capital Surplus, the then

applicable Minimum Quarterly Distribution and Target Distributions shall be adjusted proportionately downward to equal the product obtained by multiplying the otherwise applicable Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution, Second Target Distribution and Third Target Distribution, as the case may be, by a fraction of which the numerator is the Unrecovered Initial Unit Price of the Common Units immediately after giving effect to such distribution and of which the denominator is the Unrecovered Initial Unit Price of the Common Units immediately prior to giving effect to such distribution.

(b) The Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution, Second Target Distribution and Third Target Distribution, shall also be subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 5.12 and Section 6.10.

Section 6.8 Special Provisions Relating to the Holders of Subordinated Units.

- (a) Except with respect to the right to vote on or approve matters requiring the vote or approval of a percentage of the holders of Outstanding Common Units and the right to participate in allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction and distributions made with respect to Common Units, the holder of a Subordinated Unit shall have all of the rights and obligations of a Unitholder holding Common Units hereunder; *provided*, *however*, that immediately upon the conversion of Subordinated Units into Common Units pursuant to Section 5.8, the Unitholders holding a Subordinated Units shall possess all of the rights and obligations of a Unitholder holding Common Units hereunder with respect to such converted Subordinated Units, including the right to vote as a Common Unitholder and the right to participate in allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction and distributions made with respect to Common Units; *provided*, *however*, that such converted Subordinated Units shall remain subject to the provisions of Section 5.5(c)(ii), Section 6.1(d)(x)(A), Section 6.8(b) and Section 6.8(c).
- (b) A Unitholder shall not be permitted to transfer a Subordinated Unit or a Subordinated Unit that has converted into a Common Unit pursuant to Section 5.8 (other than a transfer to an Affiliate) if the remaining balance in the transferring Unitholder's Capital Account with respect to the retained Subordinated Units or Retained Converted Subordinated Units would be negative after giving effect to the allocation under Section 5.5(c)(ii).
- (c) The holder of a Common Unit that has resulted from the conversion of a Subordinated Unit pursuant to Section 5.8 shall not be issued a Common Unit Certificate pursuant to Section 4.1 (if the Common Units are represented by Certificates) and shall not be permitted to transfer such Common Unit to a Person that is not an Affiliate of the holder until such time as the General Partner determines, based on advice of counsel, that each such Common Unit should have, as a substantive matter, like intrinsic economic and federal income tax characteristics, in all material respects, to the intrinsic economic and federal income tax characteristics of an IPO Common Unit. In connection with the condition imposed by this Section 6.8(c), the General Partner may take whatever steps are required to provide economic uniformity to such Common Units in preparation for a transfer of such Common Units, including the application of Section 5.5(c) (ii) and Section 6.1(d)(x); provided, however, that no such steps may be taken that would have a material adverse effect on the Unitholders holding Common Units.

Section 6.9 Special Provisions Relating to the Holders of Incentive Distribution Rights.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights (1) shall (x) possess the rights and obligations provided in this Agreement with respect to a Limited Partner pursuant to Article III and Article VII and (y) have a Capital Account as a Partner pursuant to Section 5.5 and all other provisions related thereto and (2) shall not (x) be entitled to vote on any matters requiring the approval or vote of the holders of Outstanding Units, except as provided by law, (y) be entitled to any distributions other than as provided in Sections 6.5(a)(v), (vi) and (vii), Sections 6.5(b)(iii), (iv) and (v), and Section 12.4 or (z) be allocated items of income, gain, loss or deduction other than as specified in this Article VI; provided, however, that, for the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing shall not preclude the Partnership from making any other payments or distributions in connection with other actions permitted by this Agreement.
- (b) A Unitholder shall not be permitted to transfer an IDR Reset Common Unit (other than a transfer to an Affiliate) if the remaining balance in the transferring Unitholder's Capital Account with respect to the retained IDR Reset Common Units would be negative after giving effect to the allocation under Section 5.5(c)(iii).
- (c) A holder of an IDR Reset Common Unit that was issued in connection with an IDR Reset Election pursuant to Section 5.12 shall not be issued a Common Unit Certificate pursuant to Section 4.1 (if the Common Units are evidenced by Certificates) or evidence of the issuance of uncertificated Common Units, and shall not be permitted to transfer such Common Unit to a Person that is not an Affiliate of such holder, until such time as the General Partner determines, based on advice of counsel, that each such IDR Reset Common Unit should have, as a substantive matter, like intrinsic economic and federal income tax characteristics, in all material respects, to the intrinsic economic and federal income tax characteristics of an IPO Common Unit. In connection with the condition imposed by this Section 6.9(c), the General Partner may take whatever steps are required to provide economic uniformity to such IDR Reset Common Units in preparation for a transfer of such IDR Reset Common Units, including the application of Section 5.5(c)(iii), Section 6.1(d)(x)(B), or Section 6.1(d)(x)(C); provided, however, that no such steps may be taken that would have a material adverse effect on the Unitholders holding Common Units.

Section 6.10 *Entity-Level Taxation*. If legislation is enacted or the official interpretation of existing legislation is modified by a governmental authority, which after giving effect to such enactment or modification, results in a Group Member becoming subject to federal, state or local or non-U.S. income or withholding taxes in excess of the amount of such taxes due from the Group Member prior to such enactment or modification (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any increase in the rate of such taxation applicable to the Group Member), then the General Partner shall reduce the Minimum Quarterly Distribution, the Target Distributions, the Minimum Bronco Pre-IPO MQD Amount and Distributable Cash by the amount of income or withholding taxes that are payable by reason of any such new legislation or interpretation (the "*Incremental Income Taxes*") in the manner provided in this Section 6.10. If in accordance with the foregoing the General Partner reduces the Minimum Quarterly Distribution, the Target Distributions, the Minimum Bronco Pre-IPO MQD Amount and

Distributable Cash for any Quarter with respect to any Incremental Income Taxes, the General Partner shall estimate for such Quarter the Partnership Group's aggregate liability (the "Estimated Incremental Quarterly Tax Amount") for all such Incremental Income Taxes; provided that any difference between such estimate and the actual liability for Incremental Income Taxes for such Quarter may, to the extent determined by the General Partner, be taken into account in determining the Estimated Incremental Quarterly Tax Amount with respect to each Quarter in which any such difference can be determined. For each such Quarter, the Minimum Bronco Pre-IPO MQD Amount, Distributable Cash, Minimum Quarterly Distribution, First Target Distribution, Second Target Distribution and Third Target Distribution, shall be the product obtained by multiplying (a) the amounts therefor that are set out herein prior to the application of this Section 6.10 times (b) the quotient obtained by dividing (i) in the case of Distributable Cash and the Minimum Bronco Pre-IPO MQD Amount, (A) Distributable Cash with respect to such Quarter by (B) the sum of Distributable Cash with

respect to such Quarter and the Estimated Incremental Quarterly Tax Amount for such Quarter, as determined by the General Partner and (ii) in all other cases, (A) Available Cash with respect to such Quarter by (B) the sum of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter and the Estimated Incremental Quarterly Tax Amount for such Quarter, as determined by the General Partner. For purposes of the foregoing, Distributable Cash and Available Cash with respect to a Quarter will be deemed reduced by the Estimated Incremental Quarterly Tax Amount for that Quarter.

# ARTICLE VII

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF BUSINESS

Section 7.1 Management.

- (a) The General Partner shall conduct, direct and manage all activities of the Partnership. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, but without limitation on the ability of the General Partner to delegate its rights and power to other Persons, all management powers over the business and affairs of the Partnership shall be exclusively vested in the General Partner, and no Limited Partner in its capacity as such shall have any management power over the business and affairs of the Partnership. In addition to the powers now or hereafter granted a general partner of a limited partnership under applicable law or that are granted to the General Partner under any other provision of this Agreement, the General Partner, subject to Section 7.3 and any consent rights of Bronco hereunder, shall have full power and authority to do all things and on such terms as it determines to be necessary or appropriate to conduct the business of the Partnership, to exercise all powers set forth in Section 2.5 and to effectuate the purposes set forth in Section 2.4, including the following:
  - (i) the making of any expenditures, the lending or borrowing of money, the assumption or guarantee of, or other contracting for, indebtedness and other liabilities, the issuance of evidences of indebtedness, including indebtedness that is convertible into or exchangeable for Partnership Interests, and the incurring of any other obligations;
  - (ii) the making of tax, regulatory and other filings, or rendering of periodic or other reports to governmental or other agencies having jurisdiction over the business or assets of the Partnership;

- (iii) the acquisition, disposition, Encumbrance, hypothecation or exchange of any or all of the assets of the Partnership or the merger or other combination of the Partnership with or into another Person (the matters described in this clause (iii) being subject, however, to any prior approval that may be required by Section 7.3 and Article XIV);
- (iv) the use of the assets of the Partnership (including cash on hand) for any purpose consistent with the terms of this Agreement, including the financing of the conduct of the operations of the Partnership Group; subject to Section 7.6(a), the lending of funds to other Persons (including other Group Members); the repayment or guarantee of obligations of any Group Member; and the making of capital contributions to any Group Member;
- (v) the negotiation, execution and performance of any contracts, conveyances or other instruments (including instruments that limit the liability of the Partnership under contractual arrangements to all or particular assets of the Partnership, with the other party to the contract to have no recourse against the General Partner or its assets other than its interest in the Partnership, even if the same results in the terms of the transaction being less favorable to the Partnership than would otherwise be the case);
  - (vi) the distribution of cash held by the Partnership;
- (vii) the selection and dismissal of employees (including employees having titles such as "president," "vice president," "secretary" and "treasurer") and agents, internal and outside attorneys, accountants, consultants and contractors and the determination of their compensation and other terms of employment or hiring;
  - (viii) the maintenance of insurance for the benefit of the Partnership Group, the Partners and Indemnitees;
- (ix) the formation of, or acquisition of an interest in, and the contribution of property and the making of loans to, any further limited or general partnerships, joint ventures, corporations, limited liability companies or other Persons (including the acquisition of interests in, and the contributions of property to, any Group Member from time to time) subject to the restrictions set forth in Section 2.4;
- (x) the control of any matters affecting the rights and obligations of the Partnership, including the bringing and defending of actions at law or in equity and otherwise engaging in the conduct of litigation, arbitration or mediation and the incurring of legal expense and the settlement of claims and litigation;
  - (xi) the indemnification of any Person against liabilities and contingencies to the extent permitted by law;
- (xii) the entering into of listing agreements with any National Securities Exchange and the delisting of some or all of the Limited Partner Interests from, or requesting that trading be suspended on, any such exchange (subject to any prior approval that may be required under Section 4.8);

- (xiii) the purchase, sale or other acquisition or disposition of Partnership Interests, or the issuance of Derivative Partnership Interests;
- (xiv) the undertaking of any action in connection with the Partnership's participation in the management of any Group Member; and
- (xv) the entering into of agreements with any of its Affiliates to render services to a Group Member or to itself in the discharge of its duties as General Partner of the Partnership.

(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, the Delaware Act or any applicable law, rule or regulation, each of the Partners and each other Person who may acquire an interest in Partnership Interests hereby (i) approves, ratifies and confirms the execution, delivery and performance by the parties thereto of this Agreement and the Group Member Agreement of each other Group Member and the Master Formation Agreement, together with the Transaction Documents (in each case other than this Agreement, without giving effect to any amendments, supplements or restatements thereof entered into after the date such Person becomes bound by the provisions of this Agreement); (ii) agrees that the General Partner (on its own or on behalf of the Partnership) is authorized to execute, deliver and perform the agreements referred to in clause (i) of this sentence and the other agreements, acts, transactions and matters described in or contemplated by the Transaction Documents on behalf of the Partnership without any further act, approval or vote of the Partners or the other Persons who may acquire an interest in Partnership Interests or otherwise bound by this Agreement; and (iii) agrees that the execution, delivery or performance by the General Partner, any Group Member or any Affiliate of any of them of this Agreement or any agreement authorized or permitted under this Agreement (including the exercise by the General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner of the rights accorded pursuant to Article XV) shall not constitute a breach by the General Partner of any duty or any other obligation of any type whatsoever that the General Partner may owe the Partnership or the Limited Partners or any other Persons under this Agreement (or any other agreements) or of any duty existing at law, in equity or otherwise.

Section 7.2 *Certificate of Limited Partnership*. The General Partner has caused the Certificate of Limited Partnership to be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as required by the Delaware Act. The General Partner shall use all reasonable efforts to cause to be filed such other certificates or documents that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate for the formation, continuation, qualification and operation of a limited partnership (or a partnership in which the limited partners have limited liability) in the State of Delaware or any other state in which the Partnership may elect to do business or own property. To the extent the General Partner determines such action to be necessary or appropriate, the General Partner shall file amendments to and restatements of the Certificate of Limited Partnership and do all things to maintain the Partnership as a limited partnership (or a partnership or other entity in which the limited partners have limited liability) under the laws of the State of Delaware or of any other state in which the Partnership may elect to do business or own property. Subject to the terms of Section 3.3(a), the General Partner shall not be required, before or after filing, to deliver or mail a copy of the Certificate of Limited Partnership, any qualification document or any amendment thereto to any Limited Partner.

Section 7.3 Restrictions on the General Partner's Authority to Sell Assets of the Partnership Group. Except as provided in Article XII and Article XIV, the General Partner may not sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership Group, taken as a whole, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions without the approval of holders of a Unit Majority; provided, however, that this provision shall not preclude or limit the General Partner's ability to mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or grant a security interest in all or substantially all of the assets of the Partnership Group and shall not apply to any forced sale of any or all of the assets of the Partnership Group pursuant to the foreclosure of, or other realization upon, any such encumbrance.

Section 7.4 Reimbursement of the General Partner.

- (a) Except as provided in this Section 7.4 and elsewhere in this Agreement, the General Partner shall not be compensated for its services as a general partner or managing member of any Group Member.
- (b) The General Partner shall be reimbursed on a monthly basis, or such other basis as the General Partner may determine, for (i) all payments it makes on behalf of the Partnership Group for salary, bonus, incentive compensation and other amounts paid to any Person who is an employee of the General Partner that manages the business and affairs of the Partnership Group, and (ii) all other overhead and general and administrative expenses allocable to the Partnership Group that are incurred by the General Partner in connection with the General Partner's management of the Partnership Group's business and affairs (including expenses allocated to the General Partner by its Affiliates), subject to a maximum of \$500,000 per calendar year (which shall be pro rated for partial years) prior to the Bronco Fall-Away Date, other than those performed under the Transition Services Agreements. The General Partner shall determine the expenses that are allocable to the Partnership Group. Reimbursements pursuant to this Section 7.4 shall be in addition to any reimbursement to the General Partner as a result of indemnification pursuant to Section 7.7. This provision does not affect the ability of the General Partner and its Affiliates to enter into an agreement to provide services to any Group Member for a fee or otherwise than for cost.
- (c) The General Partner, without the approval of the Limited Partners (who shall have no right to vote in respect thereof, other than as set forth in Section 3.4(a)), may propose and adopt on behalf of the Partnership employee benefit plans, employee programs and employee practices (including plans, programs and practices involving the issuance of Partnership Interests or options to purchase or rights, warrants or appreciation rights or phantom or tracking interests relating to Partnership Interests), or cause the Partnership to issue Partnership Interests or Derivative Partnership Interests in connection with, or pursuant to, any employee benefit plan, employee program or employee practice maintained or sponsored by the General Partner or any of its Affiliates in each case for the benefit of employees and directors of the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, in respect of services performed, directly or indirectly, for the benefit of the Partnership Group. The Partnership agrees to issue and sell to the General Partner or any of its Affiliates any Partnership Interests or Derivative Partnership Interests that the General Partner or such Affiliates are obligated to provide to any employees, consultants and directors pursuant to any such employee benefit plans, employee programs or employee practices. Expenses incurred by the General Partner in connection with any such plans, programs and practices (including the

net cost to the General Partner or such Affiliates of Partnership Interests or Derivative Partnership Interests purchased by the General Partner or such Affiliates from the Partnership to fulfill options or awards under such plans, programs and practices) shall be reimbursed in accordance with Section 7.4(b). Any and all obligations of the General Partner under any employee benefit plans, employee programs or employee practices adopted by the General Partner as permitted by this Section 7.4(c) shall constitute obligations of the General Partner hereunder and shall be assumed by any successor General Partner approved pursuant to Section 11.1 or Section 11.2 or the transferee of or successor to all of the General Partner's General Partner Interest pursuant to Section 4.6.

(d) The General Partner and its Affiliates may charge any member of the Partnership Group a management fee to the extent necessary to allow the Partnership Group to reduce the amount of any state franchise or income tax or any tax based upon the revenues or gross margin of any member of the Partnership Group if the tax benefit produced by the payment of such management fee or fees exceeds the amount of such fee or fees.

#### Section 7.5 Outside Activities.

- (a) The General Partner, for so long as it is the General Partner of the Partnership, (i) agrees that its sole business will be to act as a general partner or managing member, as the case may be, of the Partnership and any other partnership or limited liability company of which the Partnership is, directly or indirectly, a partner or member and to undertake activities that are ancillary or related thereto (including being a Limited Partner in the Partnership) and (ii) shall not engage in any business or activity or incur any debts or liabilities except in connection with or incidental to (A) its performance as general partner or managing member, if any, of one or more Group Members or as described in or contemplated by this Agreement, (B) the acquiring, owning or disposing of debt securities or equity interests in any Group Member or (C) subject to the limitations contained in the Omnibus Agreement, the performance of its obligations under the Omnibus Agreement.
- (b) Except as provided in the Omnibus Agreement, Section 3.4(a) or any Group Member Agreement, each Unrestricted Person (other than the General Partner) shall have the right to engage in businesses of every type and description and other activities for profit and to engage in and possess an interest in other business ventures of any and every type or description, whether in businesses engaged in or anticipated to be engaged in by any Group Member, independently or with others, including business interests and activities in direct competition with the business and activities of any Group Member, and none of the same shall constitute a breach of this Agreement or any duty otherwise existing at law, in equity or otherwise, to any Group Member or any Partner; *provided* such Unrestricted Person does not engage in such business or activity using confidential or proprietary information provided by or on behalf of the Partnership to such Unrestricted Person. None of any Group Member, any Limited Partner or any other Person shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, or the partnership relationship established hereby in any business ventures of any Unrestricted Person.

- (c) Subject to the terms of Sections 7.5(a) and (b), but otherwise notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, (i) the engaging in competitive activities by any Unrestricted Person (other than the General Partner) in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7.5 is hereby approved by the Partnership and all Partners, (ii) it shall be deemed not to be a breach of any duty otherwise existing at law, in equity or otherwise, of the General Partner or any other Unrestricted Person for the Unrestricted Persons (other than the General Partner) to engage in such business interests and activities in preference to or to the exclusion of the Partnership and (iii) the Unrestricted Persons shall have no obligation hereunder or as a result of any duty otherwise existing at law, in equity or otherwise, to present business opportunities to the Partnership. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the doctrine of corporate opportunity, or any analogous doctrine, shall not apply to any Unrestricted Person (including the General Partner). Except as provided in the Omnibus Agreement or any Group Member Agreement, no Unrestricted Person (including the General Partner) who acquires knowledge of a potential transaction, agreement, arrangement or other matter that may be an opportunity for the Partnership, shall have any duty to communicate or offer such opportunity to the Partnership, and such Unrestricted Person (including the General Partner) shall not be liable to the Partnership, to any Limited Partner or any other Person bound by this Agreement for breach of any duty otherwise existing at law, in equity or otherwise, by reason of the fact that such Unrestricted Person (including the General Partner) pursues or acquires for itself, directs such opportunity to another Person or does not communicate such opportunity or information to the Partnership, provided such Unrestricted Person does not engage in such business or activity using confidential or proprietary information provided by or on b
- (d) The General Partner and each of its Affiliates may acquire Units or other Partnership Interests in addition to those acquired on the Closing Date and, except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, shall be entitled to exercise, at their option, all rights relating to all Units and/or other Partnership Interests acquired by them. The term "Affiliates" when used in this Section 7.5(d) with respect to the General Partner shall not include any Group Member.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, to the extent that the provisions of this Agreement purport or are interpreted to have the effect of restricting or eliminating any duties (including fiduciary duties) otherwise existing at law, in equity or otherwise, owed by the General Partner or other Person to the Partnership, its Limited Partners or any other Person bound by this Agreement or to constitute a waiver or consent by the Limited Partners or any other Person bound by this Agreement to any such restriction, such provisions shall be deemed to have been approved by the Partners and every other Person bound by this Agreement.

Section 7.6 Loans from the General Partner; Loans or Contributions from the Partnership or Group Members.

(a) Subject to Section 3.4(a), the General Partner or any of its Affiliates may lend to any Group Member, and any Group Member may borrow from the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, funds needed or desired by the Group Member for such periods of time and in such amounts as the General Partner may determine; *provided*, *however*, that in any such case the lending party may not charge the borrowing party interest at a rate greater than the rate that would be charged the borrowing party or impose terms less favorable to the borrowing party than would be charged or imposed on the borrowing party by unrelated lenders on comparable loans

made on an arm's-length basis (without reference to the lending party's financial abilities or guarantees), all as determined by the General Partner. The borrowing party shall reimburse the lending party for any costs (other than any additional interest costs) incurred by the lending party in connection with the borrowing of such funds. For purposes of this Section 7.6(a) and Section 7.6(b), the term "Group Member" shall include any Affiliate of a Group Member that is controlled by the Group Member.

- (b) The Partnership may lend or contribute to any Group Member, and any Group Member may borrow from the Partnership, funds on terms and conditions determined by the General Partner. No Group Member may lend funds to the General Partner or any of its Affiliates (other than another Group Member).
- (c) No borrowing by any Group Member or the approval thereof by the General Partner shall be deemed to constitute a breach of any duty or any other obligation of any type whatsoever, expressed or implied, of the General Partner or its Affiliates to the Partnership or the Limited Partners existing hereunder, or existing at law, in equity or otherwise by reason of the fact that the purpose or effect of such borrowing is directly or indirectly to hasten the expiration of the Subordination Period or the conversion of any Subordinated Units into Common Units.

## Section 7.7 Indemnification.

- (a) To the fullest extent permitted by law but subject to the limitations expressly provided in this Agreement, all Indemnitees shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Partnership from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts arising from any and all threatened, pending or completed claims, demands, actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and whether formal or informal and including appeals, in which any Indemnitee may be involved, or is threatened to be involved, as a party or otherwise, by reason of its status as an Indemnitee and acting (or omitting or refraining to act) in such capacity on behalf of or for the benefit of the Partnership; *provided*, that the Indemnitee shall not be indemnified and held harmless pursuant to this Agreement if there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that, in respect of the matter for which the Indemnitee is seeking indemnification pursuant to this Agreement, the Indemnitee acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud, willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the Indemnitee's conduct was unlawful; *provided*, *further*, no indemnification pursuant to this Section 7.7 shall be available to any Indemnitee (other than a Group Member) with respect to any such Affiliate's obligation pursuant to the Master Formation Agreement or the Omnibus Agreement. Any indemnification pursuant to this Section 7.7 shall be made only out of the assets of the Partnership, it being agreed that the General Partner shall not be personally liable for such indemnification and shall have no obligation to contribute or loan any monies or property to the Partnership to enable it to effectuate such indemnification.
- (b) To the fullest extent permitted by law, expenses (including legal fees and expenses) incurred by an Indemnitee who is indemnified pursuant to Section 7.7(a) in appearing at, participating in or defending any claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding shall, from time to time, be advanced by the Partnership prior to a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a

court of competent jurisdiction determining that, in respect of the matter for which the Indemnitee is seeking indemnification pursuant to this Section 7.7, the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified upon receipt by the Partnership of any undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall be ultimately determined that the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified as authorized by this Section 7.7.

- (c) The indemnification provided by this Section 7.7 shall be in addition to any other rights to which an Indemnitee may be entitled under this Agreement, any other agreement, pursuant to any vote of the holders of Outstanding Limited Partner Interests, as a matter of law, in equity or otherwise, both as to actions in the Indemnitee's capacity as an Indemnitee and as to actions in any other capacity (including any capacity under the Master Formation Agreement), and shall continue as to an Indemnitee who has ceased to serve in such capacity and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors, assigns and administrators of the Indemnitee.
- (d) The Partnership may purchase and maintain (or reimburse the General Partner or its Affiliates for the cost of) insurance, on behalf of the General Partner, its Affiliates and such other Persons as the General Partner shall determine, against any liability that may be asserted against, or expense that may be incurred by, such Person in connection with the Partnership's activities or such Person's activities on behalf of the Partnership, regardless of whether the Partnership would have the power to indemnify such Person against such liability under the provisions of this Agreement.
- (e) For purposes of this Section 7.7, the Partnership shall be deemed to have requested an Indemnitee to serve as fiduciary of an employee benefit plan whenever the performance by it of its duties to the Partnership also imposes duties on, or otherwise involves services by, it to the plan or participants or beneficiaries of the plan; excise taxes assessed on an Indemnitee with respect to an employee benefit plan pursuant to applicable law shall constitute "fines" within the meaning of Section 7.7(a); and action taken or omitted by it with respect to any employee benefit plan in the performance of its duties for a purpose reasonably believed by it to be in the best interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan shall be deemed to be for a purpose that is in the best interests of the Partnership.
  - (f) In no event may an Indemnitee subject the Limited Partners to personal liability by reason of the indemnification provisions set forth in this Agreement.
- (g) An Indemnitee shall not be denied indemnification in whole or in part under this Section 7.7 because the Indemnitee had an interest in the transaction with respect to which the indemnification applies if the transaction was otherwise permitted by the terms of this Agreement.
- (h) The provisions of this Section 7.7 are for the benefit of the Indemnitees and their heirs, successors, assigns, executors and administrators and shall not be deemed to create any rights for the benefit of any other Persons.
- (i) No amendment, modification or repeal of this Section 7.7 or any provision hereof shall in any manner terminate, reduce or impair the right of any past, present or future Indemnitee to be indemnified by the Partnership, nor the obligations of the Partnership to

indemnify any such Indemnitee under and in accordance with the provisions of this Section 7.7 as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising from or relating to matters occurring, in whole or in part, prior to such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted.

(j) TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, AND SUBJECT TO SECTION 7.7(a), THE PROVISIONS OF THE INDEMNIFICATION PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION 7.7 ARE INTENDED BY THE PARTNERS TO APPLY EVEN IF SUCH PROVISIONS HAVE THE EFFECT OF EXCULPATING THE INDEMNITEE FROM LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH PERSON'S NEGLIGENCE, FAULT OR OTHER CONDUCT.

Section 7.8 Liability of Indemnitees.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, no Indemnitee shall be liable for monetary damages to the Partnership, the Limited Partners, or any other Persons who have acquired interests in the Partnership Interests, for losses sustained or liabilities incurred as a result of any act or omission of an Indemnitee unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that, in respect of the matter in question, the Indemnitee acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud, willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the Indemnitee's conduct was criminal.
- (b) The General Partner may exercise any of the powers granted to it by this Agreement and perform any of the duties imposed upon it hereunder either directly or by or through its agents, and the General Partner shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any such agent appointed by the General Partner in good faith.
- (c) To the extent that, at law or in equity, an Indemnitee has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Partnership or to the Partners, the General Partner and any other Indemnitee acting in connection with the Partnership's business or affairs shall not be liable to the Partnership or to any Partner for its good faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement.
- (d) Any amendment, modification or repeal of this Section 7.8 or any provision hereof shall be prospective only and shall not in any way affect the limitations on the liability of the Indemnitees under this Section 7.8 as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising from or relating to matters occurring, in whole or in part, prior to such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted.

Section 7.9 Resolution of Conflicts of Interest; Standards of Conduct and Modification of Duties.

(a) Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or any Group Member Agreement, whenever a potential conflict of interest exists or arises between the General Partner or any of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Partnership, any Group Member or any Partner, on the other, any resolution or course of action by the General Partner or its Affiliates in respect

of such conflict of interest shall be permitted and deemed approved by all Partners, and shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement, of any Group Member Agreement, of any agreement contemplated herein or therein, or of any duty stated or implied by law or equity, if the resolution or course of action in respect of such conflict of interest is (i) approved by Special Approval, (ii) approved by the vote of a majority of the Outstanding Common Units (excluding Common Units owned by the General Partner and its Affiliates), (iii) determined by the Board of Directors of the General Partner to be on terms no less favorable to the Partnership than those generally being provided to or available from unrelated third parties or (iv) determined by the Board of Directors of the General Partner to be fair and reasonable to the Partnership, taking into account the totality of the relationships between the parties involved (including other transactions that may be particularly favorable or advantageous to the Partnership). The General Partner shall be authorized but not required in connection with its resolution of such conflict of interest to seek Special Approval or Unitholder approval of such resolution, and the General Partner may also adopt a resolution or course of action that has not received Special Approval or Unitholder approval. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement or any Group Member Agreement, whenever the General Partner makes a determination to refer any potential conflict of interest for Special Approval, seek Unitholder Approval or adopt a resolution or course of action that has not received Special Approval or Unitholder Approval, then the General Partner shall be entitled, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to make such determination or to take or decline to take such other action free of any duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership or any Limited Partner, and the General Partner shall not, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be required to act in good faith or pursuant to any other standard imposed by this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity, and the General Partner in making such determination or taking or declining to take such other action shall be permitted to do so in its sole and absolute discretion. If Special Approval is sought, then it shall be presumed that, in making its decision, the disinterested directors or the Conflicts Committee, as the case may be, acted in good faith, and if the Board of Directors of the General Partner determines that the resolution or course of action taken with respect to a conflict of interest satisfies either of the standards set forth in clauses (iii) or (iv) above, then it shall be presumed that, in making its decision, the Board of Directors of the General Partner acted in good faith. In any proceeding brought by any Limited Partner or by or on behalf of such Limited Partner or any other Limited Partner or the Partnership challenging any action by the disinterested directors or the Conflicts Committee, as the case may be, with respect to any matter referred to the disinterested directors or the Conflicts Committee, as the case may be, for Special Approval by the General Partner, any action by the Board of Directors of the General Partner in determining whether the resolution or course of action taken with respect to a conflict of interest satisfies either of the standards set forth in clauses (iii) or (iv) above or whether a director satisfies the eligibility requirements to be a disinterested director or a member of the Conflicts Committee, as the case may be, the Person bringing or prosecuting such proceeding shall have the burden of overcoming the presumption that the disinterested directors, Conflicts Committee or the Board of Directors of the General Partner, as applicable, acted in good faith; in all cases subject to the provisions for conclusive determination in Section 7.9(b).

(b) Whenever the General Partner or the Board of Directors, or any committee thereof (including the Conflicts Committee), makes a determination or takes or declines to take any other action, or any Affiliate of the General Partner causes the General Partner to do so, in its

capacity as the general partner of the Partnership as opposed to in its individual capacity, whether under this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement or any other agreement, then, unless another express standard is provided for in this Agreement, the General Partner, the Board of Directors or such committee or such Affiliates causing the General Partner to do so, shall make such determination or take or decline to take such other action in good faith and shall not be subject to any other or different standards (including fiduciary standards) imposed by this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity. A determination or other action or inaction will conclusively be deemed to be in "good faith" for all purposes of this Agreement, if the Person or Persons making such determination or taking or declining to take such other action subjectively believe that the determination or other action or inaction is in the best interests of the Partnership Group; provided, that if the Board of Directors of the General Partner is making a determination or taking or declining to take an action pursuant to clause (iii) or clause (iv) of the first sentence of Section 7.9(a), then in lieu thereof, such determination or other action or inaction will conclusively be deemed to be in "good faith" for all purposes of this Agreement if the determination or other action or inaction meets the standard set forth in clause (iii) or clause (iv) of the first sentence of Section 7.9(a), as applicable; provided, further, that if the Board of Directors of the General Partner is making a determination that a director satisfies the eligibility requirements to be a disinterested director or a member of a Conflicts Committee, as the case may be, then in lieu thereof, such determination subjectively believe that the director satisfies the eligibility requirements to be a disinterested director or a member of the Conflicts Committee, as the ca

(c) Whenever the General Partner makes a determination or takes or declines to take any other action, or any of its Affiliates causes it to do so, in its individual capacity as opposed to in its capacity as the general partner of the Partnership, whether under this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement or any other agreement contemplated hereby or otherwise, then the General Partner, or such Affiliates causing it to do so, are entitled, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to make such determination or to take or decline to take such other action free of any duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership or any Limited Partner, and the General Partner, or such Affiliates causing it to do so, shall not, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be required to act in good faith or pursuant to any other standard imposed by this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity, and the Person or Persons making such determination or taking or declining to take such other action shall be permitted to do so in their sole and absolute discretion. By way of illustration and not of limitation, whenever the phrase, "the General Partner at its option," or some variation of that phrase, is used in this Agreement, it indicates that the General Partner is acting in its individual capacity. For the avoidance of doubt, whenever the General Partner votes or transfers its Partnership Interests, or refrains from voting or transferring its Partnership Interests, it shall be acting in its individual capacity.

- (d) The General Partner's organizational documents may provide that determinations to take or decline to take any action in its individual, rather than representative, capacity may or shall be determined by its members, if the General Partner is a limited liability company, stockholders, if the General Partner is a corporation, or the members or stockholders of the General Partner's general partner, if the General Partner is a partnership.
- (e) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the General Partner and its Affiliates shall have no duty or obligation, express or implied, to (i) sell or otherwise dispose of any asset of the Partnership Group other than in the ordinary course of business or (ii) permit any Group Member to use any facilities or assets of the General Partner and its Affiliates, except as may be provided in contracts entered into from time to time specifically dealing with such use. Any determination by the General Partner or any of its Affiliates to enter into such contracts shall be at its option.
- (f) Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement or required by the Delaware Act, neither the General Partner nor any other Indemnitee shall have any duties or liabilities, including fiduciary duties, to the Partnership or any Limited Partner and the provisions of this Agreement, to the extent that they restrict, eliminate or otherwise modify the duties and liabilities, including fiduciary duties, of the General Partner or any other Indemnitee otherwise existing at law or in equity, are agreed by the Partners to replace such other duties and liabilities of the General Partner or such other Indemnitee.
- (g) The Unitholders hereby authorize the General Partner, on behalf of the Partnership as a general partner or managing member of a Group Member, to approve actions by the general partner or managing member of such Group Member similar to those actions permitted to be taken by the General Partner pursuant to this Section 7.9.

Section 7.10 Other Matters Concerning the General Partner.

- (a) The General Partner and any other Indemnitee may rely and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, bond, debenture or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties.
- (b) The General Partner and any other Indemnitee may consult with legal counsel, accountants, appraisers, management consultants, investment bankers and other consultants and advisers selected by it, and any act taken or omitted to be taken in reliance upon the advice or opinion (including an Opinion of Counsel) of such Persons as to matters that the General Partner or such Indemnitee, respectively, reasonably believes to be within such Person's professional or expert competence shall be conclusively presumed to have been done or omitted in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion.
- (c) The General Partner shall have the right, in respect of any of its powers or obligations hereunder, to act through any of its duly authorized officers, a duly appointed attorney or attorneys-in-fact or the duly authorized officers of the Partnership or any Group Member.

Section 7.11 *Purchase or Sale of Partnership Interests*. The General Partner may cause the Partnership to purchase or otherwise acquire Partnership Interests or Derivative Partnership Interests; *provided* that, except as permitted pursuant to Section 4.10, the General Partner may

not cause any Group Member to purchase Subordinated Units during the Subordination Period. As long as Partnership Interests are held by any Group Member, such Partnership Interests shall not be considered Outstanding for any purpose, except as otherwise provided herein. The General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner may also purchase or otherwise acquire and sell or otherwise dispose of Partnership Interests for its own account, subject to the provisions of Articles IV and X.

Section 7.12 *Reliance by Third Parties*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, any Person (other than the General Partner and its Affiliates) dealing with the Partnership shall be entitled to assume that the General Partner and any officer of the General Partner authorized by the General Partner to act on behalf of and in the name of the Partnership has full power and

authority to encumber, sell or otherwise use in any manner any and all assets of the Partnership and to enter into any authorized contracts on behalf of the Partnership, and such Person shall be entitled to deal with the General Partner or any such officer as if it were the Partnership's sole party in interest, both legally and beneficially. Each Limited Partner hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any and all defenses or other remedies that may be available against such Person to contest, negate or disaffirm any action of the General Partner or any such officer in connection with any such dealing. In no event shall any Person (other than the General Partner and its Affiliates) dealing with the General Partner or any such officer or its representatives be obligated to ascertain that the terms of this Agreement have been complied with or to inquire into the necessity or expedience of any act or action of the General Partner or any such officer or its representatives. Each and every certificate, document or other instrument executed on behalf of the Partnership by the General Partner or its representatives shall be conclusive evidence in favor of any and every Person relying thereon or claiming thereunder that (a) at the time of the execution and delivery of such certificate, document or instrument, this Agreement was in full force and effect, (b) the Person executing and delivering such certificate, document or instrument was duly authorized and empowered to do so for and on behalf of the Partnership and (c) such certificate, document or instrument was duly executed and delivered in accordance with the terms and provisions of this Agreement and is binding upon the Partnership.

Section 7.13 *Pension Plan Liabilities*. Prior to the IPO Closing Date, the General Partner and the Sponsor Parties shall not permit any Group Member to accept or assume the transfer of assets or liabilities from any pension plan, as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA, whether or not subject to ERISA, that is sponsored or maintained by either Sponsor Party or its Affiliates. On or after the IPO Closing Date, any acceptance or assumption of assets or liabilities from any such pension plan that is sponsored or maintained by either Sponsor Party or its Affiliates shall be approved by Special Approval. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Sponsor Party shall indemnify and hold harmless the Partnership and any other Group Member from and against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, judgments, settlements, fines, penalties, costs and expenses (including court costs and reasonable attorneys' and experts' fees) of any and every kind or character, known or unknown, fixed or contingent, arising from or related to any acceptance or assumption by any Group Member of assets or liabilities from any pension plan, as defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA, whether or not subject to ERISA, maintained by such Sponsor Party or its Affiliates; *provided, however*, that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall a Sponsor Party's indemnification obligations cover or include consequential, indirect, incidental, punitive, exemplary, special or similar damages or lost profits suffered by the Partnership or any other Group Member.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### BOOKS, RECORDS, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTS

Section 8.1 *Records and Accounting*. The General Partner shall keep or cause to be kept at the principal office of the Partnership appropriate books and records with respect to the Partnership's business, including the Register and all other books and records necessary to provide to the Limited Partners any information required to be provided pursuant to Section 3.3(a). Any books and records maintained by or on behalf of the Partnership in the regular course of its business, including the Register, books of account and records of Partnership proceedings, may be kept on, or be in the form of, computer disks, hard drives, punch cards, magnetic tape, photographs, micrographics or any other information storage device; *provided*, that the books and records so maintained are convertible into clearly legible written form within a reasonable period of time. The books of the Partnership shall be maintained, for financial reporting purposes, on an accrual basis in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The Partnership shall not be required to keep books maintained on a cash basis and the General Partner shall be permitted to calculate cash-based measures, including Operating Surplus and Adjusted Operating Surplus, by making such adjustments to its accrual basis books to account for non-cash items and other adjustments as the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate.

Section 8.2 Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Partnership shall be a fiscal year ending December 31.

Section 8.3 Reports.

(a) Whether or not the Partnership is subject to the requirement to file reports with the Commission, (i) as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 60 days after the close of each fiscal year of the Partnership prior to the IPO Closing Date, the General Partner shall cause to be mailed or made available, by any reasonable means (including posting on or accessible through the Partnership's or the Commission's website) to Bronco as of a date selected by the General Partner, a report (which shall be deemed to be Confidential Information, as defined in the Omnibus Agreement) containing unaudited financial statements of the Partnership for such fiscal year of the Partnership, presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, including a balance sheet and statements of operations, Partnership equity and cash flows, and (ii) as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 105 days after the close of each fiscal year of the Partnership (or such shorter period as required by the Commission), the General Partner shall cause to be mailed or made available, by any reasonable means (including posting on or accessible through the Partnership's or the Commission's website) to each Record Holder of a Unit as of a date selected by the General Partner, an annual report containing financial statements of the Partnership for such fiscal year of the Partnership, presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, including a balance sheet and statements of operations, Partnership equity and cash flows, such statements to be audited by a firm of independent public accountants selected by the General Partner, and such other information as may be required by applicable law, regulation or rule of the Commission or any National Securities Exchange on which the Units are listed or admitted to trading, or as the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate.

- (b) Whether or not the Partnership is subject to the requirement to file reports with the Commission, as soon as practicable, but in no event later than 50 days after the close of each Quarter prior to the IPO Closing Date (or such shorter period as required by the Commission) except the last Quarter of each fiscal year, the General Partner shall cause to be mailed or made available, by any reasonable means (including posting on or accessible through the Partnership's or the Commission's website) to each Record Holder of a Unit, as of a date selected by the General Partner, a report (which shall be deemed to be Confidential Information, as defined in the Omnibus Agreement) containing unaudited financial statements of the Partnership for such Quarter and year-to-date period, presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, including a balance sheet and statements of operations, Partnership equity and cash flows, and such other information as may be required by applicable law, regulation or rule of the Commission or any National Securities Exchange on which the Units are listed or admitted to trading, or as the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate.
- (c) Subject to compliance with applicable law and regulation, as reasonably determined by the General Partner following consultation of counsel, the General Partner shall cause one or more of its officers, once annually, until the Bronco Fall-Away Date, to attend one in-person meeting with Bronco's beneficial owners for the purpose of discussing the results of operations of the Partnership for the preceding year and the planned activities of the Partnership for the coming year(s).
- (d) Upon any reasonable request at any time prior to the Bronco Fall-Away Date, the General Partner shall cause to be mailed or made available, by any reasonable means (including posting on or accessible through the Partnership's or the Commission's website) to Bronco as of a date selected by the General Partner:
  - (i) such information regarding the Partnership's investment in each direct and indirect Subsidiary of the Partnership as is reasonably required to enable Bronco to prepare a statement of the valuation of the Partnership's investment in each direct and indirect Subsidiary of the Partnership pursuant to Financial Accounting Standard Board Statement No. 157;
    - (ii) a copy of the Partnership's federal, state and local income tax returns for each year; and
  - (iii) true and full information regarding the amount of cash and a description and statement of the agreed value of any other property or services contributed by each Partner and which each Partner has agreed to contribute in the future, and the date on which each became a Partner.

#### ARTICLE IX

#### TAX MATTERS

Section 9.1 *Tax Returns and Information*. The Partnership shall timely file all returns of the Partnership that are required for federal, state and local income tax purposes on the basis of the accrual method and the taxable period or year that it is required by law to adopt, from time to time, as determined by the General Partner. In the event the Partnership is required to use a taxable period other than a year ending on December 31, the General Partner shall use reasonable efforts to change the taxable period of the Partnership to a year ending on December 31. The tax information reasonably required by Record Holders for federal and state income tax reporting purposes with respect to a taxable period shall be furnished to them within 90 days of the close of the calendar year in which the Partnership's taxable period ends. Prior to the end of the fourth Quarter of each calendar year in which the Partnership's taxable period ends prior to the IPO Closing Date, the General Partner shall deliver to Bronco tax estimates and such other information reasonably required and reasonably requested to enable Bronco to prepare and file its quarterly estimated taxes for the first Quarter following such calendar year. The General Partner shall send to Bronco copies of Internal Revenue Service Schedule K-1 (Form 1065) for each taxable year before the IPO Closing Date, as soon as practicable. The classification, realization and recognition of income, gain, losses and deductions and other items shall be on the accrual method of accounting for federal income tax purposes.

Section 9.2 Tax Elections.

- (a) The Partnership shall make the election under Section 754 of the Code in accordance with applicable regulations thereunder, subject to the reservation of the right to seek to revoke any such election upon the General Partner's determination that such revocation is in the best interests of the Limited Partners. Notwithstanding any other provision herein contained, for the purposes of computing the adjustments under Section 743(b) of the Code, the General Partner shall be authorized (but not required) to adopt a convention whereby the price paid by a transferee of a Limited Partner Interest will be deemed to be the lowest quoted closing price of the Limited Partner Interests on any National Securities Exchange on which such Limited Partner Interests are listed or admitted to trading during the calendar month in which such transfer is deemed to occur pursuant to Section 6.2(f) without regard to the actual price paid by such transferee.
- (b) Except as otherwise provided herein, the General Partner shall determine whether the Partnership should make any other elections permitted by the Code.

Section 9.3 *Tax Controversies*. Subject to the provisions hereof, the General Partner is designated as the "tax matters partner" (as defined in Section 6231(a)(7) of the Code) and is authorized and required to represent the Partnership (at the Partnership's expense) in connection with all examinations of the Partnership's affairs by tax authorities, including resulting administrative and judicial proceedings, and to expend Partnership funds for professional services and costs associated therewith. Each Partner agrees to cooperate with the General Partner and to do or refrain from doing any or all things reasonably required by the General Partner to conduct such proceedings.

Section 9.4 *Withholding*. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the General Partner is authorized to take any action that may be required to cause the Partnership and other Group Members to comply with any withholding requirements established under the Code or any other federal, state or local law including pursuant to Sections 1441, 1442, 1445 and 1446 of the Code, or established under any foreign law. To the extent that the Partnership is required or elects to withhold and pay over to any taxing authority any amount resulting from the allocation or distribution of income to any Partner (including by reason of Section 1446 of the Code), the General Partner may treat the amount withheld as a distribution of cash pursuant to Section 6.3 or Section 12.4(c) in the amount of such withholding from such Partner.

#### ARTICLE X

#### ADMISSION OF PARTNERS

Section 10.1 Admission of Limited Partners.

- (a) Upon the issuance by the Partnership of Common Units and Incentive Distribution Rights to the General Partner, CERC, OGEH and Bronco as described in Article V in connection with the Master Formation Agreement, such Persons shall, by acceptance of such Partnership Interests, and upon becoming the Record Holders of such Partnership Interests, be admitted to the Partnership as Initial Limited Partners in respect of the Common Units or Incentive Distribution Rights issued to them and be bound by this Agreement, all with or without execution of this Agreement by such Persons.
- (b) By acceptance of any Limited Partner Interests transferred in accordance with Article IV or acceptance of any Limited Partner Interests issued pursuant to Article V or pursuant to a merger, consolidation or conversion pursuant to Article XIV, and except as provided in Section 4.9, each transferee of, or other such Person acquiring, a Limited Partner Interest (including any nominee, agent or representative acquiring such Limited Partner Interests for the account of another Person or Group, which nominee, agent or representative shall be subject to Section 10.1(c) below) (i) shall be admitted to the Partnership as a Limited Partner with respect to the Limited Partner Interests so transferred or issued to such Person when such Person becomes the Record Holder of the Limited Partner Interests so transferred or acquired, (ii) shall become bound, and shall be deemed to have agreed to be bound, by the terms of this Agreement, (iii) shall be deemed to represent that the transferee or acquirer has the capacity, power and authority to enter into this Agreement and (iv) shall be deemed to make any consents, acknowledgements or waivers contained in this Agreement, all with or without execution of this Agreement by such Person. The transfer of any Limited Partner Interests and the admission of any new Limited Partner shall not constitute an amendment to this Agreement. A Person may become a Limited Partner without the consent or approval of any of the Partners. A Person may not become a Limited Partner without acquiring a Limited Partner Interest and becoming the Record Holder of such Limited Partner Interest. The rights and obligations of a Person who is an Ineligible Holder shall be determined in accordance with Section 4.9.
- (c) With respect to Units that are held for a Person's account by another Person that is the Record Holder (such as a broker, dealer, bank, trust company or clearing corporation, or an agent of any of the foregoing), such Record Holder shall, in exercising the rights of a Limited

Partner in respect of such Units, including the right to vote, on any matter, and unless the arrangement between such Persons provides otherwise, take all action as a Limited Partner by virtue of being the Record Holder of such Units in accordance with the direction of the Person who is the beneficial owner of such Units, and the Partnership shall be entitled to assume such Record Holder is so acting without further inquiry. The provisions of this Section 10.1(c) are subject to the provisions of Section 4.3.

- (d) The name and mailing address of each Record Holder shall be listed in the Register. The General Partner shall update the Register from time to time as necessary to reflect accurately the information therein (or shall cause the Transfer Agent to do so, as applicable).
- (e) Any transfer of a Limited Partner Interest shall not entitle the transferee to share in the profits and losses, to receive distributions, to receive allocations of income, gain, loss, deduction or credit or any similar item or to any other rights to which the transferor was entitled until the transferee becomes a Limited Partner pursuant to Section 10.1(b).

Section 10.2 Admission of Successor General Partner. A successor General Partner approved pursuant to Section 11.1 or Section 11.2 or the transferee of or successor to all of the General Partner Interest pursuant to Section 4.6 who is proposed to be admitted as a successor General Partner shall be admitted to the Partnership as the General Partner, effective immediately prior to the withdrawal or removal of the predecessor or transferring General Partner, pursuant to Section 11.1 or 11.2 or the transfer of the General Partner Interest pursuant to Section 4.6, provided, however, that no such successor shall be admitted to the Partnership until compliance with the terms of Section 4.6 has occurred and such successor has executed and delivered such other documents or instruments as may be required to effect such admission. Any such successor is hereby authorized to and shall, subject to the terms hereof, carry on the business of the members of the Partnership Group without dissolution.

Section 10.3 Amendment of Agreement and Certificate of Limited Partnership. To effect the admission to the Partnership of any Partner, the General Partner shall take all steps necessary or appropriate under the Delaware Act to amend the Register and any other records of the Partnership to reflect such admission and, if necessary, to prepare as soon as practicable an amendment to this Agreement and, if required by law, the General Partner shall prepare and file an amendment to the Certificate of Limited Partnership.

#### ARTICLE XI

#### WITHDRAWAL OR REMOVAL OF PARTNERS

Section 11.1 Withdrawal of the General Partner.

- (a) The General Partner shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the Partnership upon the occurrence of any one of the following events (each such event herein referred to as an "Event of Withdrawal");
  - (i) The General Partner voluntarily withdraws from the Partnership by giving written notice to the other Partners;

- (ii) The General Partner transfers all of its General Partner Interest pursuant to Section 4.6;
- (iii) The General Partner is removed pursuant to Section 11.2;
- (iv) The General Partner (A) makes a general assignment for the benefit of creditors; (B) files a voluntary bankruptcy petition for relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code; (C) files a petition or answer seeking for itself a liquidation, dissolution or similar relief (but not a reorganization) under any law; (D) files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against the General Partner in a proceeding of the type described in clauses (A)-(C) of this Section 11.1(a)(iv); or (E) seeks, consents to or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee (but not a debtor-in-possession), receiver or liquidator of the General Partner or of all or any substantial part of its properties;
- (v) A final and non-appealable order of relief under Chapter 7 of the United States Bankruptcy Code is entered by a court with appropriate jurisdiction pursuant to a voluntary or involuntary petition by or against the General Partner; or
- (vi) (A) if the General Partner is a corporation, a certificate of dissolution or its equivalent is filed for the General Partner, or 90 days expire after the date of notice to the General Partner of revocation of its charter without a reinstatement of its charter, under the laws of its state of incorporation; (B) if the General Partner is a partnership or a limited liability company, the dissolution and commencement of winding up of the General Partner; (C) if the General Partner is a cating in such capacity by virtue of being a trustee of a trust, the termination of the trust; (D) if the General Partner is a natural person, his death or adjudication of incompetency; and (E) otherwise upon the termination of the General Partner.

If an Event of Withdrawal specified in Section 11.1(a)(iv), (v) or (vi)(A), (B), (C) or (E) occurs, the withdrawing General Partner shall give notice to the Limited Partners within 30 days after such occurrence. The Partners hereby agree that only the Events of Withdrawal described in this Section 11.1 shall result in the withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership.

(b) Withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership upon the occurrence of an Event of Withdrawal shall not constitute a breach of this Agreement under the following circumstances: (i) at any time during the period beginning on the Closing Date and ending at 12:00 midnight, Central Time, on the first day of the first Quarter beginning after the tenth anniversary of the IPO Closing Date, the General Partner voluntarily withdraws by giving at least 90 days' advance notice of its intention to withdraw to the Limited Partners; provided, that prior to the effective date of such withdrawal, the withdrawal is approved by Unitholders holding at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units (excluding Common Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates) and the General Partner delivers to the Partnership an Opinion of Counsel ("Withdrawal Opinion of Counsel") that such withdrawal (following the selection of the successor General Partner) would not result in the loss of the limited liability under the Delaware Act of any Limited Partner or cause any Group Member to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to

the extent not already so treated or taxed); (ii) at any time after 12:00 midnight, Central Time, on the first day of the first Quarter beginning after the tenth anniversary of the IPO Closing Date, the General Partner voluntarily withdraws by giving at least 90 days' advance notice to the Unitholders, such withdrawal to take effect on the date specified in such notice; (iii) at any time that the General Partner ceases to be the General Partner pursuant to Section 11.1(a)(ii) or is removed pursuant to Section 11.2; or (iv) notwithstanding clause (i) of this sentence, at any time that the General Partner voluntarily withdraws by giving at least 90 days' advance notice of its intention to withdraw to the Limited Partners, such withdrawal to take effect on the date specified in the notice, if at the time such notice is given one Person and its Affiliates (other than the General Partner and its Affiliates) own beneficially or of record or control at least 50% of the Outstanding Units. The withdrawal of the General Partner from the Partnership upon the occurrence of an Event of Withdrawal shall also constitute the withdrawal of the General Partner or managing member, if any, to the extent applicable, of the other Group Members. If the General Partner gives a notice of withdrawal pursuant to Section 11.1(a)(i), the holders of a Unit Majority, may, prior to the effective date of such withdrawal, elect a successor General Partner. The Person so elected as successor General Partner shall automatically become the successor general partner or managing member, to the extent applicable, of the other Group Members of which the General Partner is a general partner or a managing member. Any successor General Partner elected in accordance with the terms of this Section 11.1 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 10.2.

Section 11.2 Removal of the General Partner. The General Partner may be removed if such removal is approved by the Unitholders holding at least 75% of the Outstanding Units (including Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates) voting as a single class. Any such action by such holders for removal of the General Partner must also provide for the election of a successor General Partner by the Unitholders holding a majority of the outstanding Common Units voting as a class and Unitholders holding a majority of the outstanding Subordinated Units (if any Subordinated Units are then Outstanding) voting as a class (including, in each case, Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates). Such removal shall be effective immediately following the admission of a successor General Partner pursuant to Section 10.2. The removal of the General Partner shall also automatically constitute the removal of the General Partner as general partner or managing member, to the extent applicable, of the other Group Members of which the General Partner is a general partner or a managing member. If a Person is elected as a successor General Partner in accordance with the terms of this Section 11.2, such Person shall, upon admission pursuant to Section 10.2, automatically become a successor general partner or managing member, to the extent applicable, of the other Group Members of which the General Partner is a general partner or a managing member. The right of the holders of Outstanding Units to remove the General Partner shall not exist or be exercised unless the Partnership has received an opinion opining as to the matters covered by a Withdrawal Opinion of Counsel. Any successor General Partner elected in accordance with the terms of this Section 11.2 shall be subject to the provisions of Section 10.2.

Section 11.3 Interest of Departing General Partner and Successor General Partner.

(a) In the event of (i) withdrawal of the General Partner under circumstances where such withdrawal does not violate this Agreement or (ii) removal of the General Partner by the holders of Outstanding Units under circumstances where Cause does not exist, if the successor

General Partner is elected in accordance with the terms of Section 11.1 or Section 11.2, the Departing General Partner shall have the option, exercisable prior to the effective date of the withdrawal or removal of such Departing General Partner, to require its successor to purchase its General Partner Interest and its or its Affiliates' general partner interest (or equivalent interest), if any, in the other Group Members (including, in the case of EH II, the EH Management Units) and all of its or its Affiliates' Incentive Distribution Rights (collectively, the "Combined Interest") in exchange for an amount in cash equal to the fair market value of such Combined Interest, such amount to be determined and payable as of the effective date of its withdrawal or removal. If the General Partner is removed by the Unitholders under circumstances where Cause exists or if the General Partner withdraws under circumstances where such withdrawal violates this Agreement, and if a successor General Partner is elected in accordance with the terms of Section 11.1 or Section 11.2 (or if the business of the Partnership is continued pursuant to Section 12.2 and the successor General Partner is not the former General Partner), such successor shall have the option, exercisable prior to the effective date of the withdrawal or removal of such Departing General Partner (or, in the event the business of the Partnership is continued, prior to the date the business of the Partnership is continued), to purchase the Combined Interest for such fair market value of such Combined Interest. In either event, the Departing General Partner shall be entitled to receive all reimbursements due such Departing General Partner pursuant to Section 7.4, including any employee-related liabilities (including severance liabilities), incurred in connection with the termination of any employees employed by the Departing General Partner or its Affiliates (other than any Group Member) for the benefit of the Partnership or the other Group Members.

For purposes of this Section 11.3(a), the fair market value of the Combined Interest shall be determined by agreement between the Departing General Partner and its successor or, failing agreement within 30 days after the effective date of such Departing General Partner's withdrawal or removal, by an independent investment banking firm or other independent expert selected by the Departing General Partner and its successor, which, in turn, may rely on other experts, and the determination of which shall be conclusive as to such matter. If such parties cannot agree upon one independent investment banking firm or other independent expert within 45 days after the effective date of such withdrawal or removal, then the Departing General Partner shall designate an independent investment banking firm or other independent expert, the Departing General Partner's successor shall designate an independent investment banking firm or other independent expert, and such firms or experts shall mutually select a third independent investment banking firm or independent expert, which third independent investment banking firm or other independent expert shall determine the fair market value of the Combined Interest. In making its determination, such third independent investment banking firm or other independent expert may consider the then current trading price of Units on any National Securities Exchange on which Units are then listed or admitted to trading, the value of the Partnership's assets, the rights and obligations of the Departing General Partner, the value of the Incentive Distribution Rights and the General Partner Interest and other factors it may deem relevant.

(b) If the Combined Interest is not purchased in the manner set forth in Section 11.3(a), the Departing General Partner (or its transferee) shall become a Limited Partner and its Combined Interest shall be converted into Common Units pursuant to a valuation made by an investment banking firm or other independent expert selected pursuant to Section 11.3(a),

without reduction in such Partnership Interest (but subject to proportionate dilution by reason of the admission of its successor). Any successor General Partner shall indemnify the Departing General Partner (or its transferee) as to all debts and liabilities of the Partnership arising on or after the date on which the Departing General Partner (or its transferee) becomes a Limited Partner. For purposes of this Agreement, conversion of the Combined Interest of the Departing General Partner to Common Units will be characterized as if the Departing General Partner (or its transferee) contributed its Combined Interest to the Partnership in exchange for the newly issued Common Units.

(c) If a successor General Partner is elected in accordance with the terms of Section 11.1 or Section 11.2 (or if the business of the Partnership is continued pursuant to Section 12.2 and the successor General Partner is not the former General Partner) and the option described in Section 11.3(a) is not exercised by the party entitled to do so, the successor General Partner shall, at the effective date of its admission to the Partnership, contribute to the Partnership cash in the amount equal to the product of (x) the quotient obtained by dividing (A) the Percentage Interest of the General Partner Interest of the Departing General Partner by (B) a percentage equal to 100% less the Percentage Interest of the General Partner Interest of the Departing General Partner and (y) the Net Agreed Value of the Partnership's assets on such date. In such event, such successor General Partner shall, subject to the following sentence, be entitled to its Percentage Interest of all Partnership allocations and distributions to which the Departing General Partner was entitled. In addition, the successor General Partner shall cause this Agreement to be amended to reflect that, from and after the date of such successor General Partner's admission, the successor General Partner's interest in all Partnership distributions and allocations shall be its Percentage Interest.

Section 11.4 Termination of Subordination Period, Conversion of Subordinated Units and Extinguishment of Cumulative Common Unit Arrearages.

Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement, if the General Partner is removed as general partner of the Partnership under circumstances where Cause does not exist and Units held by the General Partner and its Affiliates are not voted in favor of such removal, (i) the Subordination Period will end and all Outstanding Subordinated Units will immediately and automatically convert into Common Units on a one-for-one basis, (ii) all Cumulative Common Unit Arrearages on the Common Units will be extinguished and (iii) the General Partner will have the right to convert its General Partner Interest and its Incentive Distribution Rights into Common Units or to receive cash in exchange therefor in accordance with Section 11.3.

Section 11.5 *Withdrawal of Limited Partners*. No Limited Partner shall have any right to withdraw from the Partnership; *provided*, *however*, that when a transferee of a Limited Partner's Limited Partner Interest becomes a Record Holder of the Limited Partner Interest so transferred, such transferring Limited Partner shall cease to be a Limited Partner with respect to the Limited Partner Interest so transferred.

#### ARTICLE XII

#### DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

Section 12.1 *Dissolution*. The Partnership shall not be dissolved by the admission of additional Limited Partners or by the admission of a successor General Partner in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Upon the removal or withdrawal of the General Partner, if a successor General Partner is elected pursuant to Section 11.1, Section 11.2 or Section 12.2, the Partnership shall not be dissolved and such successor General Partner shall continue the business of the Partnership. The Partnership shall dissolve, and (subject to Section 12.2) its affairs shall be wound up, upon:

- (a) an Event of Withdrawal of the General Partner as provided in Section 11.1(a) (other than Section 11.1(a)(ii)), unless a successor is elected and a Withdrawal Opinion of Counsel is received as provided in Section 11.1(b) or 11.2 and such successor is admitted to the Partnership pursuant to Section 10.2;
  - (b) an election to dissolve the Partnership by the General Partner that is approved by the holders of a Unit Majority;
  - (c) the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of the Partnership pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act; or
  - (d) at any time there are no Limited Partners, unless the Partnership is continued without dissolution in accordance with the Delaware Act.

Section 12.2 Continuation of the Business of the Partnership After Dissolution. Upon (a) dissolution of the Partnership following an Event of Withdrawal caused by the withdrawal or removal of the General Partner as provided in Section 11.1(a)(i) or (iii) and the failure of the Partners to select a successor to such Departing General Partner pursuant to Section 11.1 or Section 11.2, then, to the maximum extent permitted by law, within 90 days thereafter, or (b) dissolution of the Partnership upon an event constituting an Event of Withdrawal as defined in Section 11.1(a)(iv), (v) or (vi), then, to the maximum extent permitted by law, within 180 days thereafter, the holders of a Unit Majority may elect to continue the business of the Partnership on the same terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement by appointing as a successor General Partner a Person approved by the holders of a Unit Majority. Unless such an election is made within the applicable time period as set forth above, the Partnership shall conduct only activities necessary to wind up its affairs. If such an election is so made, then:

- (i) the Partnership shall continue without dissolution unless earlier dissolved in accordance with this Article XII;
- (ii) if the successor General Partner is not the former General Partner, then the interest of the former General Partner shall be treated in the manner provided in Section 11.3; and

(iii) the successor General Partner shall be admitted to the Partnership as General Partner, effective as of the Event of Withdrawal, by agreeing in writing to be bound by this Agreement;

provided, that the right of the holders of a Unit Majority to approve a successor General Partner and to continue the business of the Partnership shall not exist and may not be exercised unless the Partnership has received an Opinion of Counsel that (x) the exercise of the right would not result in the loss of limited liability of any Limited Partner under the Delaware Act and (y) neither the Partnership nor any Group Member would be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise be taxable as an entity for federal income tax purposes upon the exercise of such right to continue (to the extent not already so treated or taxed).

Section 12.3 *Liquidator*. Upon dissolution of the Partnership in accordance with the provisions of Article XII, the General Partner shall select one or more Persons to act as Liquidator. The Liquidator (if other than the General Partner) shall be entitled to receive such compensation for its services as may be approved by holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units and Subordinated Units voting as a single class. The Liquidator (if other than the General Partner) shall agree not to resign at any time without 15 days' prior notice and may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by notice of removal approved by holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units and Subordinated Units voting as a single class. Upon dissolution, removal or resignation of the Liquidator, a successor and substitute Liquidator (who shall have and succeed to all rights, powers and duties of the original Liquidator) shall within 30 days thereafter be approved by holders of at least a majority of the Outstanding Common Units and Subordinated Units voting as a single class. The right to approve a successor or substitute Liquidator in the manner provided herein shall be deemed to refer also to any such successor or substitute Liquidator approved in the manner herein provided. Except as expressly provided in this Article XII, the Liquidator approved in the manner provided herein shall have and may exercise, without further authorization or consent of any of the parties hereto, all of the powers conferred upon the General Partner under the terms of this Agreement (but subject to all of the applicable limitations, contractual and otherwise, upon the exercise of such powers, other than the limitation on sale set forth in Section 7.3) necessary or appropriate to carry out the duties and functions of the Liquidator hereunder for and during the period of time required to complete the winding up and liquidation of the Partnership as provided for herein.

Section 12.4 *Liquidation*. The Liquidator shall proceed to dispose of the assets of the Partnership, discharge its liabilities, and otherwise wind up its affairs in such manner and over such period as determined by the Liquidator, subject to Section 17-804 of the Delaware Act and the following:

(a) The assets may be disposed of by public or private sale or by distribution in kind to one or more Partners on such terms as the Liquidator and such Partner or Partners may agree. If any property is distributed in kind, the Partner receiving the property shall be deemed for purposes of Section 12.4(c) to have received cash equal to its fair market value; and contemporaneously therewith, appropriate cash distributions must be made to the other Partners. The Liquidator may defer liquidation or distribution of the Partnership's assets for a reasonable time if it determines that an immediate sale or distribution of all or some of the Partnership's assets would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partners. The Liquidator may distribute the Partnership's assets, in whole or in part, in kind if it determines that a sale would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Partners.

- (b) Liabilities of the Partnership include amounts owed to the Liquidator as compensation for serving in such capacity (subject to the terms of Section 12.3) and amounts to Partners otherwise than in respect of their distribution rights under Article VI. With respect to any liability that is contingent, conditional or unmatured or is otherwise not yet due and payable, the Liquidator shall either settle such claim for such amount as it thinks appropriate or establish a reserve of cash or other assets to provide for its payment. When paid, any unused portion of the reserve shall be distributed as additional liquidation proceeds.
- (c) All property and all cash in excess of that required to discharge liabilities as provided in Section 12.4(b) shall be distributed (i) first, if the IPO Closing Date has not occurred, consistently with reducing any outstanding Bronco Arrearage Amount, CERC Arrearage Amount or OGEH Arrearage Amount, as provided in Section 6.4(b), and (ii) thereafter, to the Partners in accordance with, and to the extent of, the positive balances in their respective Capital Accounts, as determined after taking into account all Capital Account adjustments (other than those made by reason of distributions pursuant to this Section 12.4(c)) for the taxable period of the Partnership during which the liquidation of the Partnership occurs (with such date of occurrence being determined pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(g)), and such distribution shall be made by the end of such taxable period (or, if later, within 90 days after said date of such occurrence).

Section 12.5 *Cancellation of Certificate of Limited Partnership*. Upon the completion of the distribution of Partnership cash and property as provided in Section 12.4 in connection with the liquidation of the Partnership, the Certificate of Limited Partnership and all qualifications of the Partnership as a foreign limited partnership in jurisdictions other than the State of Delaware shall be canceled and such other actions as may be necessary to terminate the Partnership shall be taken.

Section 12.6 *Return of Contributions*. The General Partner shall not be personally liable for, and shall have no obligation to contribute or loan any monies or property to the Partnership to enable it to effectuate, the return of the Capital Contributions of the Limited Partners or Unitholders, or any portion thereof, it being expressly understood that any such return shall be made solely from assets of the Partnership.

Section 12.7 Waiver of Partition. To the maximum extent permitted by law, each Partner hereby waives any right to partition of the Partnership property.

Section 12.8 *Capital Account Restoration*. No Limited Partner shall have any obligation to restore any negative balance in its Capital Account upon liquidation of the Partnership. The General Partner shall be obligated to restore any negative balance in its Capital Account upon liquidation of its interest in the Partnership by the end of the taxable year of the Partnership during which such liquidation occurs, or, if later, within 90 days after the date of such liquidation.

#### ARTICLE XIII

#### AMENDMENT OF PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT; MEETINGS; RECORD DATE

Section 13.1 *Amendments to be Adopted Solely by the General Partner*. Each Partner agrees that the General Partner, without the approval of any Partner, but subject to Section 3.4(a), may amend any provision of this Agreement and execute, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file and record whatever documents may be required in connection therewith, to reflect:

- (a) a change in the name of the Partnership, the location of the principal office of the Partnership, the registered agent of the Partnership;
  - (b) admission, substitution, withdrawal or removal of Partners in accordance with this Agreement;
- (c) a change that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate to qualify or continue the qualification of the Partnership as a limited partnership or a partnership in which the Limited Partners have limited liability under the laws of any state or to ensure that the Group Members will not be treated as associations taxable as corporations or otherwise taxed as entities for federal income tax purposes;
- (d) a change that the General Partner determines (i) does not adversely affect the Limited Partners considered as a whole or any particular class of Partnership Interests as compared to other classes of Partnership Interests in any material respect, (ii) to be necessary or appropriate (A) to satisfy any requirements, conditions or guidelines contained in any opinion, directive, order, ruling or regulation of any federal or state agency or judicial authority or contained in any federal or state statute (including the Delaware Act) or (B) in connection with or after the Initial Public Offering, to facilitate the trading of the Units (including the division of any class or classes of Outstanding Units into different classes to facilitate uniformity of tax consequences within such classes of Units), delete provisions of this Agreement that have no application after the IPO Closing Date (including provisions related to Bronco's rights set forth in Section 3.4) and do not adversely affect the number of Units that would be held by any Partner upon the Initial Public Offering, or comply with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any National Securities Exchange on which the Units are or will be listed or admitted to trading, (iii) to be necessary or appropriate in connection with action taken by the General Partner pursuant to Section 5.10 or (iv) is required to effect the intent expressed in the Registration Statement for the Initial Public Offering or the intent of the provisions of this Agreement or the Master Formation Agreement or is otherwise contemplated by this Agreement or the Master Formation Agreement;
- (e) a change in the fiscal year or taxable year of the Partnership and any other changes that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate as a result of a change in the fiscal year or taxable year of the Partnership including a change in the definition of "Quarter" and the dates on which distributions are to be made by the Partnership;

- (f) an amendment that is necessary, in the Opinion of Counsel, to prevent the Partnership, or the General Partner or its directors, officers, trustees or agents from in any manner being subjected to the provisions of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, or "plan asset" regulations adopted under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, regardless of whether such are substantially similar to plan asset regulations currently applied or proposed by the United States Department of Labor;
- (g) an amendment that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate in connection with the authorization or issuance of any class or series of Partnership Interests pursuant to Section 5.6;
  - (h) any amendment expressly permitted in this Agreement to be made by the General Partner acting alone;
  - (i) an amendment effected, necessitated or contemplated by a Merger Agreement approved in accordance with Section 14.3;
- (j) an amendment that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate to reflect and account for the formation by the Partnership of, or investment by the Partnership in, any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other entity, in connection with the conduct by the Partnership of activities permitted by the terms of Section 2.4;
  - (k) a merger, conveyance or conversion pursuant to Section 14.3(c); or
  - (l) any other amendments substantially similar to the foregoing.

Section 13.2 *Amendment Procedures*. Amendments to this Agreement may be proposed only by the General Partner. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the General Partner shall have no duty or obligation to propose or approve any amendment to this Agreement, and, in declining to propose or approve an amendment to this Agreement, to the Fullest extent permitted by law shall not be required to act in good faith or pursuant to any other standard imposed by this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity, and the General Partner in determining whether to propose or approve any amendment to this Agreement shall be permitted to do so in its sole and absolute discretion. An amendment to this Agreement shall be effective upon its approval by the General Partner and, except as otherwise provided by Section 3.4(a), Section 13.1 or Section 13.3, the holders of a Unit Majority, unless a greater or different percentage of Outstanding Units is required under this Agreement. Each proposed amendment that requires the approval of the holders of a specified percentage of Outstanding Units shall be set forth in a writing that contains the text of the proposed amendment. If such an amendment is proposed, the General Partner shall seek the written approval of the requisite percentage of Outstanding Units or call a meeting of the Unitholders to consider and vote on such proposed amendment. The General Partner shall notify all Record Holders upon final adoption of any amendments. The General Partner shall be deemed to have notified all Record Holders as required by this Section 13.2 if it has posted or made accessible such amendment through the Partnership's or the Commission's website.

#### Section 13.3 Amendment Requirements.

- (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 13.1 and Section 13.2, no provision of this Agreement that establishes a percentage of Outstanding Units (including Units deemed owned by the General Partner) required to take any action shall be amended, altered, changed, repealed or rescinded in any respect that would have the effect of (i) in the case of any provision of this Agreement other than Section 11.2 or Section 13.4, reducing such percentage or (ii) in the case of Section 11.2 or Section 13.4, increasing such percentages, unless such amendment is approved by the written consent or the affirmative vote of holders of Outstanding Units whose aggregate Outstanding Units constitute (x) in the case of a reduction as described in subclause (a)(i) hereof, not less than the voting requirement sought to be reduced, (y) in the case of an increase in the percentage in Section 11.2, not less than 90% of the Outstanding Units, or (z) in the case of an increase in the percentage in Section 13.4, not less than a majority of the Outstanding Units.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 13.1 and Section 13.2, no amendment to this Agreement may (i) enlarge the obligations of any Limited Partner without its consent, unless such shall be deemed to have occurred as a result of an amendment approved pursuant to Section 13.3(c) or (ii) enlarge the obligations of, restrict in any way any action by or rights of, or reduce in any way the amounts distributable, reimbursable or otherwise payable to, the General Partner or any of its Affiliates without its consent, which consent may be given or withheld at its option.
- (c) Except as provided in Section 14.3, and without limitation of the General Partner's authority to adopt amendments to this Agreement without the approval of any Partners as contemplated in Section 13.1, any amendment that would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of any class of Partnership Interests in relation to other classes of Partnership Interests must be approved by the holders of not less than a majority of the Outstanding Partnership Interests of the class affected.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, except for amendments pursuant to Section 13.1 and except as otherwise provided by Section 14.3(b), no amendments shall become effective without the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the Outstanding Units voting as a single class unless the Partnership obtains an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that such amendment will not affect the limited liability of any Limited Partner under applicable partnership law of the state under whose laws the Partnership is organized.
  - (e) Except as provided in Section 13.1, this Section 13.3 shall only be amended with the approval of the holders of at least 90% of the Outstanding Units.

Section 13.4 Special Meetings. All acts of Limited Partners to be taken pursuant to this Agreement shall be taken in the manner provided in this Article XIII. Special meetings of the Limited Partners may be called by the General Partner or by Limited Partners owning 20% or more of the Outstanding Units of the class or classes for which a meeting is proposed. Limited Partners shall call a special meeting by delivering to the General Partner one or more requests in writing stating that the signing Limited Partners wish to call a special meeting and indicating the specific purposes for which the special meeting is to be called and the class or classes of Units

for which the meeting is proposed. No business may be brought by any Limited Partner before such special meeting except the business listed in the related request. Within 60 days after receipt of such a call from Limited Partners or within such greater time as may be reasonably necessary for the Partnership to comply with any statutes, rules, regulations, listing agreements or similar requirements governing the holding of a meeting or the solicitation of proxies for use at such a meeting, the General Partner shall send a notice of the meeting to the Limited Partners either directly or indirectly. A meeting shall be held at a time and place determined by the General Partner on a date not less than 10 days nor more than 60 days after the time notice of the meeting is given as provided in Section 16.1. Limited Partners shall not be permitted to vote on matters that would cause the Limited Partners to be deemed to be taking part in the management and control of the business and affairs of the Partnership so as to jeopardize the Limited Partners' limited liability under the Delaware Act or the law of any other state in which the Partnership is qualified to do business. If any such vote were to take place, it shall be deemed null and void to the extent necessary so as not to jeopardize the Limited Partners' limited liability under the Delaware Act or the law of any other state in which the Partnership is qualified to do business.

Section 13.5 *Notice of a Meeting*. Notice of a meeting called pursuant to Section 13.4 shall be given to the Record Holders of the class or classes of Units for which a meeting is proposed in writing by mail or other means of written communication in accordance with Section 16.1.

Section 13.6 *Record Date*. For purposes of determining the Limited Partners who are Record Holders of the class or classes of Limited Partner Interests entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of the Limited Partners or to give approvals without a meeting as provided in Section 13.11, the General Partner shall set a Record Date, which shall not be less than 10 nor more than 60 days before (a) the date of the meeting (unless such requirement conflicts with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any National Securities Exchange on which the Units are listed or admitted to trading or U.S. federal securities laws, in which case the rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of such National Securities Exchange or U.S. federal securities laws shall govern) or (b) in the event that approvals are sought without a meeting, the date by which such Limited Partners are requested in writing by the General Partner to give such approvals.

Section 13.7 *Postponement and Adjournment*. Prior to the date upon which any meeting of Limited Partners is to be held, the General Partner may postpone such meeting one or more times for any reason by giving notice to each Limited Partner entitled to vote at the meeting so postponed of the place, date and hour at which such meeting would be held. Such notice shall be given not fewer than two days before the date of such meeting and otherwise in accordance with this Article XIII. When a meeting is postponed, a new Record Date need not be fixed unless the aggregate amount of such postponement shall be for more than 45 days after the original meeting date. Any meeting of Limited Partners may be adjourned by the General Partner one or more times for any reason, including the failure of a quorum to be present at the meeting with respect to any proposal or the failure of any proposal to receive sufficient votes for approval. No vote of the Limited Partners shall be required for any adjournment. A meeting of Limited Partners may be adjourned by the General Partner as to one or more proposals regardless of whether action has been taken on other matters. When a meeting is adjourned to another time or place, notice need not be given of the adjourned meeting and a new Record Date need not be

fixed, if the time and place thereof are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken, unless such adjournment shall be for more than 45 days. At the adjourned meeting, the Partnership may transact any business which might have been transacted at the original meeting. If the adjournment is for more than 45 days or if a new Record Date is fixed for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given in accordance with this Article XIII.

Section 13.8 Waiver of Notice; Approval of Meeting. The transactions of any meeting of Limited Partners, however called and noticed, and whenever held, shall be as valid as if it had occurred at a meeting duly held after call and notice in accordance with Sections 13.4 and 13.5, if a quorum is present either in person or by proxy. Attendance of a Limited Partner at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of the meeting, except when the Limited Partner attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting, at the beginning of the meeting, to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened; and except that attendance at a meeting is not a waiver of any right to disapprove of any matters submitted for consideration or to object to the failure to submit for consideration any matters required to be included in the notice of the meeting, but not so included, if such objection is expressly made at the beginning of the meeting.

Section 13.9 *Quorum and Voting*. The presence, in person or by proxy, of holders of a majority of the Outstanding Units of the class or classes for which a meeting has been called (including Outstanding Units deemed owned by the General Partner and its Affiliates) shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of Limited Partners of such class or classes unless any such action by the Limited Partners requires approval by holders of a greater percentage of such Units, in which case the quorum shall be such greater percentage. At any meeting of the Limited Partners duly called and held in accordance with this Agreement at which a quorum is present, the act of Limited Partners holding Outstanding Units that in the aggregate represent a majority of the Outstanding Units entitled to vote at such meeting shall be deemed to constitute the act of all Limited Partners, unless a different percentage is required with respect to such action under the provisions of this Agreement, in which case the act of the Limited Partners holding Outstanding Units that in the aggregate represent at least such different percentage shall be required. The Limited Partners present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to transact business until adjournment, notwithstanding the exit of enough Limited Partners to leave less than a quorum, if any action taken (other than adjournment) is approved by the required percentage of Outstanding Units specified in this Agreement.

Section 13.10 Conduct of a Meeting. The General Partner shall have full power and authority concerning the manner of conducting any meeting of the Limited Partners or solicitation of approvals in writing, including the determination of Persons entitled to vote, the existence of a quorum, the satisfaction of the requirements of Section 13.4, the conduct of voting, the validity and effect of any proxies and the determination of any controversies, votes or challenges arising in connection with or during the meeting or voting. The General Partner shall designate a Person to serve as chairman of any meeting and shall further designate a Person to take the minutes of any meeting. All minutes shall be kept with the records of the Partnership maintained by the General Partner. The General Partner may make such other regulations consistent with applicable law and this Agreement as it may deem advisable concerning the conduct of any meeting of the Limited Partners or solicitation of approvals in writing, including regulations in regard to the appointment of proxies, the appointment and duties of inspectors of votes and approvals, the submission and examination of proxies and other evidence of the right to vote, and the submission and revocation of approvals in writing.

Section 13.11 Action Without a Meeting. If authorized by the General Partner, any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Limited Partners may be taken without a meeting if an approval in writing setting forth the action so taken is signed by Limited Partners owning not less than the minimum percentage of the Outstanding Units (including Units deemed owned by the General Partner and its Affiliates) that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all the Limited Partners were present and voted (unless such provision conflicts with any rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of any National Securities Exchange on which the Units are listed or admitted to trading, in which case the rule, regulation, guideline or requirement of such National Securities Exchange shall govern). Prompt notice of the taking of action without a meeting shall be given to the Limited Partners who have not approved in writing. The General Partner may specify that any written ballot submitted to Limited Partners for the purpose of taking any action without a meeting shall be returned to the Partnership within the time period, which shall be not less than 20 days, specified by the General Partner. If a ballot returned to the Partnership does not vote all of the Outstanding Units held by such Limited Partners, the Partnership shall be deemed to have failed to receive a ballot for the Outstanding Units that were not voted. If approval of the taking of any permitted action by the Limited Partners is solicited by any Person other than by or on behalf of the General Partner, the written approvals shall have no force and effect unless and until (a) approvals sufficient to take the action proposed are deposited with the Partnership in care of the General Partner, (b) approvals sufficient to take the action proposed are dated as of a date not more than 90 days prior to the date sufficient approvals are first deposited with the Partnership and (c) an Opinion of Counsel is delivered to the General Partner to the effect that the exercise of such right and the action proposed to be taken with respect to any particular matter (i) will not cause the Limited Partners to be deemed to be taking part in the management and control of the business and affairs of the Partnership so as to jeopardize the Limited Partners' limited liability, and (ii) is otherwise permissible under the state statutes then governing the rights, duties and liabilities of the Partnership and the Partners.

Section 13.12 Right to Vote and Related Matters.

- (a) Only those Record Holders of the Outstanding Units on the Record Date set pursuant to Section 13.6 (and also subject to the limitations contained in the definition of "*Outstanding*") shall be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, a meeting of Limited Partners or to act with respect to matters as to which the holders of the Outstanding Units have the right to vote or to act. All references in this Agreement to votes of, or other acts that may be taken by, the Outstanding Units shall be deemed to be references to the votes or acts of the Record Holders of such Outstanding Units.
- (b) With respect to Units that are held for a Person's account by another Person that is the Record Holder (such as a broker, dealer, bank, trust company or clearing corporation, or an agent of any of the foregoing), such Record Holder shall, in exercising the voting rights in respect of such Units on any matter, and unless the arrangement between such Persons provides otherwise, vote such Units in favor of, and in accordance with the direction of, the Person who is the beneficial owner of such Units, and the Partnership shall be entitled to assume such Record Holder is so acting without further inquiry. The provisions of this Section 13.12(b) (as well as all other provisions of this Agreement) are subject to the provisions of Section 4.3.

Section 13.13 Voting of Incentive Distribution Rights.

- (a) For so long as a majority of the Incentive Distribution Rights are held by the General Partner and its Affiliates, the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights shall not be entitled to vote such Incentive Distribution Rights on any Partnership matter except as may otherwise be required by law, and the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, in their capacity as such, shall be deemed to have approved any matter approved by the General Partner.
- (b) For so long as less than a majority of the Incentive Distribution Rights are held by the General Partner and its Affiliates, the Incentive Distribution Rights will be entitled to vote on all matters submitted to a vote of Unitholders, other than amendments to this Agreement and other matters that the General Partner determines do not adversely affect the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights as a whole in any material respect. On any matter in which the holders of Incentive Distribution Rights are entitled to vote, such holders will vote together with the Subordinated Units, prior to the end of the Subordination Period, or together with the Common Units, thereafter, in either case as a single class except as otherwise required by Section 13.3(c), and such Incentive Distribution Rights shall be treated in all respects as Subordinated Units or Common Units, as applicable, when sending notices of a meeting of Limited Partners to vote on any matter (unless otherwise required by law), calculating required votes, determining the presence of a quorum or for other similar purposes under this Agreement. The relative voting power of the Incentive Distribution Rights and the Subordinated Units or Common Units, as applicable, will be set in the same proportion as cumulative cash distributions, if any, in respect of the Incentive Distribution Rights for the four consecutive Quarters prior to the record date for the vote bears to the cumulative cash distributions in respect of such class of Units for such four Quarters.
- (c) Notwithstanding Section 13.13(b), in connection with any equity financing, or anticipated equity financing, by the Partnership of an Expansion Capital Expenditure, the General Partner may, without the approval of the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights, temporarily or permanently reduce the amount of Incentive Distributions that would otherwise be distributed to such holders, *provided* that in the judgment of the General Partner, such reduction will be in the long-term best interest of the holders of the Incentive Distribution Rights.

#### ARTICLE XIV

#### MERGER, CONSOLIDATION OR CONVERSION

Section 14.1 *Authority*. The Partnership may merge or consolidate with or into one or more corporations, limited liability companies, statutory trusts or associations, real estate investment trusts, common law trusts or unincorporated businesses, including a partnership (whether general or limited (including a limited liability partnership)) or convert into any such entity, whether such entity is formed under the laws of the State of Delaware or any other state of the United States of America, pursuant to a written plan of merger or consolidation ("*Merger Agreement*") or a written plan of conversion ("*Plan of Conversion*"), as the case may be, in accordance with this Article XIV and subject to Section 3.4(a).

Section 14.2 Procedure for Merger, Consolidation or Conversion.

- (a) Merger, consolidation or conversion of the Partnership pursuant to this Article XIV requires the prior consent of the General Partner, *provided*, *however*, that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the General Partner shall have no duty or obligation to consent to any merger, consolidation or conversion of the Partnership and may decline to do so free of any duty or obligation whatsoever to the Partnership or any Limited Partner and, in declining to consent to a merger, consolidation or conversion, shall not be required to act in good faith or pursuant to any other standard imposed by this Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Act or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity, and the General Partner in determining whether to consent to any merger, consolidation or conversion of the Partnership shall be permitted to do so in its sole and absolute discretion.
- (b) If the General Partner shall determine to consent to the merger or consolidation, the General Partner shall approve the Merger Agreement, which shall set forth:
  - (i) name and state of domicile of each of the business entities proposing to merge or consolidate;
  - (ii) the name and state of domicile of the business entity that is to survive the proposed merger or consolidation (the "Surviving Business Entity");
  - (iii) the terms and conditions of the proposed merger or consolidation;
  - (iv) the manner and basis of exchanging or converting the equity securities of each constituent business entity for, or into, cash, property or interests, rights, securities or obligations of the Surviving Business Entity; and (A) if any general or limited partner interests, securities or rights of any constituent business entity are not to be exchanged or converted solely for, or into, cash, property or general or limited partner interests, rights, securities or obligations of the Surviving Business Entity, the cash, property or interests, rights, securities or obligations of any general or limited partnership, corporation, trust, limited liability company, unincorporated business or other entity (other than the Surviving Business Entity) which the holders of such general or limited partner interests, securities or rights are to receive in exchange for, or upon conversion of their interests, securities or rights, and (B) in the case of securities represented by certificates, upon the surrender of such certificates, which cash, property or general or limited partner interests, rights, securities or obligations of the Surviving Business Entity or any general or limited partnership, corporation, trust, limited liability company, unincorporated business or other entity (other than the Surviving Business Entity), or evidences thereof, are to be delivered;
  - (v) a statement of any changes in the constituent documents or the adoption of new constituent documents (the articles or certificate of incorporation, articles of trust, declaration of trust, certificate or agreement of limited partnership, operating agreement or other similar charter or governing document) of the Surviving Business Entity to be effected by such merger or consolidation;

- (vi) the effective time of the merger, which may be the date of the filing of the certificate of merger pursuant to Section 14.4 or a later date specified in or determinable in accordance with the Merger Agreement (*provided*, that if the effective time of the merger is to be later than the date of the filing of such certificate of merger, the effective time shall be fixed at a date or time certain at or prior to the time of the filing of such certificate of merger and stated therein); and
  - (vii) such other provisions with respect to the proposed merger or consolidation that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate.
- (c) If the General Partner shall determine to consent to the conversion, the General Partner shall approve the Plan of Conversion, which shall set forth:
  - (i) the name of the converting entity and the converted entity;
  - (ii) a statement that the Partnership is continuing its existence in the organizational form of the converted entity;
- (iii) a statement as to the type of entity that the converted entity is to be and the state or country under the laws of which the converted entity is to be incorporated, formed or organized;
- (iv) the manner and basis of exchanging or converting the equity securities of each constituent business entity for, or into, cash, property or interests, rights, securities or obligations of the converted entity;
  - (v) in an attachment or exhibit, the certificate of limited partnership of the Partnership;
- (vi) in an attachment or exhibit, the certificate of limited partnership, articles of incorporation, or other organizational documents of the converted entity;
- (vii) the effective time of the conversion, which may be the date of the filing of the articles of conversion or a later date specified in or determinable in accordance with the Plan of Conversion (*provided*, that if the effective time of the conversion is to be later than the date of the filing of such articles of conversion, the effective time shall be fixed at a date or time certain at or prior to the time of the filing of such articles of conversion and stated therein); and
  - (viii) such other provisions with respect to the proposed conversion that the General Partner determines to be necessary or appropriate.

Section 14.3 *Approval by Limited Partners*. Except as provided in Section 14.3(d), the General Partner, upon its approval of the Merger Agreement or the Plan of Conversion, as the case may be, shall direct that the Merger Agreement or the Plan of Conversion, as applicable, be

submitted to a vote of Limited Partners, whether at a special meeting or by written consent, in either case in accordance with the requirements of Article XIII. A copy or a summary of the Merger Agreement or the Plan of Conversion, as the case may be, shall be included in or enclosed with the notice of a special meeting or the written consent and, subject to any applicable requirements of Regulation 14A pursuant to the Exchange Act or successor provision, no other disclosure regarding the proposed merger, consolidation or conversion shall be required.

- (a) Except as provided in Section 14.3(d), Section 14.3(e) or Section 3.4(a), the Merger Agreement or Plan of Conversion, as the case may be, shall be approved upon receiving the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of a Unit Majority unless the Merger Agreement or Plan of Conversion, as the case may be, effects an amendment to any provision of this Agreement that, if contained in an amendment to this Agreement adopted pursuant to Article XIII, would require for its approval the vote or consent of a greater percentage of the Outstanding Units or of any class of Limited Partners, in which case such greater percentage vote or consent shall be required for approval of the Merger Agreement or the Plan of Conversion, as the case may be.
- (b) Except as provided in Section 14.3(d) and Section 14.3(e), after such approval by vote or consent of the Limited Partners, and at any time prior to the filing of the certificate of merger or articles of conversion pursuant to Section 14.4, the merger, consolidation or conversion may be abandoned pursuant to provisions therefor, if any, set forth in the Merger Agreement or Plan of Conversion, as the case may be.
- (c) Notwithstanding anything else contained in this Article XIV or in this Agreement (other than Section 3.4(a)), the General Partner is permitted, without Limited Partner approval, to convert the Partnership or any Group Member into a new limited liability entity, to merge the Partnership or any Group Member into, or convey all of the Partnership's assets to, another limited liability entity that shall be newly formed and shall have no assets, liabilities or operations at the time of such conversion, merger or conveyance other than those it receives from the Partnership or other Group Member if (i) the General Partner has received an Opinion of Counsel that the conversion, merger or conveyance, as the case may be, would not result in the loss of limited liability under the laws of the jurisdiction governing the other limited liability entity (if that jurisdiction is not Delaware) of any Limited Partner as compared to its limited liability under the Delaware Act or cause the Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not previously treated as such), (ii) the sole purpose of such conversion, merger, or conveyance is to effect a mere change in the legal form of the Partnership into another limited liability entity and (iii) the General Partner determines that the governing instruments of the new entity provide the Limited Partners and the General Partner with substantially the same rights and obligations as are herein contained.
- (d) Additionally, notwithstanding anything else contained in this Article XIV or in this Agreement (other than Section 3.4(a)), the General Partner is permitted, without Limited Partner approval, to merge or consolidate the Partnership with or into another limited liability entity if (i) the General Partner has received an Opinion of Counsel that the merger or consolidation, as the case may be, would not result in the loss of the limited liability of any Limited Partner under the laws of the jurisdiction governing the other limited liability entity (if

that jurisdiction is not Delaware) as compared to its limited liability under the Delaware Act or cause the Partnership to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not previously treated as such), (ii) the merger or consolidation would not result in an amendment to this Agreement, other than any amendments that could be adopted pursuant to Section 13.1, (iii) the Partnership is the Surviving Business Entity in such merger or consolidation, (iv) each Unit outstanding immediately prior to the effective date of the merger or consolidation is to be an identical Unit of the Partnership after the effective date of the merger or consolidation, and (v) the number of Partnership Interests to be issued by the Partnership in such merger or consolidation does not exceed 20% of the Partnership Interests (other than Incentive Distribution Rights) Outstanding immediately prior to the effective date of such merger or consolidation.

(e) Pursuant to Section 17-211(g) of the Delaware Act, an agreement of merger or consolidation approved in accordance with this Article XIV may (i) effect any amendment to this Agreement or (ii) effect the adoption of a new partnership agreement for the Partnership if it is the Surviving Business Entity. Any such amendment or adoption made pursuant to this Section 14.3 shall be effective at the effective time or date of the merger or consolidation.

Section 14.4 *Certificate of Merger or Certificate of Conversion*. Upon the required approval by the General Partner and the Unitholders of a Merger Agreement or the Plan of Conversion, as the case may be, a certificate of merger or certificate of conversion or other filing, as applicable, shall be executed and filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware or the appropriate filing office of any other jurisdiction, as applicable, in conformity with the requirements of the Delaware Act or other applicable law.

Section 14.5 Effect of Merger, Consolidation or Conversion.

- (a) At the effective time of the merger:
- (i) all of the rights, privileges and powers of each of the business entities that has merged or consolidated, and all property, real, personal and mixed, and all debts due to any of those business entities and all other things and causes of action belonging to each of those business entities, shall be vested in the Surviving Business Entity and after the merger or consolidation shall be the property of the Surviving Business Entity to the extent they were of each constituent business entity;
- (ii) the title to any real property vested by deed or otherwise in any of those constituent business entities shall not revert and is not in any way impaired because of the merger or consolidation;
- (iii) all rights of creditors and all liens on or security interests in property of any of those constituent business entities shall be preserved unimpaired; and
- (iv) all debts, liabilities and duties of those constituent business entities shall attach to the Surviving Business Entity and may be enforced against it to the same extent as if the debts, liabilities and duties had been incurred or contracted by it.

- (b) At the effective time of the conversion:
- (i) the Partnership shall continue to exist, without interruption, but in the organizational form of the converted entity rather than in its prior organizational form;
- (ii) all rights, title, and interests to all real estate and other property owned by the Partnership shall continue to be owned by the converted entity in its new organizational form without reversion or impairment, without further act or deed, and without any transfer or assignment having occurred, but subject to any existing liens or other encumbrances thereon;
- (iii) all liabilities and obligations of the Partnership shall continue to be liabilities and obligations of the converted entity in its new organizational form without impairment or diminution by reason of the conversion;
- (iv) all rights of creditors or other parties with respect to or against the prior interest holders or other owners of the Partnership in their capacities as such in existence as of the effective time of the conversion will continue in existence as to those liabilities and obligations and may be pursued by such creditors and obligees as if the conversion did not occur;
- (v) a proceeding pending by or against the Partnership or by or against any of Partners in their capacities as such may be continued by or against the converted entity in its new organizational form and by or against the prior partners without any need for substitution of parties; and
- (vi) the Partnership Interests that are to be converted into partnership interests, shares, evidences of ownership, or other securities in the converted entity as provided in the plan of conversion shall be so converted, and Partners shall be entitled only to the rights provided in the Plan of Conversion.

#### ARTICLE XV

#### RIGHT TO ACQUIRE LIMITED PARTNER INTERESTS

Section 15.1 Right to Acquire Limited Partner Interests.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, if at any time after the consummation of the Initial Public Offering, the General Partner and its Affiliates hold more than 80% of the total Limited Partner Interests of any class then Outstanding, the General Partner shall then have the right, which right it may assign and transfer in whole or in part to the Partnership or any Affiliate of the General Partner, exercisable at its option, to purchase all, but not less than all, of such Limited Partner Interests of such class then Outstanding held by Persons other than the General Partner and its Affiliates, at the greater of (x) the Current Market Price as of the date three Business Days prior to the date that the notice described in Section 15.1(b) is mailed and (y) the highest price paid by the General Partner or any of its Affiliates for any such Limited Partner Interest of such class purchased during the 90-day period preceding the date that the notice described in Section 15.1(b) is mailed.

(b) If the General Partner any Affiliate of the General Partner or the Partnership elects to exercise the right to purchase Limited Partner Interests granted pursuant to Section 15.1(a), the General Partner shall deliver to the applicable Transfer Agent notice of such election to purchase (the "Notice of Election to Purchase") and shall cause the Transfer Agent to mail a copy of such Notice of Election to Purchase to the Record Holders of Limited Partner Interests of such class (as of a Record Date selected by the General Partner), together with such information as may be required by law, rule or regulation, at least 10, but not more than 60, days prior to the Purchase Date. Such Notice of Election to Purchase shall also be filed and distributed as may be required by the Commission or any National Securities Exchange on which such Limited Partner Interests are listed. The Notice of Election to Purchase shall specify the Purchase Date and the price (determined in accordance with Section 15.1(a)) at which Limited Partner Interests will be purchased and state that the General Partner, its Affiliate or the Partnership, as the case may be, elects to purchase such Limited Partner Interests, upon surrender of Certificates representing such Limited Partner Interests, in the case of Limited Partner Interests evidenced by Certificates, or instructions agreeing to such redemption in exchange for payment, at such office or offices of the Transfer Agent as the Transfer Agent may specify, or as may be required by any National Securities Exchange on which such Limited Partner Interests are listed. Any such Notice of Election to Purchase mailed to a Record Holder of Limited Partner Interests at his address as reflected in the Register shall be conclusively presumed to have been given regardless of whether the owner receives such notice. On or prior to the Purchase Date, the General Partner, its Affiliate or the Partnership, as the case may be, shall deposit with the Transfer Agent or exchange agent cash in an amount sufficient to pay the aggregate purchase price of all of such Limited Partner Interests to be purchased in accordance with this Section 15.1. If the Notice of Election to Purchase shall have been duly given as aforesaid at least 10 days prior to the Purchase Date, and if on or prior to the Purchase Date the deposit described in the preceding sentence has been made for the benefit of the holders of Limited Partner Interests subject to purchase as provided herein, then from and after the Purchase Date, notwithstanding that any Certificate or redemption instructions shall not have been surrendered for purchase or provided, respectively, all rights of the holders of such Limited Partner Interests (including any rights pursuant to Article IV, Article VI, and Article XII) shall thereupon cease, except the right to receive the purchase price (determined in accordance with Section 15.1(a)) for Limited Partner Interests therefor, without interest, upon surrender to the Transfer Agent of the Certificates representing such Limited Partner Interests, in the case of Limited Partner Interests evidenced by Certificates, or instructions agreeing to such redemption, and such Limited Partner Interests shall thereupon be deemed to be transferred to the General Partner, its Affiliate or the Partnership, as the case may be, in the Register, and the General Partner or any Affiliate of the General Partner, or the Partnership, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be the Record Holder of all such Limited Partner Interests from and after the Purchase Date and shall have all rights as the Record Holder of such Limited Partner Interests (including all rights as owner of such Limited Partner Interests pursuant to Article IV, Article V, Article VI and Article XII).

(c) In the case of Limited Partner Interests evidenced by Certificates, at any time from and after the Purchase Date, a holder of an Outstanding Limited Partner Interest subject to purchase as provided in this Section 15.1 may surrender his Certificate evidencing such Limited Partner Interest to the Transfer Agent in exchange for payment of the amount described in Section 15.1(a), therefor, without interest thereon, in accordance with procedures set forth by the General Partner.

#### ARTICLE XVI

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 16.1 Addresses and Notices; Written Communications.

- (a) Any notice, demand, request, report or proxy materials required or permitted to be given or made to a Partner under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given or made when delivered in person or when sent by first class United States mail or by other means of written communication to the Partner at the address described below. Except as otherwise provided herein, any notice, payment or report to be given or made to a Partner hereunder shall be deemed conclusively to have been given or made, and the obligation to give such notice or report or to make such payment shall be deemed conclusively to have been fully satisfied, upon sending of such notice, payment or report to the Record Holder of such Partnership Interests at his address as shown in the Register, regardless of any claim of any Person who may have an interest in such Partnership Interests by reason of any assignment or otherwise. An affidavit or certificate of making of any notice, payment or report in accordance with the provisions of this Section 16.1 executed by the General Partner, the Transfer Agent or the mailing organization shall be prima facie evidence of the giving or making of such notice, payment or report. If any notice, payment or report addressed to a Record Holder at the address of such Record Holder appearing in the Register is returned by the United States Postal Service marked to indicate that the United States Postal Service is unable to deliver it, such notice, payment or report and any subsequent notices, payments and reports shall be deemed to have been duly given or made without further mailing (until such time as such Record Holder or another Person notifies the Transfer Agent or the Partnership of a change in his address) if they are available for the Partner at the principal office of the Partnership shall be deemed given if received by the General Partner at the principal office of the Partnership designated pursuant to Section 2.3. The General Partner may rely and shall be protected in relying on any n
- (b) The terms "in writing," "written communications," "written notice" and words of similar import shall be deemed satisfied under this Agreement by use of e-mail and other forms of electronic communication.

Section 16.2 *Further Action*. The parties shall execute and deliver all documents, provide all information and take or refrain from taking action as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Agreement.

Section 16.3 *Binding Effect*. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives and permitted assigns.

Section 16.4 *Integration*. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the parties hereto pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings pertaining thereto.

Section 16.5 Creditors. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be for the benefit of, or shall be enforceable by, any creditor of the Partnership.

Section 16.6 *Waiver*. No failure by any party to insist upon the strict performance of any covenant, duty, agreement or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof shall constitute waiver of any such breach of any other covenant, duty, agreement or condition.

Section 16.7 *Third-Party Beneficiaries*. Each Partner agrees that (a) any Indemnitee shall be entitled to assert rights and remedies hereunder as a third-party beneficiary hereto with respect to those provisions of this Agreement affording a right, benefit or privilege to such Indemnitee and (b) any Unrestricted Person shall be entitled to assert rights and remedies hereunder as a third-party beneficiary hereto with respect to those provisions of this Agreement affording a right, benefit or privilege to such Unrestricted Person.

Section 16.8 *Counterparts*. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute an agreement binding on all the parties hereto, notwithstanding that all such parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart. Each party shall become bound by this Agreement immediately upon affixing its signature hereto or, in the case of a Person acquiring a Limited Partner Interest, pursuant to Section 10.1(a) or (b) without execution hereof.

Section 16.9 Applicable Law; Forum, Venue and Jurisdiction; Waiver of Trial by Jury.

- (a) This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law.
- (b) Each of the Partners and each Person or Group holding any beneficial interest in the Partnership (whether through a broker, dealer, bank, trust company or clearing corporation or an agent of any of the foregoing or otherwise):
  - (i) irrevocably agrees that any claims, suits, actions or proceedings (A) arising out of or relating in any way to this Agreement (including any claims, suits or actions to interpret, apply or enforce the provisions of this Agreement or the duties, obligations or liabilities among Partners or of Partners to the Partnership, or the rights or powers of, or restrictions on, the Partners or the Partnership), (B) brought in a derivative manner on behalf of the Partnership, (C) asserting a claim of breach of a duty (including a fiduciary duty) owed by any director, officer, or other employee of the Partnership or the General Partner, or owed by the General Partner, to the Partnership or the Partners, (D) asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware Act or (E) asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine shall be exclusively brought in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or, if such court does not have subject matter jurisdiction, any other court located in the State of Delaware with subject matter jurisdiction), in each case regardless of whether such claims, suits, actions or proceedings sound in contract, tort, fraud or otherwise, are based on common law, statutory, equitable, legal or other grounds, or are derivative or direct claims;

- (ii) irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in connection with any such claim, suit, action or proceeding;
- (iii) agrees not to, and waives any right to, assert in any such claim, suit, action or proceeding that (A) it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of such courts or of any other court to which proceedings in such courts may be appealed, (B) such claim, suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum, or (C) the venue of such claim, suit, action or proceeding is improper;
  - (iv) expressly waives any requirement for the posting of a bond by a party bringing such claim, suit, action or proceeding; and
- (v) consents to process being served in any such claim, suit, action or proceeding by mailing, certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy thereof to such party at the address in effect for notices hereunder, and agrees that such services shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof; *provided*, nothing in clause (v) hereof shall affect or limit any right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

Section 16.10 *Invalidity of Provisions*. If any provision or part of a provision of this Agreement is or becomes for any reason, invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions and/or parts thereof contained herein shall not be affected thereby and this Agreement shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be reformed and construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision, or part of a provision, had never been contained herein, and such provisions and/or part shall be reformed so that it would be valid, legal and enforceable to the maximum extent possible.

Section 16.11 *Consent of Partners*. Each Partner hereby expressly consents and agrees that, whenever in this Agreement it is specified that an action may be taken upon the affirmative vote or consent of less than all of the Partners, such action may be so taken upon the concurrence of less than all of the Partners and each Partner shall be bound by the results of such action.

Section 16.12 *Facsimile Signatures*. The use of facsimile signatures affixed in the name and on behalf of the transfer agent and registrar of the Partnership on Certificates representing Units is expressly permitted by this Agreement.

[Signature Pages Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

# **GENERAL PARTNER:**

CNP OGE GP LLC

By: /s/ David M. McClanahan

David M. McClanahan Interim Chairman

#### LIMITED PARTNERS:

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.

By: /s/ Gary L. Whitlock

Gary L. Whitlock

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

OGE Enogex Holdings LLC

By: OGE Energy Corp., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Sean Trauschke

Sean Trauschke

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**Enogex Holdings LLC** 

By: /s/ Robb E. Turner

Robb E. Turner Vice President

[Signature Page to First Amended and Restated Partnership Agreement of Limited Partnership of CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP]

**EXHIBIT A** 

Common Units

### Certificate Evidencing Common Units Representing Limited Partner Interests in CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP

No. \_\_\_

In accordance with Section 4.1 of the First Amended and Res	tated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Cen	terPoint Energy Field Services LP, as
amended, supplemented or restated from time to time (the "Partners	ship Agreement"), CenterPoint Energy Field Se	ervices LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the
"Partnership"), hereby certifies that(t	he " <i>Holder</i> ") is the registered owner of	Common Units representing limited partner
interests in the Partnership (the "Common Units") transferable on the	ne books of the Partnership, in person or by dul	y authorized attorney, upon surrender of this
Certificate properly endorsed. The rights, preferences and limitation	s of the Common Units are set forth in, and this	s Certificate and the Common Units
represented hereby are issued and shall in all respects be subject to t	he terms and provisions of, the Partnership Ag	reement. Copies of the Partnership Agreement
are on file at, and will be furnished without charge on delivery of wi	ritten request to the Partnership at, the principal	office of the Partnership located at 6120 S.
Yale, Suite 805, Tulsa, OK 74136. Capitalized terms used herein but	t not defined shall have the meanings given the	m in the Partnership Agreement.

THE HOLDER OF THIS SECURITY ACKNOWLEDGES FOR THE BENEFIT OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP THAT THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE SOLD, OFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IF SUCH TRANSFER WOULD (A) VIOLATE THE THEN APPLICABLE FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY WITH JURISDICTION OVER SUCH TRANSFER, (B) TERMINATE THE EXISTENCE OR QUALIFICATION OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, OR (C) CAUSE CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP TO BE TREATED AS AN ASSOCIATION TAXABLE AS A CORPORATION OR OTHERWISE TO BE TAXED AS AN ENTITY FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES (TO THE EXTENT NOT ALREADY SO TREATED OR TAXED). CNP OGE GP LLC, THE GENERAL PARTNER OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP, MAY IMPOSE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSFER OF THIS SECURITY IF IT RECEIVES AN OPINION OF COUNSEL THAT SUCH RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY TO (A) AVOID A SIGNIFICANT RISK OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP BECOMING TAXABLE AS A CORPORATION OR OTHERWISE BECOMING TAXABLE AS AN ENTITY FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES OR (B) IN THE CASE OF LIMITED PARTNER INTERESTS, TO PRESERVE THE UNIFORMITY THEREOF (OR ANY CLASS OR CLASSES OF LIMITED PARTNER INTERESTS). THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH ABOVE SHALL NOT PRECLUDE THE SETTLEMENT OF ANY TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING THIS SECURITY ENTERED INTO THROUGH THE FACILITIES OF ANY NATIONAL SECURITIES EXCHANGE ON WHICH THIS SECURITY IS LISTED OR ADMITTED TO TRADING.

The Holder, by accepting this Certificate, is deemed to have (i) requested admission as, and agreed to become, a Limited Partner and to have agreed to comply with and be bound by and to have executed the Partnership Agreement, (ii) represented and warranted that the Holder has all right, power and authority and, if an individual, the capacity necessary to enter into the Partnership Agreement and (iii) made the waivers and given the consents and approvals contained in the Partnership Agreement.

This Certificate shall not be valid for any purpose unless it has been countersigned and registered by the Transfer Agent. This Certificate shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware.

Dated:	CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP	
Countersigned and Registered by:	By: CNP OGE GP LLC	
[1], As Transfer Agent and Registrar	By: Name:	
	By:	
	Secretary	

#### [Reverse of Certificate]

# ABBREVIATIONS

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this Certificate, shall be construed as follows according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM - as tenants in common
TEN ENT- as tenants by the entireties
JT TEN - as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

UNIF GIFT/TRANSFERS MIN ACT
\_\_\_\_\_\_Custodian \_\_\_\_\_

(Cust) (Minor)
Under Uniform Gifts/Transfers to CD Minors Act
(State)

Additional abbreviations, though not in the above list, may also be used.

# ASSIGNMENT OF COMMON UNITS OF CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, hereby assigns, conveys, sells and tr	ransfers unto
(Please print or typewrite name and address of assignee)	(Please insert Social Security or other identifying number of assignee)
Common Units representing limited partner interests evidenced by irrevocably constitute and appoint as its attorney-in-fact with full porield Services LP.	this Certificate, subject to the Partnership Agreement, and does hereby ower of substitution to transfer the same on the books of CenterPoint Energy
Date:	NOTE: The signature to any endorsement hereon must correspond with the name as written upon the face of this Certificate in every particular. without alteration, enlargement or change.
THE SIGNATURE(S) MUST BE GUARANTEED BY AN ELIGIBLE GUARANTOR INSTITUTION (BANKS, STOCKBROKERS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS AND CREDIT UNIONS WITH MEMBERSHIP IN AN APPROVED SIGNATURE GUARANTEE MEDALLION PROGRAM). PURSUANT TO S.E.C. RULE 17Ad-15	(Signature)

No transfer of the Common Units evidenced hereby will be registered on the books of the Partnership, unless the Certificate evidencing the Common Units to be transferred is surrendered for registration or transfer.

# EXHIBIT B

<u>Partner</u>	Units	Percentage Limited Partner Interest
Common Units		
CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.	291,002,583	58.333%
OGE Enogex Holdings LLC	141,956,176	28.456%
Enogex Holdings LLC	65,908,224	13.212%
Total Common Units	498,866,983	100.00%

# **Partnership Equity Value Example**

<u>For example</u>, assuming the aggregate amount of Adjusted Available Cash for four most recently completed Quarters is \$575,250,300, the Alerian MLP Index Yield is 5.00% for the period of determination and the number of Common Units Outstanding are 506,986,500, the Partnership Equity Value and Unit Price would be derived as follows:

Partnership Equity Value = Aggregate Adjusted Available Cash for four recent Quarters

5.8% \* [(Current Alerian MLP Yield)/5.97%)]

Therefore, for example:

= \$575,250,300 / [5.8% \* (5.00%/(5.97%))]

= \$ 11,842,221,693

Unit Price = Partnership Equity Value/Common Units Outstanding

*Therefore, for example:* = \$ 11,842,221,693 / 506,986,500 units

= \$23.35 / unit

#### AMENDED AND RESTATED

#### LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

OF

# **CNP OGE GP LLC**

A Delaware Limited Liability Company

Dated as of

May 1, 2013

THE HOLDERS OF THE MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS REPRESENTED BY THIS AGREEMENT ACKNOWLEDGE FOR THE BENEFIT OF CNP OGE GP LLC THAT THE MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS MAY NOT BE SOLD, OFFERED, RESOLD, PLEDGED OR OTHERWISE TRANSFERRED IF SUCH TRANSFER WOULD (A) VIOLATE THE THEN APPLICABLE FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY WITH JURISDICTION OVER SUCH TRANSFER, (B) TERMINATE THE EXISTENCE OR QUALIFICATION OF CNP OGE GP LLC UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, (C) CAUSE CNP OGE GP LLC TO BE TREATED AS AN ASSOCIATION TAXABLE AS A CORPORATION OR OTHERWISE TO BE TAXED AS AN ENTITY FOR FEDERAL INCOME TAX PURPOSES (TO THE EXTENT NOT ALREADY SO TREATED OR TAXED) OR (D) VIOLATE THE OTHER RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER SET FORTH HEREIN.

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## AMENDED AND RESTATED

## LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

OF

## **CNP OGE GP LLC**

A Delaware Limited Liability Company

This **AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT** (this "<u>Agreement</u>") of CNP OGE GP LLC (the "<u>Company</u>"), dated as of May 1, 2013, is adopted, executed and agreed to, for good and valuable consideration, by CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., a Delaware corporation ("<u>CERC</u>"), and OGE Enogex Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>OGEH</u>"). CERC and OGEH are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties" and each individually as a "Party."

#### RECITALS

WHEREAS, the name of the Company is "CNP OGE GP LLC";

WHEREAS, the Company was originally formed as a Delaware limited liability company by the filing of a Certificate of Formation (as it may be amended or restated from time to time, the "Certificate of Formation"), dated as of April 30, 2013, with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware pursuant to the Delaware Act;

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2013, CERC entered into the Limited Liability Company Agreement of the Company (the "Prior Agreement");

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to amend and restate the Prior Agreement in its entirety as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants, conditions and agreements contained herein, the Parties agree as follows:

# ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 Definitions.

As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the respective meanings set forth below or set forth in the Sections referred to below:

"<u>Adjusted Capital Account Deficit</u>" means, with respect to any Economic Member, the deficit balance, if any, in such Economic Member's Capital Account as of the end of the relevant fiscal year, after giving effect to the following adjustments:

- (a) Credit to such Capital Account any amounts which such Economic Member is obligated to restore pursuant to any provision of this Agreement or pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(c) or is deemed to be obligated to restore pursuant to the penultimate sentences of Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g)(1) and 1.704-2(i)(5); and
- (b) Debit to such Capital Account the items described in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(5), and 1.704-1(b) (2)(ii)(d)(6).

The foregoing definition of Adjusted Capital Account Deficit is intended to comply with the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.

- "Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any other Person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the Person in question. As used herein, the term "control" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.
  - "Agreement" has the meaning given such term in the introductory paragraph, as the same may be amended from time to time.
- "Allocation Year" means (a) the Company's taxable year for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or (b) any portion of the period described in clause (a) for which the Company is required to allocate Profits, Losses, and other items of Company income, gain, loss or deduction for U.S. federal income tax purposes.
  - "Alternate Director" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.02(b)(i)(B).
- "Annual Budget" means a budget covering the operations of the Partnership Group for a calendar year, setting forth reasonable line item detail regarding anticipated expenditures, including: (a) estimated operating expenditures; (b) estimated capital expenditures; (c) proposed financing plans for such expenditures; and (d) such other items as the Board may deem appropriate.
  - "ArcLight" means Enogex Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.
  - "Audit Committee" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.09(d)(i).
  - "Audit Committee Independent Director" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.09(d)(i).
  - "Available Cash" means, with respect to any Quarter ending prior to a Dissolution Event,
    - (a) the sum of all cash and cash equivalents of the Company on hand on the date of the determination of Available Cash for such Quarter, less

(b) the amount of any cash reserves that are established by the Board to (i) provide for the proper conduct of the business of the Company (including reserves for future capital expenditures and for anticipated future credit needs of the Company) subsequent to such Quarter and (ii) comply with applicable law or any loan agreement, security agreement, mortgage, debt instrument or other agreement or obligation to which the Company is a party or by which it is bound or its assets are subject; *provided*, *however*, that disbursements made by the Company or cash reserves established, increased or reduced after the end of such Quarter, but on or before the date of determination of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter, shall be deemed to have been made, established, increased or reduced, for purposes of determining Available Cash, within such Quarter if the Board so determines.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Available Cash" with respect to the Quarter in which a Dissolution Event occurs and any subsequent Quarter shall equal zero.

"Board" means the board of directors of the Company.

"Bronco Entities" means, collectively, Bronco Midstream Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Bronco Midstream Holdings II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Business Day" means Monday through Friday of each week, except that a legal holiday recognized as such by the government of the United States of America or the State of New York shall not be regarded as a Business Day.

"Capital Account" shall mean the capital account determined and maintained for each Economic Member in accordance with Sections 7.05, 8.02 and 8.03.

"Capital Contribution" means any cash, cash equivalents or the net fair market value of contributed property that an Economic Member contributes to the Company or that is contributed or deemed contributed to the Company on behalf of an Economic Member.

"CERC" has the meaning given such term in the introductory paragraph.

"CERC Alternate Director" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.02(b)(i)(A).

"CERC Representative" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.02(b)(i)(A).

"Certificate of Formation" has the meaning given such term in the Recitals.

"Certified Public Accountants" means an independent public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board selected from time to time by the Board.

"Change in Control" of any Person means (a) a person or group (as such terms are used in Section 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) of more than 50% of all of the then outstanding Voting Securities of such Person, except in a merger or consolidation that would not constitute a Change in Control under clause (b) below, or (b) the Person consolidates or merges with another Person,

other than any such consolidation or merger where (i) the outstanding Voting Securities of the subject Person are changed into or exchanged for Voting Securities of the surviving Person or its parent and (ii) the holders of the Voting Securities of the subject Person immediately prior to such transaction own, directly or indirectly, not less than a majority of the outstanding Voting Securities of the surviving Person or its parent immediately after such transaction in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of outstanding Voting Securities in the subject Person immediately prior to such consolidation or merger.

- "Closing Date" means the date on which the transactions contemplated by the Master Formation Agreement are consummated.
- "CNP" means CenterPoint Energy, Inc., a Texas corporation.
- "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.
- "Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- "Common Units" has the meaning given such term in the Partnership Agreement.
- "Company" has the meaning given such term in the introductory paragraph.
- "Company Minimum Gain" means the amount of "partnership minimum gain" determined in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(b)(2) and 1.704-2(d).
  - "Conflicts Committee" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.09(d)(ii).
- "Conflicts Committee Independent Director" means a Director who meets the standards set forth in the definition of "Conflicts Committee" in the Partnership Agreement.
  - "Control Period" has the meaning given such term in Section 4.01(b).
  - "Deadlock" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.04(c).
  - "Deadlock Notice" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.04(c).
- "<u>Delaware Act</u>" means the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, 6 Del C. Section 18-101, et seq., as amended, supplemented or restated from time to time, and any successor to such statute.
- "Depreciation" means, for each Allocation Year, an amount equal to the depreciation, amortization, or other cost recovery deduction allowable with respect to an asset for such Allocation Year, except that if the Gross Asset Value of an asset differs from its adjusted basis for federal income tax purposes at the beginning of such Allocation Year, Depreciation shall be an amount that bears the same ratio to such beginning Gross Asset Value as the federal income tax depreciation, amortization, or other cost recovery deduction for such Allocation Year bears to such beginning adjusted tax basis; *provided*, *however*, that if the federal income tax depreciation, amortization, or other cost recovery deduction for such Allocation Year is zero, Depreciation shall be determined with reference to such beginning Gross Asset Value using any reasonable method selected by the Board.

- "Director" or "Directors" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.02(a)(i).
- "Dispute Response" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.04(c).
- "Dissolution Event" means an event of dissolution of the Company pursuant to Section 16.01.
- "Economic Member" has the meaning given such term in Section 3.01(a).
- "Economic Units has the meaning given such term in Section 3.01(a).
- "Encumbers," "Encumbering" or "Encumbrances" means pledges, restrictions on transfer, proxies and voting or other agreements, liens, claims, charges, mortgages, security interests or other legal or equitable encumbrances, limitations or restrictions of any nature whatsoever.
- "Equity Interests" means all shares, participations, capital stock, partnership or limited liability company interests, units, participations or similar equity interests issued by any Person, however designated.
  - "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
  - "GAAP" means United States generally accepted accounting principles, as amended from time to time.
  - "Gross Asset Value" means, with respect to any asset, the asset's adjusted basis for federal income tax purposes, except as follows:
  - (a) The initial Gross Asset Value of any asset contributed by an Economic Member to the Company shall be the gross fair market value of the asset, as determined by the contributing Economic Member and the Board, in a manner that is consistent with Section 7701(g) of the Code;
  - (b) The Gross Asset Values of all Company assets shall be adjusted to equal their respective gross fair market values, as determined by the Board, in a manner that is consistent with Section 7701(g) of the Code, as of the following times: (i) the acquisition of additional Economic Units by any new or existing Economic Member in exchange for more than a de minimis Capital Contribution or for the provision of services; (ii) the distribution by the Company to an Economic Member of more than a de minimis amount of property other than money as consideration for Economic Units; and (iii) the liquidation of the Company within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(g); provided, however, that adjustments pursuant to clauses (i) and (ii) above shall be made only if the Board reasonably determines that such adjustments are necessary or appropriate to reflect the relative economic interests of the Economic Members in the Company;

- (c) The Gross Asset Value of any Company asset distributed to any Economic Member shall be the gross fair market value (taking Section 7701(g) of the Code into account) of such asset on the date of distribution; and
- (d) The Gross Asset Values of any Company assets shall be increased (or decreased) to reflect any adjustments to the adjusted basis of such assets pursuant to Section 734(b) of the Code or Section 743(b) of the Code, but only to the extent that such adjustments are taken into account in determining Capital Accounts pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m) and the definition of Capital Account hereof; *provided*, *however*, that Gross Asset Values shall not be adjusted pursuant to this subparagraph (d) to the extent the Board determines that an adjustment pursuant to the foregoing subparagraph (b) of this definition is necessary or appropriate in connection with a transaction that would otherwise result in an adjustment pursuant to this subparagraph (d).

If the Gross Asset Value of an asset has been determined or adjusted pursuant to the foregoing subparagraphs (a), (b) or (d), such Gross Asset Value shall thereafter be adjusted by the Depreciation taken into account with respect to such asset for purposes of computing Profits and Losses.

"Group Member" means a member of the Partnership Group.

"Group Member Agreement" means the partnership agreement of any Group Member, other than the Partnership, that is a limited or general partnership, the limited liability company agreement of any Group Member that is a limited liability company, the certificate of incorporation and bylaws or similar organizational documents of any Group Member that is a corporation, the joint venture agreement or similar governing document of any Group Member that is a joint venture and the governing or organizational or similar documents of any other Group Member that is a Person other than a limited or general partnership, limited liability company, corporation or joint venture, as such may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other debt securities or warrants or other rights to acquire any debt securities of such Person, (c) all capitalized lease or leveraged lease obligations of such Person or obligations of such Person to pay the deferred and unpaid purchase price of property and equipment or (d) all "keep well" and other obligations or undertakings of such Person to maintain or cause to be maintained the financial position or covenants of others or to purchase the obligations or property of others.

"Indemnitee" means (a) any Member, (b) any Person who is or was a director, officer, fiduciary, trustee, manager or managing member of the Company, any Group Member or a Member, (c) any Person who is or was serving at the request of a Member as a director, officer, fiduciary, trustee, manager or managing member of another Person owing a fiduciary duty to the Company or any Group Member; provided that a Person shall not be an Indemnitee by reason of providing, on a fee-for-services basis, trustee, fiduciary or custodial services, (d) any Person who controls a Member and (e) any Person the Board designates as an "Indemnitee" for purposes of this Agreement.

"Independent Director" means a natural person who meets the independence, qualification and experience requirements of the New York Stock Exchange or any other national securities exchange selected for the listing of the limited partner or other Equity Interests of the Partnership and the independence, qualification and experience requirements of Section 10A(m)(3) of the Exchange Act (or any successor law), the rules and regulations of the SEC and any other applicable law.

"Initial Budget" has the meaning given such term in Section 11.01.

"Initial Public Offering" means the first firm commitment underwritten, public offering of Common Units pursuant to a registration statement that is filed and declared effective under the Securities Act, with gross proceeds of at least \$150 million.

"IPO Date" means the date on which an Initial Public Offering is consummated.

"Interim Chairman" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.02(a)(iv).

"Liquidator" has the meaning given such term in Section 16.02.

"Majority Interest" means greater than 50% of the outstanding Management Units.

"Management Member" has the meaning given such term in Section 3.01(a).

"Management Units" has the meaning given such term in Section 3.01(a).

"Master Formation Agreement" means that certain Master Formation Agreement dated as of March 14, 2013 among CNP, OGE and the Bronco Entities, and to which the Company and the Partnership are bound, as it may be further amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.

"Material Contract" shall mean (a) transportation agreements and storage agreements involving payments to or from any Group Member of at least \$20,000,000 per year; (b) gathering agreements, processing agreements and natural gas purchase agreements involving net payments (i.e., after taking into account directly associated cost of goods or directly associated revenues from the sale of goods) to or from any Group Member of at least \$20,000,000 per year; (c) construction and other services agreements in each case involving payments to or from any Group Member in excess of \$20,000,000 per year; (d) contracts, loan agreements, letters of credit, repurchase agreements, mortgages, security agreements, guarantees, pledge agreements, trust indentures, promissory notes, lines of credit and similar documents in each case relating to the borrowing of money or for lines of credit, in any case for amounts in excess of \$20,000,000 (other than contracts solely between or among the Group Members and interest rate swap agreements); (e) swap, derivative, hedging, futures or other similar agreements or contracts that result in an aggregate exposure to any Group Member in excess of \$20,000,000; (f) real property leases calling for payments by any of the Group Members of amounts greater than \$20,000,000 per year (other than rights-of-way and leases solely between or among the Group Members);

(g) partnership or joint venture agreements (which do not include joint tariff or joint operating agreements); (h) contracts limiting the ability of any of the Group Members to compete in any line of business or with any Person or in any geographic area; (i) contracts relating to any outstanding commitment for capital expenditures in excess of \$50,000,000; (j) contracts with any labor union or organization; (k) contracts not entered into in the ordinary course of the business of the Partnership Group other than those that are not material to the business of the Partnership Group; and (l) contracts that prohibit any Group Member from making cash distributions in respect of its equity interests, other than restrictions in the governing documents of such entity.

"Member" means any Person executing this Agreement as of the Closing Date as a member of the Company or hereafter admitted to the Company as a member as provided in this Agreement, but such term does not include any Person who has ceased to be a member of the Company. A Member may be an Economic Member, a Management Member or both an Economic Member and a Management Member.

"Member Nonrecourse Debt" has the meaning of "partner nonrecourse debt" set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(b)(4).

"Member Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain" has the meaning of "partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain" set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(2).

"Member Nonrecourse Deductions" means any and all items of loss, deduction or expenditure (including any expenditure described in Section 705(a)(2) (B) of the Code) that, in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i), are attributable to a Member Nonrecourse Debt.

"Member's Owners" has the meaning given such term in Section 3.06(b)(v).

"<u>Membership Interest</u>" means the ownership interest of a Member in the Company, which may be evidenced by an Economic Unit, Management Unit or other Equity Interest or a combination thereof or interest therein, and includes any and all benefits to which such Member is entitled as provided in this Agreement, together with all obligations of such Member to comply with the terms and provisions of this Agreement.

"Nonrecourse Deductions" means any and all items of loss, deduction or expenditure (including any expenditure described in Section 705(a)(2)(B) of the Code) that, in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(b), are attributable to a Nonrecourse Liability.

"Nonrecourse Liability" has the meaning set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.752-1(a)(2).

"OGE" means OGE Energy Corp., an Oklahoma corporation.

"OGEH" has the meaning given such term in the introductory paragraph.

"OGEH Alternate Director" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.02(b)(i)(B).

- "OGEH Representative" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.02(b)(i)(B).
- "Omnibus Agreement" means that certain Omnibus Agreement dated the date hereof among CNP, OGE, ArcLight and the Partnership, as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.
- "Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of counsel (who may be regular counsel to, or the General Counsel or other inside counsel of, the Company or any of its Affiliates) acceptable to the Board.
- "Ownership Percentage" shall mean, with respect to an Economic Member, the percentage obtained by dividing (a) the number of Economic Units owned by such Economic Member by (b) the total number of outstanding Economic Units owned by all Economic Members and, with respect to a Management Member, the percentage obtained by dividing (x) the number of Management Units owned by such Management Member by (y) the total number of outstanding Management Units owned by all Management Members.
  - "Partnership" means CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP, a Delaware limited partnership.
- "<u>Partnership Agreement</u>" means that certain First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP dated as of May 1, 2013 among CNP OGE GP LLC, CERC, OGEH and ArcLight as it may be further amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.
  - "Partnership Group" means, collectively, the Partnership and its Subsidiaries.
- "Permitted Encumbrances" means (a) Encumbrances for taxes not yet delinquent or being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (b) statutory Encumbrances (including materialmen's, warehousemen's, mechanic's, repairmen's, landlord's, and other similar liens) arising in the ordinary course of business and securing payments not yet delinquent or being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings, (c) Encumbrances of public record (other than for indebtedness for borrowed money), (d) the rights of lessors and lessees under leases, and the rights of third parties under any agreement, executed in the ordinary course of business, (e) the rights of licensors and licensees under licensee executed in the ordinary course of business, (f) purchase money Encumbrances and Encumbrances securing rental payments under capital lease arrangements, and (g) any Encumbrances created pursuant to construction, operating, maintenance or similar agreements.

## "Permitted Transfer" means:

- (a) with respect to CERC, a Transfer by such Member of a Membership Interest to a wholly owned Subsidiary of CNP; and
- (b) with respect to OGEH, a Transfer by such Member of a Membership Interest to a wholly owned Subsidiary of OGE;

provided that (i) with respect to Permitted Transfers by CERC, the Subsidiary Transferee remains a wholly owned Subsidiary of CNP (or any successor Person), at all times following such Transfer and (ii) with respect to Permitted Transfers by OGEH, the Subsidiary Transferee remains a wholly owned Subsidiary of OGE (or any successor Person), at all times following such Transfer, it being acknowledged that any Transfer resulting in the Subsidiary Transferee no longer being wholly owned shall be deemed a Transfer that is subject to the restrictions set forth in Article IV and Article V.

"Person" means an individual or a corporation, firm, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, unincorporated organization, association, government agency or political subdivision thereof or other entity.

"Prior Agreement" has the meaning given and term in the Recitals.

"<u>Profits</u>" and "<u>Losses</u>" means, for each fiscal year or other period, an amount equal to the Company's taxable income or loss for such year or period, determined in accordance with Section 703(a) of the Code (for this purpose, all items of income, gain, loss, or deduction required to be stated separately pursuant to Section 703(a)(1) of the Code shall be included in taxable income or loss), with the following adjustments:

- (a) Any income of the Company that is exempt from federal income tax and not otherwise taken into account in computing Profits or Losses pursuant to this definition shall be added to such taxable income or loss;
- (b) Any expenditures of the Company described in Section 705(a)(2)(B) of the Code, and not otherwise taken into account in computing Profits or Losses pursuant to this definition shall be subtracted from such taxable income or loss;
- (c) In the event the Gross Asset Value of any Company asset is adjusted pursuant to subparagraph (b) or (d) of the definition of Gross Asset Value hereof, the amount of such adjustment shall be taken into account as gain or loss from the disposition of such asset for purposes of computing Profits or Losses;
- (d) Gain or loss resulting from any disposition of property (other than money) with respect to which gain or loss is recognized for federal income tax purposes shall be computed by reference to the Gross Asset Value of the property disposed of notwithstanding that the adjusted tax basis of such property differs from its Gross Asset Value;
- (e) In lieu of the depreciation, amortization and other cost recovery deductions taken into account in computing such taxable income or loss, there shall be taken into account Depreciation for such fiscal year or other period, computed in accordance with the definition of Depreciation hereof; and
- (f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this definition of "Profits" and "Losses," any items which are specially allocated pursuant to Section 8.03 shall not be taken into account in computing Profits or Losses.

- "Proposed Transferee" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.02(d).
- "Quarter" means, unless the context requires otherwise, a fiscal quarter of the Company, or, with respect to the first fiscal quarter of the Company after the Closing Date, the portion of such fiscal quarter commencing after the Closing Date.
- "Registration Rights Agreement" means that certain Registration Rights Agreement dated as of May 1, 2013 among CERC, OGEH, ArcLight and the Partnership, as it may be further amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.
  - "Representative" has the meaning given such term in Section 9.02(b).
  - "Required Allocations" has the meaning given such term in Section 8.03(i).
  - "Restricted Period" means the period from the Closing Date until the IPO Date.
  - "ROFO Acceptance Notice" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.01(b).
  - "ROFO Accepting Members" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.01(b).
  - "ROFO Non-Selling Member" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.01(a).
  - "ROFO Notice" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.01(a).
  - "ROFO Offer Notice" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.01(b).
  - "ROFO Price" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.01(a).
  - "ROFO Seller" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.01(a).
  - "ROFO Units" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.01(a).
  - "ROFR Acceptance Notice" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.02(b).
  - "ROFR Non-Transferring Members" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.02(a).
  - "ROFR Offer" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.02(a).
  - "ROFR Period" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.02(a).
  - "ROFR Sale Price" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.02(a).
  - "ROFR Seller" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.02(a).
  - "ROFR Seller Notice" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.02(a).
  - "ROFR Units" has the meaning given such term in Section 5.02(a).
  - "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, (a) a corporation of which more than 50% of the voting power of shares entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors or other governing body of such corporation is owned, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination, by such Person, by one or more Subsidiaries of such Person or a combination thereof, (b) a partnership (whether general or limited) in which such Person or a Subsidiary of such Person is, at the date of determination, a general or limited partner of such partnership, but only if more than 50% of the partnership interests of such partnership interests of the partnership as a single class) is owned, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination, by such Person, by one or more Subsidiaries of such Person, or a combination thereof, or (c) any other Person (other than a corporation or a partnership) in which such Person, one or more Subsidiaries of such Person, or a combination thereof, directly or indirectly, at the date of determination, has (i) at least a majority ownership interest or (ii) the power to elect or direct the election of a majority of the directors or other governing body of such Person.

"Tax Matters Member" has the meaning given such term in Section 14.03(a).

"Transfer" means, with respect to any Membership Interest, any direct or indirect transfer, sale, assignment, gift, Encumbrance, hypothecation, exchange or any other disposition by law or otherwise; *provided*, *however*, that any Transfer of all or substantially all the assets, or a Change in Control, of CNP or OGE shall not be a Transfer of Membership Interests. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any distribution, transfer, assignment or other disposition of any Membership Interest, whether voluntary, involuntary or pursuant to any dissolution, liquidation or termination of such Person, to such Person's members, shareholders, partners or other interestholders shall constitute a "Transfer." For the avoidance of doubt, any transfer, sale, assignment, gift, Encumbrance, hypothecation, exchange or other disposition of any interest in such Member, by such Member or any interestholder of such Member, shall be deemed to be an indirect Transfer of Membership Interests hereunder.

"Transferee" means a Person who has received Units by means of a Transfer.

"Treasury Regulations" means the regulations (including temporary regulations) promulgated by the United States Department of the Treasury pursuant to and in respect of provisions of the Code. All references herein to sections of the Treasury Regulations shall include any corresponding provision or provisions of succeeding, similar or substitute, temporary or final Treasury Regulations.

"Units" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.01(a).

"<u>Voting Securities</u>" of a Person shall mean securities of any class of such Person entitling the holders thereof to vote in the election of, or to appoint, members of the board of directors or other similar governing body of the Person; provided, that if such Person is a limited partnership, Voting Securities of such Person shall be the general partner interest in such Person.

## Section 1.02 Construction.

- (a) Unless the context requires otherwise: (i) any pronoun used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine or neuter forms, and the singular form of nouns, pronouns and verbs shall include the plural and vice versa; (ii) references to Articles and Sections refer to Articles and Sections of this Agreement; (iii) the terms "include," "includes," "including" or words of like import shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation"; and (iv) the terms "hereof," "herein" or "hereunder" refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement. The table of contents and headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only, and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement. The Board has the power to construe and interpret this Agreement and to act upon any such construction or interpretation. Any construction or interpretation of this Agreement by the Board and any action taken pursuant thereto and any determination made by the Board in good faith shall, in each case, be conclusive and binding on all Parties and all other Persons for all purposes.
- (b) The Parties hereto have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. No provision of this Agreement will be interpreted in favor of, or against, any of the Parties to this Agreement by reason of the extent to which any such Party or its counsel participated in the drafting thereof or by reason of the extent to which any such provision is inconsistent with any prior draft of this Agreement, and no rule of strict construction will be applied against any Party hereto. This Agreement will not be interpreted or construed to require any Person to take any action, or fail to take any action, if to do so would violate any applicable law.

# ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION

Section 2.01 Formation.

CERC previously formed the Company as a limited liability company pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act, and the Members hereby amend and restate the Prior Agreement in its entirety. This amendment and restatement shall become effective on the date hereof. Except as expressly provided to the contrary in this Agreement, the rights, duties (including fiduciary duties), liabilities and obligations of the Members and the administration, dissolution and termination of the Company shall be governed by the Delaware Act. All Membership Interests shall constitute personal property of the owner thereof for all purposes.

Section 2.02 Name.

The name of the Company shall be "CNP OGE GP LLC." The Company's business may be conducted under any other name or names as determined by the Board. The words "limited liability company," "LLC," "L.L.C." or similar words or letters shall be included in the Company's name where necessary for the purpose of complying with the laws of any jurisdiction that so requires. The Board may change the name of the Company at any time and from time to time.

Section 2.03 Registered Office; Registered Agent; Principal Office; Other Offices.

Unless and until changed by the Board, the registered office of the Company in the State of Delaware shall be located at 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, New Castle County, Delaware 19801, and the registered agent for service of process on the Company in the State of Delaware at such registered office shall be The Corporation Trust Company. The principal office of the Company shall be located at such place as the Board may from time to time designate by notice to the Members. The Company may maintain offices at such other place or places within or outside the State of Delaware as the Board determines to be necessary or appropriate.

Section 2.04 Purposes.

The purposes of the Company are (a) to act as the general partner of the Partnership (and acquire, hold and dispose of partnership interests and related rights in the Partnership) and only undertake activities that are ancillary or related thereto, (b) to act as a managing member or general partner of any Subsidiary of the Partnership that is a limited liability company or partnership and (c) in connection with acting in such capacities, to carry on any lawful business or activity.

Section 2.05 Powers.

The Company shall be empowered to do any and all acts and things necessary, appropriate, proper, advisable, incidental to or convenient for the furtherance and accomplishment of the purposes and business described in Section 2.04 and for the protection and benefit of the Company or the Partnership Group.

Section 2.06 Term.

The term of the Company commenced upon the filing of the Certificate of Formation in accordance with the Delaware Act and shall continue in existence until the dissolution of the Company in accordance with the provisions of Article XVI. The existence of the Company as a separate legal entity shall continue until the cancellation of the Certificate of Formation as provided in the Delaware Act.

Section 2.07 Title to Company Assets.

Title to the Company's assets, whether real, personal or mixed and whether tangible or intangible, shall be deemed to be owned by the Company as an entity and/or the Partnership Group, and no Member, individually or collectively, shall have any ownership interest in such Company assets or any portion thereof.

# ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS; UNITS

Section 3.01 Membership Interests; Additional Members.

(a) The Members own Membership Interests in the Company that shall be represented by Economic Units ("Economic Units") and Management Units ("Management")

<u>Units</u>"). Economic Units and Management Units are sometimes referred to collectively herein as "<u>Units</u>." Holders of Economic Units and Management Units shall be referred to as "<u>Economic Members</u>" and "<u>Management Members</u>," respectively. The Units shall be uncertificated, unless the Board determines to have the Company issue certificates for the Units. In exchange for each Economic Member's Capital Contribution to the Company referred to in Section 7.01, the Company shall issue to each Economic Member the number of Economic Units set forth opposite such Economic Member's name on <u>Exhibit A</u>. In addition, the Company shall issue to each Management Member the number of Management Units set forth opposite such Member's name on <u>Exhibit B</u>.

- (b) Economic Units shall represent an Economic Member's interest in items of income, gain, loss and deduction of the Company and a right to receive distributions of the Company's assets in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement. Economic Members shall have no voting or designation rights with respect to their Economic Units.
- (c) Management Units shall represent a Management Member's right to vote on Company matters in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement and, subject to Section 4.01(d) and 9.02, designate Representatives. Management Members shall have no interest in items of income, gain, loss or deduction of the Company or any right to receive distributions of the Company's assets in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement with respect to their Management Units.
- (d) For the avoidance of doubt, the undersigned intend for the holders of Management Units to be considered managers and not members or partners for federal income tax purposes with respect to such Management Units. Therefore, if one hundred percent (100%) of the Economic Units are held by one tax owner, the Company will be treated, as of such time, as a disregarded entity for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-3.
- (e) The Company may issue additional Membership Interests and options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to the Membership Interests for any Company purpose at any time and from time to time to such Persons for such consideration and on such terms and conditions as the Board shall determine in accordance with Section 9.04.
- (f) Each additional Membership Interest authorized to be issued by the Company pursuant to Section 3.01(d) may be issued in one or more classes, or one or more series of any such classes, with such designations, preferences, rights, powers and duties (which may be senior to existing classes and series of Membership Interests), as shall be fixed by the Board in accordance with Section 9.04, including (i) the right to share in Company profits and losses or items thereof; (ii) the right to share in Company distributions; (iii) the rights upon dissolution and liquidation of the Company; (iv) whether, and the terms and conditions upon which, the Company may, or shall be required to, redeem the Membership Interest (including sinking fund provisions); (v) whether such Membership Interest is issued with the privilege of conversion or exchange and, if so, the terms and conditions of such conversion or exchange; (vi) the terms and conditions upon which each Membership Interest will be issued, evidenced by certificates and assigned or transferred; and (vii) the right, if any, of each such Membership Interest to vote on Company matters, including matters relating to the relative rights, preferences and privileges of such Membership Interest.

(g) The Board shall take all actions that it determines to be necessary or appropriate in connection with (i) each issuance of Membership Interests and options, rights, warrants and appreciation rights relating to Membership Interests pursuant to this Section 3.01, (ii) reflecting the admission of such additional Members in the books and records of the Company as the record holder of such Membership Interest and (iii) all additional issuances of Membership Interests, in each case including amending this Agreement and Exhibit A and Exhibit B hereof as necessary to reflect any such issuance. The Board, acting pursuant to Section 9.04, shall determine the relative rights, powers and duties of the holders of the Units or other Membership Interests being so issued. The Board shall do all things necessary to comply with the Delaware Act and is authorized and directed to do all things that it determines to be necessary or appropriate in connection with any future issuance of Membership Interests pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, including compliance with any statute, rule, regulation or guideline of any governmental agency.

Section 3.02 No Liability of Members.

The Members shall have no liability under this Agreement except as expressly provided in this Agreement or the Delaware Act.

Section 3.03 Withdrawal of Members.

No Member shall have any right to withdraw from the Company; *provided*, *however*, that when a Transferee becomes registered on the books and records of the Company as the Member with respect to the Membership Interest so transferred, the transferring Member shall cease to be a Member with respect to the Membership Interest so Transferred.

Section 3.04 Record Holders.

The Company shall be entitled to recognize the Person in whose name any Membership Interest is registered on the books and records of the Company as the Member with respect to any Membership Interest and, accordingly, shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to, or interest in, such Membership Interest on the part of any other Person, regardless of whether the Company shall have actual or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by law or any applicable rule, regulation or guideline of any governmental agency.

Section 3.05 No Appraisal Rights.

No Member shall be entitled to any valuation, appraisal or similar rights with respect to such Member's Units, whether individually or as part of any class or group of Members, in the event of a merger, consolidation, sale of the Company or other transaction involving the Company or its securities unless such rights are expressly provided by the agreement of merger, agreement of consolidation or other document effectuating such transaction.

Section 3.06 Representations and Warranties.

Each Member hereby represents and warrants to the Company and each other Member that:

- (a) <u>Power and Authority</u>. Such Member has all requisite power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to carry out its obligations hereunder. The execution, delivery and performance by such Member of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all requisite action on the part of such Member, and no other action or proceeding on the part of such Member or any Affiliate thereof is necessary to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- (b) No Conflicts. Neither the execution and delivery by such Member of this Agreement, nor the performance by such Member under this Agreement will (i) violate, conflict with or result in a breach of any provision of the governing documents of such Member; (ii) require any consent or approval of any counterparty to, or violate or result in any breach of or constitute a default (or an event that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would become a default) under, or give to others any right of termination, cancellation, amendment or acceleration of any obligation or the loss of any benefit under, any material agreement or arrangement to which it is a party or by which it is, or its assets are, bound; (iii) result in the creation of an Encumbrance upon or require the sale or give any Person the right to acquire any of the assets of such Member; or (iv) violate or conflict with any law applicable to such Member.
- (c) <u>Contributed Property</u>. All property, assets or interests contributed to the Company by such Member, and any property thereafter to be contributed to the Company by such Member, has been or will be duly and lawfully acquired.
- (d) <u>Investment Intent</u>. Such Member is acquiring the Membership Interests for investment for its own account and not with a view to, or for sale in connection with, any distribution thereof. Such Member (either alone or together with its advisors) has sufficient knowledge and experience in financial and business matters so as to be capable of evaluating the merits and risks of its investment in the Membership Interests and is capable of bearing the economic risks of such investment. Such Member is aware that the Membership Interests have not been registered, and will not be registered, under the Securities Act or under any state or foreign securities laws.
- (e) <u>No Registration Rights</u>. Such Member is aware that only the Company can take action to register Units in the Company under the Securities Act, and that the Company is under no such obligation and does not propose or intend to attempt to do so.
- (f) <u>Transfer Restrictions</u>. Such Member is aware that this Agreement provides restrictions on the ability of a Member to Transfer Units, and such Member will not seek to effect any Transfer other than in accordance with such restrictions.
- (g) <u>Accredited Investor</u>. Such Member and each member, shareholder or other equity holder of such Member (collectively, "<u>Member's Owners</u>"), is, and at such time that it makes any additional Capital Contributions to the Company will be, an "accredited investor" (as such term is used in Rule 501 under the Securities Act), is able to bear the economic risk of its investment in the Membership Interests and has sufficient net worth to sustain a loss of its entire investment in the Company without economic hardship if such loss should occur.

(h) <u>Access to Information</u>. Such Member and, if applicable, each of such Member's Owners has had an opportunity to ask questions and discuss the Company's business, management and financial affairs with the Company, and such questions were answered to its satisfaction. Such Member and, if applicable, each of such Member's Owners acknowledges that it is familiar with all aspects of the Company's business.

# ARTICLE IV. TRANSFERS OF UNITS

Section 4.01 Transfers Generally.

- (a) No Membership Interest shall be Transferred, in whole or in part, except in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Article IV and Article V. No Transfer of any Membership Interests shall be made if such Transfer would (i) violate the then-applicable federal or state securities laws or rules and regulations of the Commission, any state securities commission or any other governmental authority with jurisdiction over such Transfer, (ii) terminate the existence or qualification of the Company under the laws of the jurisdiction of its formation, (iii) cause the Company to be treated as an association taxable as a corporation or otherwise to be taxed as an entity for federal income tax purposes (to the extent not already so treated or taxed) or (iv) constitute a breach or violation of, or a change of control or event of default under, any credit agreement, loan agreement, indenture, mortgage, deed of trust or other similar instrument or document governing Indebtedness of the Company or any Group Member. Any Transfer or purported Transfer of a Membership Interest not made in accordance with this Article IV and Article V shall be, to the fullest extent permitted by law, null and void, and the Company shall have no obligation to recognize any such Transfer or purported Transfer.
- (b) From the execution hereof until the date that is the third anniversary of the Closing Date (the "<u>Control Period</u>"), no Membership Interest shall be Transferred, in whole or in part, except for a Permitted Transfer in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Article IV.
- (c) Following the Control Period, no Membership Interest shall be Transferred, in whole or in part, except for (i) a Permitted Transfer in accordance with the applicable provisions of this Article IV or (ii) subject to Section 3.4(c) of the Partnership Agreement, Transfers in accordance with the applicable provisions of Article IV.
- (d) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, during and following the Restricted Period, no Member may Transfer less than all of the Membership Interests held by such Member. A Management Member's right to designate Representatives, as provided in Section 9.02(b), shall not be assigned or Transferred (including in a Permitted Transfer) except as part of a Transfer permitted under the terms of this Agreement to one Transferee of all of the Member's Units with respect to which such Management Member expressly elects in writing delivered to the Company prior to such Transfer that such Management Member will transfer such right to designate Representatives to such Transferee in connection with such Transfer.

- (e) No Transfer (including a Permitted Transfer) may be undertaken unless and until the following have occurred: (i) the proposed Transferee shall have agreed in writing to be bound by the terms of this Agreement and provided to the Board its name, address, taxpayer identification number and any other information reasonably necessary to permit the Company to file all required federal and state tax returns or reasonably requested by the Board and (ii) the Member proposing to make such Transfer shall have delivered to the Company an Opinion of Counsel (reasonably acceptable as to form, substance and identity of counsel to the Company) that no registration under the Securities Act is required in connection with such Transfer (unless the requirement of an opinion is waived by the Board).
- (f) By acceptance of the Transfer of any Membership Interest in accordance with this Article IV and Article V, the Transferee of a Membership Interest shall be admitted as a Member with respect to the Membership Interests so Transferred to such Transferee when any such Transfer or admission is reflected in the books and records of the Company.
- (g) Each Member making a Transfer shall be obligated to pay his or its own expenses incurred in connection with such Transfer, and the Company shall not have any obligation with respect thereto. Each Member making a Transfer shall pay, or reimburse the Company for, all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Company in connection with such Transfer and the admission of the Transferee as a Member, including the legal fees incurred in connection with the legal opinions referred to in Section 4.01(e).

Section 4.02 Specific Performance.

The Members acknowledge and agree that an award of money damages would be inadequate for any breach of the provisions of this Article IV and Article V and any such breach would cause the non-breaching parties irreparable harm. Accordingly, the Members agree that, in the event of any breach or threatened breach of this Article IV and Article V by a Member, the Members, to the fullest extent permitted by law, will also be entitled, without the requirement of posting a bond or other security, to equitable relief, including injunctive relief and specific performance; *provided* such Member is not in material default hereunder. Such remedies will not be the exclusive remedies for any breach of this Article IV and Article V but will be in addition to all other remedies available at law or equity to each of the Members.

# ARTICLE V. RIGHTS UPON A PROPOSED TRANSFER

Section 5.01 Right of First Offer.

(a) Following the Control Period, except for a Permitted Transfer, no Membership Interest shall be Transferred unless the provisions of this Section 5.01 or Section 5.02 are first complied with. If a Member (the "ROFO Seller") wishes to solicit proposals from third parties to acquire all, but not less than all, of the ROFO Seller's Units, the ROFO Seller shall first provide a notice (the "ROFO Notice") to the other Member, with a copy to the Company,

containing: (i) the number and class of Units proposed to be transferred (the "<u>ROFO Units</u>") and (ii) a request for the other Member (the "<u>ROFO Non-Selling Member</u>") to specify the purchase price (the "<u>ROFO Price</u>") and other terms and conditions on which the ROFO Non-Selling Member is willing to purchase the ROFO Units.

- (b) Within 30 days after receiving the ROFO Notice, the ROFO Non-Selling Member (the "ROFO Accepting Member") may elect (the "ROFO Offer Notice") to purchase all, but not less than all, of the ROFO Units. The ROFO Offer Notice shall specify the ROFO Price and other terms and conditions on which the ROFO Accepting Member is willing to purchase the ROFO Units. If the ROFO Accepting Member submits a ROFO Offer Notice within the time period specified herein, the ROFO Seller shall have 30 days from the date it received the ROFO Offer Notice to elect (the "ROFO Acceptance Notice") to accept the ROFO Accepting Member's offer to purchase the ROFO Units.
- (c) If the ROFO Seller accepts the ROFO Accepting Member's offer, the ROFO Accepting Member must purchase the ROFO Units in the manner, and subject to the terms and conditions, described in Section 5.01(d). If the ROFO Seller does not accept the offer from the ROFO Accepting Member or fails to make such election within 30 days after receiving the ROFO Offer Notice, the ROFO Seller may, during the next 120 days, Transfer the ROFO Units to a third party Transferee (i) at a purchase price not less than 105% of the ROFO Price and upon terms no more favorable to the proposed transferee than those specified in the ROFO Notice and (ii) subject to the applicable terms and restrictions of this Agreement, including Article IV.
- (d) Sales of the ROFO Units to the ROFO Accepting Member pursuant to this Section 5.01 shall be made at the offices of the Company within 60 days of the delivery of ROFO Acceptance Notice, or on such other date as the parties may agree. Such sales shall be effected by the ROFO Seller's delivery of the ROFO Units, free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than restrictions imposed by the governing documents of the Company and securities laws), to the ROFO Accepting Member, against payment to the ROFO Seller of the ROFO Price by the ROFO Accepting Member and on the terms and conditions specified in the applicable ROFO Offer Notice.

Section 5.02 Right of First Refusal.

(a) Following the Control Period, except for a Permitted Transfer, no Membership Interest shall be Transferred unless the provisions of this Section 5.02 or Section 5.01 are first complied with. A Member (a "ROFR Seller") who receives an unsolicited bona fide offer from a third party for a Transfer of all, but not less than all, of the ROFR Seller's Units, and the ROFR Seller wishes to accept such offer, the ROFR Seller shall first provide a notice (the "ROFR Seller's Notice") to the other Member (with a copy to the Company) containing: (i) the number of Units proposed to be Transferred (the "ROFR Units") and the per Unit purchase price offered therefor, which may only be in cash (the "ROFR Sale Price"), and (ii) the material terms and conditions of such proposed Transfer. Delivery of the ROFR Sellers's Notice to the other Member (the "ROFR Non-Transferring Member") shall constitute an offer (a "ROFR Offer") by the ROFR Seller to sell the ROFR Units at the ROFR Sale Price to the ROFR Non-Transferring Member, which shall remain outstanding for a period of thirty (30) days after the delivery of the ROFR Seller's Notice (subject to extension as provided below, the "ROFR Period").

- (b) During the ROFR Period, the ROFR Non-Transferring Member shall have the right to accept the ROFR Offer by delivering a notice to the ROFR Seller (a "ROFR Acceptance Notice"), with a copy to the Company, of its acceptance of the ROFR Offer at the ROFR Sale Price and on the same terms specified in the ROFR Seller's Notice.
- (c) A failure by the ROFR Non-Transferring Member to validly deliver a ROFR Acceptance Notice during the ROFR Period shall be deemed a rejection of the ROFR Offer and a waiver of the ROFR Non-Transferring Member's right to purchase any portion of the ROFR Units.
- (d) If the ROFR Non-Transferring Member does not elect to purchase all of the ROFR Units pursuant to this Section 5.02, then the ROFR Seller shall be free, for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of the expiration of the ROFR Period, to sell such ROFR Units to a third party (the "<u>Proposed Transferee</u>") (x) at a price per Unit equal to or greater than the ROFR Price and upon terms no more favorable to the Proposed Transferee than those specified in the ROFR Seller's Notice and (y) subject to the applicable terms and restrictions of this Agreement, including Article IV.
- (e) Sales of the ROFR Units to be sold to the ROFR Non-Transferring Member pursuant to this Section 5.02 shall be made at the offices of the Company within sixty (60) days of the delivery of the final ROFR Acceptance Notice (or amended ROFR Acceptance Notice) for such sale, or on such other date as the parties may agree. Such sales shall be effected by the ROFR Seller's delivery of the ROFR Units, free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than restrictions imposed by the governing documents of the Company and securities laws), to the ROFR Non-Transferring Member, against payment to the ROFR Seller of the purchase consideration therefor by the ROFR Non-Transferring Member and on the terms and conditions specified in the ROFR Seller's Notice.

# ARTICLE VI. INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING

Section 6.01 Initial Public Offering.

- (a) It is hereby acknowledged and agreed that it is the express intent of the Company and the Members to effect an Initial Public Offering as soon as reasonably practicable following the Closing Date, and each of the Members and the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to consummate an Initial Public Offering as soon as reasonably practicable following the Closing Date.
- (b) Subject to compliance with the Partnership's obligations under the Registration Rights Agreement, the Board will determine all matters related to the Initial Public Offering and the related registration process.

# ARTICLE VII. CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Section 7.01 Initial Capital Contributions.

Prior to the date hereof, capital contributions totaling \$1,000 were made to the Company and 1,000 Economic Units were issued in consideration therefor as set forth in Exhibit A. As of the date hereof, the Economic Members agree that the respective Capital Contributions of the Economic Members and Economic Units of the Economic Members are as set forth on Exhibit A.

Section 7.02 Additional Contributions.

No Member shall be obligated to make any additional Capital Contributions to the Company apart from those Capital Contributions specified in Section 7.01.

Section 7.03 Loans.

- (a) The Company or any of its Affiliates may, but shall be under no obligation to, lend to any Group Member, and any Group Member may borrow from the Company or any of its Affiliates, funds needed or desired by the Group Member for such periods of time and in such amounts as the Board may determine; *provided*, *however*, that in any such case the lending party may not charge the borrowing party interest at a rate greater than the rate that would be charged the borrowing party or impose terms less favorable to the borrowing party than would be charged or imposed on the borrowing party by unrelated lenders on comparable loans made on an arm's length basis, all as determined by the Board. The borrowing party shall reimburse the lending party for any costs (other than any additional interest costs) incurred by the lending party in connection with the borrowing of such funds. For purposes of this Section 7.03(a) and Section 7.03(b), the term "Group Member" shall include any Affiliate of a Group Member that is controlled by the Group Member.
  - (b) No Group Member may lend funds to the Company or any of its Affiliates (other than another Group Member).
- (c) Any Member may, subject to Section 9.04, loan funds to the Company. Loans by a Member to the Company will not be treated as Capital Contributions but will be treated as debt obligations having such terms as are approved in accordance with Section 9.04.

Section 7.04 Return of Contributions.

Except as expressly provided herein, no Economic Member is entitled to the return of any part of its Capital Contributions or to be paid interest in respect of either its Capital Account or its Capital Contributions. An unrepaid Capital Contribution is not a liability of the Company or of any Economic Member. An Economic Member is not required to contribute or to lend any cash or property to the Company to enable the Company to return any Economic Member's Capital Contributions.

Section 7.05 Capital Accounts.

A separate capital account ("<u>Capital Account</u>") shall be established, determined and maintained for each Economic Member in accordance with the substantial economic effect test set forth in Treasury Regulation § 1.704-l(b)(2), which provides, in part, that a Capital Account shall be:

- (a) increased by (i) the amount of money contributed by the Economic Member to the Company; (ii) the fair market value of any property contributed by the Economic Member to the Company (net of liabilities secured by such contributed property); and (iii) allocations to the Economic Member of the Company income and gain (or items thereof), including income and gain exempt from tax; and
- (b) decreased by (i) the amount of money distributed to the Economic Member by the Company; (ii) the fair market value of any property distributed to the Economic Member by the Company (net of liabilities secured by such distributed property); (iii) allocations to the Economic Member of expenditures of the Company not deductible in computing its taxable income and not properly capitalized for federal income tax purposes; and (iv) allocations to the Economic Member of Company loss and deduction (or items thereof).

In the case of a termination of a an Economic Unit or an additional Capital Contribution by an existing or newly admitted Economic Member, the Capital Accounts of the Economic Members shall be adjusted as of the date of such termination or the date of the Capital Contribution, as the case may be.

# ARTICLE VIII. DISTRIBUTIONS AND ALLOCATIONS

Section 8.01 Distributions.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in Section 16.03, within fifty (50) days following the end of each Quarter commencing with the Quarter ending on June 30, 2013, an amount equal to 100% of Available Cash with respect to such Quarter shall be distributed in accordance with this Article VIII to all Economic Members simultaneously pro rata in accordance with each Economic Member's Ownership Percentage (at the time the amounts of such distributions are determined).
- (b) Each distribution in respect of an Economic Unit shall be paid by the Company only to the holder of record of such Economic Unit as of the record date set for such distribution. Such payment shall constitute full payment and satisfaction of the Company's liability in respect of such payment, regardless of any claim of any Person who may have an interest in such payment by reason of an assignment or otherwise.

Section 8.02 Allocations.

After giving effect to the allocations set forth in Section 8.03, the Company shall allocate Profits and Losses for any Allocation Year among the Economic Members in accordance with the Economic Members' Ownership Percentages.

## Section 8.03 Special Allocations.

- (a) If there is a net decrease in Company Minimum Gain during any Allocation Year, each Economic Member shall be allocated items of Company income and gain for such Allocation Year (and, if necessary, subsequent Allocation Years) in the manner and amounts provided in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(f)(6), 1.704-2(g)(2) and 1.704-2(j)(2)(i), or any successor provision. This Section 8.03(a) is intended to comply with the Company Minimum Gain chargeback requirement in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(f) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.
- (b) Except as provided in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(4), if there is a net decrease in Member Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain during any Allocation Year, any Economic Member with a share of Member Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain at the beginning of such Allocation Year shall be allocated items of Company income and gain for such Allocation Year (and, if necessary, subsequent Allocation Years) in the manner and amounts provided in Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(i)(4) and 1.704-2(j)(2)(ii), or any successor provisions. This Section 8.03(b) is intended to comply with the chargeback of items of income and gain requirement in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(4) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.
- (c) In the event any Economic Member has a deficit balance in its Capital Account at the end of any Allocation Year in excess of the sum of (A) the amount such Economic Member is required to restore pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement and (B) the amount such Economic Member is deemed obligated to restore pursuant to Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5), such Economic Member shall be specially allocated items of Company gross income and gain in the amount of such excess as quickly as possible; *provided*, that an allocation pursuant to this Section 8.03(c) shall be made only if and to the extent that such Economic Member would have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit after all other allocations provided for in this Article VIII have been tentatively made as if this Section 8.03(c) were not in this Agreement.
- (d) In the event any Economic Member has a deficit balance in its Capital Account at the end of any Allocation Year in excess of the sum of (A) the amount such Economic Member is required to restore pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement and (B) the amount such Economic Member is deemed obligated to restore pursuant to Treasury Regulation Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5), such Economic Member shall be specially allocated items of Company gross income and gain in the amount of such excess as quickly as possible; *provided*, that an allocation pursuant to this Section 8.03(d) shall be made only if and to the extent that such Economic Member would have an Adjusted Capital Account Deficit after all other allocations provided for in this Article VIII have been tentatively made as if Section 8.03(c) and this Section 8.03(d) were not in this Agreement.
- (e) Nonrecourse Deductions for any Allocation Year shall be allocated to the Economic Members pro rata in accordance with each Economic Member's Ownership Percentage.

- (f) Member Nonrecourse Deductions for any Allocation Year shall be allocated 100% to the Economic Member that bears the economic risk of loss with respect to the Member Nonrecourse Debt to which such Member Nonrecourse Deductions are attributable in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i). If more than one Economic Member bears the economic risk of loss with respect to a Member Nonrecourse Debt, such Economic Member Nonrecourse Deductions attributable thereto shall be allocated between or among such Economic Members in accordance with the ratios in which they share such economic risk of loss.
- (g) For purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.752-3(a)(3), the Economic Members agree that Nonrecourse Liabilities of the Company shall be allocated to the Economic Members pro rata in accordance with each Economic Member's Ownership Percentage.
- (h) To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any Company asset pursuant to Section 734(b) or 743(b) of the Code is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of such adjustment to the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain (if the adjustment increases the basis of the asset) or loss (if the adjustment decreases such basis), and such item of gain or loss shall be specially allocated to the Economic Members in a manner consistent with the manner in which their Capital Accounts are required to be adjusted pursuant to such Section of the Treasury Regulations.
- (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 8.03, the allocations set forth in Sections 8.03(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (h) (the "Required Allocations") shall be taken into account so that, to the extent possible, the net amount of items of gross income, gain, loss and deduction allocated to each Economic Member pursuant to Sections 8.02 and 8.03, together, shall be equal to the net amount of such items that would have been allocated to each such Economic Member under Section 8.02 and Section 8.03 had the Required Allocations and this Section 8.03(i) not otherwise been provided in this Agreement. The Company may take into account future Required Allocations that, although not yet made, are likely to offset other Required Allocations previously made.
- (j) Items of income, gain, loss and deduction realized in any taxable year that includes a Dissolution Event shall be allocated in a manner that will cause, to the extent possible, the ratio of each Economic Member's Capital Account to the sum of all Economic Members' Capital Accounts to be equal to such Economic Member's Ownership Percentage. Upon a Dissolution Event, if any property is distributed in kind, any unrealized income, gain, loss, and deduction inherent in property that has not been reflected in the Capital Accounts previously shall be allocated among the Economic Members as if there were a taxable disposition of that property for the fair market value of that property on the date of distribution.
- (k) The allocations in Section 8.02, this Section 8.03 and Section 8.05, and the provisions of this Agreement relating to the maintenance of Capital Accounts, are included to ensure compliance with requirements of the federal income tax law (and any applicable state income tax laws). Such provisions are intended to comply with Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1 and 1.704-2 and shall be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with such Treasury Regulations and any amendment or successor provision thereto. The Management Members shall cause appropriate modifications to be made if unanticipated events might otherwise cause this Agreement not to comply with such Treasury Regulations, so long as such modifications do not cause a material change in the relative economic benefit of the Economic Members under this Agreement.

## Section 8.04 Section 704(c).

In accordance with Section 704(c) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder, income, gain, loss, and deduction with respect to any property contributed to the capital of the Company shall, solely for tax purposes, be allocated among the Economic Members to take account of any variation between the adjusted basis of such property to the Company for federal income tax purposes and its initial Gross Asset Value (computed in accordance with the definition of same under this Agreement). In the event the Gross Asset Value of any Company asset is adjusted pursuant to subparagraph (b) of the definition of Gross Asset Value hereof, subsequent allocations of income, gain, loss, and deduction with respect to such asset shall take account of any variation between the adjusted basis of such asset for federal income tax purposes and its Gross Asset Value in the same manner as under Section 704(c) of the Code and the Treasury Regulations thereunder. Any elections or other decisions relating to such allocations shall be made by the Board in any manner that reasonably reflects the purpose and intention of this Agreement; *provided* that the Company shall use the traditional method without curatives set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-3(b). Allocations pursuant to this Section 8.04 are solely for purposes of federal, state, and local taxes and shall not affect, or in any way be taken into account in computing, any Economic Member's Capital Account or share of Profits, Losses, other items, or distributions pursuant to any provision of this Agreement.

#### Section 8.05 Varying Interests.

All items of income, gain, loss, deduction or credit shall be allocated, and all distributions shall be made, to the Persons shown on the records of the Company to have been Economic Members as of the last calendar day of the period for which the allocation or distribution is to be made. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if during any taxable year there is a change in any Economic Member's Ownership Percentage, the Economic Members agree that their allocable shares of such items for the taxable year shall be determined on any method determined by the Board to be permissible under Code Section 706 and the related Treasury Regulations to take account of the Economic Members' varying Ownership Percentages.

# Section 8.06 Withheld Taxes.

All amounts withheld pursuant to the Code or any provision of any state or local tax law with respect to any payment, distribution or allocation to the Company or the Economic Members shall be treated as amounts distributed to the Economic Members pursuant to this Article VIII for all purposes of this Agreement. The Company is authorized to withhold from distributions, or with respect to allocations, to the Economic Members and to pay over to any federal, state or local government any amounts required to be so withheld pursuant to the Code or any provision of any other federal, state or local law and shall allocate such amounts to those Economic Members with respect to which such amounts were withheld.

## Section 8.07 Limitations on Distributions.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary contained in this Agreement, the Company shall not make a distribution to any Member on account of its interest in the Company if such distribution would violate Section 18-607 of the Delaware Act or other applicable law. All distributions required to be made under this Agreement shall be made subject to Sections 18-607 and 18-804 of the Delaware Act.

# ARTICLE IX. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 9.01 Management by Board of Directors.

- (a) The Board shall conduct, direct and manage all activities of the Company. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all management powers over the business and affairs of the Company shall be exclusively vested in the Board, and no Member shall have any management power over the business and affairs of the Company.
- (b) No Member, in its capacity as such, shall participate in the operation, management or control of the Company's business, transact any business in the Company's name or have the power to sign documents for or otherwise bind the Company.

Section 9.02 Board Composition.

# (a) General.

- (i) The Board shall be composed of four (4) "Directors" (or such other number of directors as permitted in accordance with Section 9.02(d)) who shall be natural persons (together with each Alternate Director that acts as a Director from time to time as set forth in this Section 9.02, the "Directors" and each such person a "Director"). The Directors shall constitute "managers" of the Company within the meaning of the Delaware Act. A Director need not be a resident of the State of Delaware, a Member or an officer of the Company.
- (ii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Director in his or her individual capacity shall have the authority to manage the Company or approve matters relating to, or otherwise to bind the Company, such powers being reserved to a Director acting through the Board, and to such other committees of the Board, and officers and agents of the Company, as designated by the Board.
- (iii) The Chairman of the Board shall be a Director and shall set the agenda for and preside at all meetings of the Board. The Parties will mutually agree on the initial Chairman of the Board. The Party whose Representative was not the initial Chairman will appoint the successor to the initial Chairman of the Board, subject to the other Party's approval, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. The rights to appoint the Chairman and approve such appointment as described above shall rotate between CERC and OGEH (or any other party to whom any such Management Member Transfers its rights to designate Representatives). The term of the initial Chairman of the Board shall end on the second anniversary of the Closing Date. Each successor Chairman of the Board shall serve for a two-year term.

(iv) Prior to the designation of the initial Chairman of the Board, CERC shall be entitled to designate a natural person to serve as interim Chairman of the Board (the "Interim Chairman"). The Interim Chairman shall have power and authority, among other things, to execute, for and on behalf of the Company and the Partnership Group, the Transaction Documents (as such term is defined in the Master Formation Agreement) and such other documents necessary or appropriate in connection therewith.

# (b) Designation of Directors; Alternate Directors.

- (i) <u>Representatives</u>. Subject to Section 9.02(b)(i)(C), each Management Member shall be permitted to designate Directors, including Alternate Directors (each person so designated, a "<u>Representative</u>" and, collectively, the "<u>Representatives</u>"), as follows:
  - (A) CERC shall be entitled to designate two (2) natural persons to serve on the Board (any such Director designated by CERC, a "CERC Representative") and two (2) natural persons to serve as Alternate Directors (any such person designated by CERC, a "CERC Alternate Director"). The initial CERC Representatives as of the Closing Date are set forth on Exhibit C.
  - (B) OGEH shall be entitled to designate two (2) natural person to serve on the Board (any such Director designated by OGEH, an "OGEH Representative") and two (2) natural persons to serve as Alternate Directors (any such person designated by OGEH, an "OGEH Alternate Director," and together with the CERC Alternate Directors, the "Alternate Directors"). The initial OGEH Representatives as of the Closing Date are set forth on Exhibit C.
  - (C) If any Management Member elects to Transfer its right to designate its Representatives in accordance with the terms of this Agreement (including the requirements set forth in Section 4.01(d), then (1) each Representative designated by such Management Member shall be automatically removed from all positions such individual holds with the Company without any further action as of the close of business on the date of such Transfer, (2) each vacancy in the Board shall be filled by the Transferee of such Transfer, (3) such Management Member shall no longer be permitted to designate Representatives pursuant to this Agreement and (4) the Transferee of such Transfer shall become entitled to designate Representatives under this Agreement as of the close of business on the date of Transfer.
- (ii) <u>Other Directors</u>. Each Independent Director and each Conflicts Committee Independent Director shall be designated by unanimous vote of the Management Members. For the avoidance of doubt, assuming they meet the requisite standards, Independent Directors can also serve as Conflicts Committee Independent Directors.
- (iii) <u>Alternate Directors</u>. Alternate Directors shall be entitled to receive notice of and attend meetings of the Board; *provided* that such attendance shall be only in an observer capacity unless a particular Alternate Director is serving in place of a Management Member's designated Director. An Alternate Director may, without prior

notice to the Company or any other Member, in the sole discretion of the Management Member that designated such Alternate Director, serve in place of any Management Member's designated Director at any meeting of the Board or in connection with any action or approval of the Board, and the presence of such Alternate Director shall be the equivalent of the presence of a designated Director for all purposes under this Agreement. When serving in such capacity as a Director, each Alternate Director shall be entitled to all of the rights and obligations of a Director as set forth in this Agreement.

# (c) Removal; Resignation; Vacancies.

- (i) Each Representative may be removed and replaced, with or without cause, at any time by the Management Member that designated him or her, in such Management Member's sole discretion, but may not be removed or replaced by any other means, except as set forth in Section 9.02(b)(i)(C). A Management Member who removes its Representative shall promptly notify the other Management Members of the removal and the name of its replacement Representative. Each Independent Director may be removed and replaced, with or without cause, at any time by unanimous vote of the Management Members.
- (ii) A Director may resign at any time, such resignation to be made in writing and to take effect immediately or on such later date as may be specified therein.
- (iii) If any Representative designated by a Management Member shall cease to serve as a Director for any reason, the vacancy resulting thereby shall be filled by another individual to be designated by that Management Member; *provided* that such Management Member would, at such time, otherwise be permitted to designate a Representative pursuant to Section 9.02(b). If any other Director shall cease to serve as a Director for any reason, the vacancy resulting thereby will be filled by another Director designated in accordance with Section 9.02(b)(ii).
- (d) Changes in Size. The number of Directors constituting the full Board may be increased or decreased from time to time by unanimous vote of the Management Members; provided, however, that, for so long as two Management Members are permitted to designate Representatives in accordance with Section 9.02(b), the Management Members shall have an equal number of Representatives. In connection with the Initial Public Offering, the Management Members shall increase the number of Directors constituting the full Board and take all actions necessary to designate and maintain (i) the Independent Directors required by the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange or any national securities exchange selected for the listing of the limited partner interests or other Equity Interests of the Partnership and (ii) the Conflicts Committee Independent Directors required under the Partnership Agreement; provided, however, that if at any time the Board does not include the requisite number of Independent Directors and/or Conflicts Committee Independent Directors, the Board shall still have all powers and authority granted to it hereunder, but the Management Members shall endeavor to appoint one or more additional Independent Directors and/or Conflicts Committee Independent Directors pursuant to Section 9.02(b)(ii) as necessary to come into compliance with this Section 9.02(d).

## Section 9.03 Board Meetings; Quorum.

- (a) The Board shall meet at least quarterly at the offices of the Company (or such other place as determined by the Board), with the participation of such officers of the Company as such Representative may request. Special meetings of the Board, to be held at the offices of the Company (or such other place as shall be determined by the Board), shall be called at the direction of any one Director. Attendance of a Director at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Director attends a meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that such meeting is not properly called or convened. The reasonable costs and expenses incurred by the Directors and Alternate Directors in connection with any meeting of the Board shall be borne and paid by the Company (and any Director and Alternate Director may obtain reimbursement from the Company for any such reasonably documented costs and expenses).
- (b) During the Restricted Period, the presence of all Directors, present in person or participating in accordance with Section 9.07, shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board. After the Restricted Period, as long as one CERC Representative and one OGEH Representative are present, the presence of a majority of all the Directors, whether in person or participating in accordance with Section 9.07, shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum.

# Section 9.04 Board Voting.

- (a) <u>General; Majority Voting</u>. Each Director shall be entitled to one vote. On all matters requiring the vote or action of the Board, any action undertaken by the Board must be authorized by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of Directors. For the avoidance of doubt, Alternate Directors that are present at a meeting of the Board solely in an observer capacity shall not be entitled to vote.
- (b) Actions Requiring Approval of the Board. In addition to such other matters as the Board may from time to time by resolution in accordance with Section 9.04(a) determine, and except for such actions as the Board may from time to time in accordance with Section 9.04(a) delegate to the officers of the Company that may be taken without approval of the Board, the Company shall not, and shall cause the Group Members not to, and shall not authorize or permit any officer or agent of the Company on behalf of the Company or of any Group Member to, effect any non-ministerial action, including the following actions:
  - (i) approve the Annual Budget;
  - (ii) incur capital expenditures in excess of the amounts contemplated by the Annual Budget;
  - (iii) enter into, modify or terminate a Material Contract;
  - (iv) prior to the IPO Date, approve any transaction between any Group Member, on the one hand, and the Company or any Member or any of its Affiliates (other than any member of the Partnership Group) or any officer, director or employee of any Member or any of its Affiliates (other than any Group Member), on the other hand (each, a "Related Party Transaction");

- (v) transfer an asset (other than working capital) to a Person other than a Group Member outside the ordinary course of business;
- (vi) merge, consolidate or convert with or into any other Person (other than a wholly owned Subsidiary of the Partnership into another wholly owned Subsidiary of the Partnership), or engage in any recapitalization, restructuring or reorganization, or enter into a letter of intent or agreement in principle with respect thereto;
- (vii) alter, repeal, amend or adopt any provision of its certificate of limited partnership, certificate of formation or certificate of incorporation or any agreement of limited partnership, limited liability company agreement or bylaws or any similar organizational or governing document or change the form of organization of any Group Member; or
  - (viii) engage, participate or invest, directly or indirectly, in any new line of business.

## (c) Board Deadlock.

- (i) In the event that the Board is unable to obtain the requisite vote under Section 9.04(a) for the approval of any matter (such event, a "<u>Deadlock</u>"), either Management Member may give the other Management Member notice (a "<u>Deadlock Notice</u>") of such matter that has not been approved. Within five days after receipt of the Deadlock Notice, the receiving Management Member shall submit to the other Management Member a written response (a "<u>Dispute Response</u>"). The Dispute Notice and the Dispute Response shall each include (A) a statement setting forth the position of the Management Member giving the notice and a summary of arguments supporting such position and (B) the name and title of a senior representative of such Management Member who has authority to settle the Deadlock. Within five days of the delivery of the Dispute Response, the senior representatives of both Management Members shall meet or communicate by telephone at a mutually acceptable time and place, and thereafter as often as they reasonably deem necessary, and shall negotiate in good faith to the resolve the Deadlock.
- (ii) If such Deadlock has not been resolved within 30 days following delivery of the Dispute Response, then each Management Member agrees to have its Chief Executive Officer meet or communicate by telephone with the Chief Executive Officer of the other Management Member at a mutually acceptable time and place, and thereafter as often as they reasonably deem necessary, and shall negotiate in good faith to resolve the Deadlock.
- (iii) If such Deadlock is not resolved within 60 days of delivery of the Deadlock Response, (A) prior to the IPO Date, either Management Member may require such Deadlock to be submitted to nonbinding mediation in Houston, Texas, before an impartial mediator acceptable to both Management Members and with senior representatives of both Members who have authority to settle the Deadlock in attendance, or (B) on or after the IPO Date, such Deadlock shall be resolved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Independent Directors on the Board.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, until a Deadlock is resolved, each Management Member agrees to continue to perform its obligations under this Agreement and to cause its Representatives to continue to perform their obligations under this Agreement. In the event a Deadlock exists with respect to any Annual Budget, then, until such time as such Deadlock is resolved, the Annual Budget for such calendar year shall be based on the corresponding portions of the Annual Budget for the preceding calendar year (excluding any unusual or extraordinary revenues, expenses or capital expenditures that occurred during such prior calendar year), together with any additional amounts to the extent necessary, when combined with amounts authorized to be spent in such last Annual Budget, to meet the Partnership's existing commitments and obligations and to conduct and maintain the Partnership's operations and properties in the ordinary course of business. With respect to non-recurring amounts and capital expenditures, if any, for which there is no corresponding portion of the Annual Budget for the preceding calendar year, only budgeted amounts directed or approved by the Board of Directors on a case by case basis shall be utilized.

(d) <u>Related Party Transactions</u>. After the IPO Date, any Related Party Transactions shall be approved in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Partnership Agreement.

Section 9.05 Notice.

Written notice of all regular meetings of the Board shall be given to all Directors and Alternate Directors at least 10 days prior to the regular meeting of the Board and one Business Day prior to any special meeting of the Board. All notices and other communications to be given to Directors and Alternate Directors shall be sufficiently given for all purposes hereunder if in writing and delivered by hand, courier or overnight delivery service or three days after being mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, with appropriate postage prepaid, delivered by electronic mail or when received in the form of a facsimile, and shall be directed to the address or facsimile number as such Director and Alternate Director shall designate by notice to the Company. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the Board need be specified in the notice of such meeting. A meeting may be held at any time without notice if all the Directors are present or if those not present waive notice of the meeting either before or after such meeting. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary, the failure to give notice or documents or other information to an Alternate Director that is acting solely in an observer capacity shall not affect the validity of any action taken by the Board.

Section 9.06 Action by Written Consent of Board.

To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Board may act without a meeting, without notice and without a vote, if a consent or consents in writing, setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by all Directors (which, for the avoidance of doubt, need not include the consent of any Alternate Directors unless a particular Alternate Director is serving in place of a Management Member's designated Director). All actions taken by the Board in the form of a written consent shall be distributed to each Director and Alternate Director promptly upon the taking of such action.

## Section 9.07 Conference Telephone Meetings.

Directors and Alternate Directors may participate in a meeting of the Board or any committee thereof by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and such participation in a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

## Section 9.08 Minutes.

All decisions and resolutions of the Board shall be reported in the minutes of its meetings, which shall state the date, time and place of the meeting (or the date of the written consent in lieu of a meeting), the persons present at the meeting, the resolutions put to a vote (or the subject of a written consent) and the results of such voting (or written consent). The minutes of all meetings of the Board shall be kept at the principal office of the Company.

## Section 9.09 Committees.

- (a) The Board may establish committees of the Board and may delegate any of its responsibilities to such committees, except as prohibited by applicable law. CERC and OGEH shall appoint an equal number of Directors to any such committee (except for the Audit Committee and the Conflicts Committee).
- (b) A majority of the members of any committee, present in person or participating in accordance with Section 9.07, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of such committee. Except as otherwise required by law or the Partnership Agreement, all decisions of a committee shall require the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the committee members at any meeting at which a quorum is present.
- (c) A majority of the members of any committee may determine its action and fix the time and place of its meetings unless the Board shall otherwise provide. Notice of such meetings shall be given to each member of the committee in the manner provided for in Section 9.05. Subject to Section 9.09(a), the Board shall have power at any time to fill vacancies in, to change the membership of, or to dissolve any such committee.

## (d) After the IPO Date:

(i) The Board shall have an audit committee (the "<u>Audit Committee</u>") made up of Directors who meet the independence standards required of directors who serve on an audit committee of a board of directors established by the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and by the New York Stock Exchange or any national securities exchange on which the limited partner interests or other Equity Interest are listed (each, an "<u>Audit Committee Independent Director</u>"). The Audit Committee shall establish a written audit committee charter in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commission and the New York Stock Exchange or any national

securities exchange on which the Common Units are listed from time to time, in each case as amended from time to time. Each member of the Audit Committee shall satisfy the rules and regulations of the Commission and the New York Stock Exchange or any national securities exchange on which the Common Units are listed from time to time, in each case as amended from time to time, pertaining to qualification for service on an audit committee.

(ii) The Board shall have a conflicts committee (the "Conflicts Committee") made up of at least two Conflicts Committee Independent Directors. The Conflicts Committee shall function in the manner described in the Partnership Agreement. Notwithstanding any duty otherwise existing at law or in equity, any matter approved by the Conflicts Committee in accordance with the provisions, and subject to the limitations, of the Partnership Agreement, shall not be deemed to be a breach of any duties owed by the Board or any Director to the Company or the Members.

# ARTICLE X. OFFICERS

Section 10.01 Elected Officers.

The executive officers of the Company shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. Such officers shall have the authority and duties delegated to each of them, respectively, by the Board from time to time. The elected officers of the Company shall be such officers (including, without limitation, a Chief Executive Officer, a Secretary, a Treasurer, Executive Vice Presidents, Senior Vice Presidents and Vice Presidents), as the Board from time to time may deem proper. All officers elected by the Board shall each have such powers and duties as generally pertain to their respective offices, subject to the specific provisions of this Article X. Such officers and agents shall have such duties and shall hold their offices for such terms as shall be provided in this Agreement or as may be prescribed by the Board or such committee, as the case may be.

Section 10.02 Term of Office.

Each officer shall hold office until such person's successor shall have been duly elected and shall have qualified or until such person's death or until he shall resign or be removed pursuant to Section 10.07.

Section 10.03 Chief Executive Officer.

The Chief Executive Officer shall be responsible for the general management of the affairs of the Company and shall perform all duties incidental to such person's office which may be required by law and all such other duties as are properly required of him by the Board. He shall make reports to the Board and the Management Members and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board and of any committee thereof are carried into effect.

#### Section 10.04 Vice Presidents.

Each Executive Vice President and Senior Vice President and any Vice President shall have such powers and shall perform such duties as shall be assigned to him by the Board.

#### Section 10.05 Treasurer.

- (a) The Treasurer shall exercise general supervision over the receipt, custody and disbursement of corporate funds. The Treasurer shall cause the funds of the Company to be deposited in such banks as may be authorized by the Board, or in such banks as may be designated as depositories in the manner provided by resolution of the Board. The Treasurer shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the Treasurer and shall have such further powers and duties and shall be subject to such directions as may be granted or imposed from time to time by the Board.
- (b) Assistant Treasurers shall have such of the authority and perform such of the duties of the Treasurer as may be provided in this Agreement or assigned to them by the Board or the Treasurer. Assistant Treasurers shall assist the Treasurer in the performance of the duties assigned to the Treasurer, and in assisting the Treasurer, each Assistant Treasurer shall for such purpose have the powers of the Treasurer. During the Treasurer's absence or inability, the Treasurer's authority and duties shall be possessed by such Assistant Treasurer or Assistant Treasurers as the Board may designate.

#### Section 10.06 Secretary.

- (a) The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, in one or more books provided for that purpose, the minutes of all meetings of the Board, the committees of the Board and the Management Members. The Secretary shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and as required by applicable law; shall be custodian of the records and the seal of the Company and affix and attest the seal to all documents to be executed on behalf of the Company under its seal; and shall see that the books, reports, statements, certificates and other documents and records required by law to be kept and filed are properly kept and filed; and in general, shall perform all the duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to the Secretary by the Board.
- (b) Assistant Secretaries shall have such of the authority and perform such of the duties of the Secretary as may be provided in this Agreement or assigned to them by the Board or the Secretary. Assistant Secretaries shall assist the Secretary in the performance of the duties assigned to the Secretary, and in assisting the Secretary, each Assistant Secretary shall for such purpose have the powers of the Secretary. During the Secretary's absence or inability, the Secretary's authority and duties shall be possessed by such Assistant Secretary or Assistant Secretaries as the Board may designate.

Section 10.07 Removal.

Any officer elected, or agent appointed, by the Board may be removed, with or without cause, by the Board whenever, in its judgment, the best interests of the Company would be served thereby. No elected officer shall have any contractual rights against the Company for compensation by virtue of such election beyond the date of the election of such person's successor, such person's death, such person's resignation or such person's removal, whichever event shall first occur, except as otherwise provided in an employment contract or under an employee deferred compensation plan.

Section 10.08 Vacancies.

A newly created elected office and a vacancy in any elected office because of death, resignation or removal may be filled by the Board for the unexpired portion of the term at any meeting of the Board.

# ARTICLE XI. BUDGET

Section 11.01 Budget.

The initial budget (the "Initial Budget") for the Partnership and its Subsidiaries was previously agreed pursuant to that certain Letter Agreement regarding Initial Budget, dated as of March 14, 2013, and covers the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 and sets forth reasonable line item detail regarding anticipated expenditures, including: (i) estimated operating expenditures; (ii) estimated capital expenditures; (iii) the proposed financing plans for such expenditures; and (iv) such other items as are set forth therein, and such Initial Budget is deemed to be constructively attached to this Agreement and incorporated herein by reference. At such reasonable time prior to the expiration of the Initial Budget, and each year thereafter, the Board shall cause to be prepared the Annual Budget, which Annual Budget will be presented to the Board for approval in accordance with Section 9.04(b)(i). The Board of Directors shall cause the Annual Budget to be prepared and approved for distribution to the Management Members by October 31st, and finally approved by November 30th, for each calendar year during the term of this Agreement. If the Budget is not approved by the Board of Directors prior to the date when such Budget is to become effective, a Deadlock subject to the procedures set forth in Section 9.04(c) will be deemed to exist.

# ARTICLE XII. MANAGEMENT MEMBER MEETINGS

Section 12.01 Meetings.

Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, including Section 9.01, any actions of the Management Members required to be taken hereunder shall be taken in the manner provided in this Article XII. Meetings of Management Members shall be called by the Board. The Board may designate any place as the place of meeting for any meeting of the Management Members.

Section 12.02 Notice of a Meeting.

Written notice of meetings of the Management Members shall be given to all Management Members at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting. All notices and other communications to be given to Management Members shall be sufficiently given for all purposes

hereunder if in writing and delivered by hand, courier or overnight delivery service or three days after being mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, with appropriate postage prepaid, delivered by electronic mail or when received in the form of a facsimile, and shall be directed to the address or facsimile number as such Management Member shall designate by notice to the Company. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any meeting of the Management Members need be specified in the notice of such meeting. A meeting may be held at any time without notice if all the Management Members are present or if those not present waive notice of the meeting either before or after such meeting. Attendance of a Management Member at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Management Member attends the meeting for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business on the ground that the meeting is not lawfully called or convened.

Section 12.03 Quorum; Voting Requirement.

- (a) The presence, in person or by proxy or participating in accordance with Section 12.05, of a Majority Interest shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business by the Management Members. Unless otherwise provided by the Delaware Act, the affirmative vote of a Majority Interest present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute a valid decision of the Management Members.
- (b) Except as provided in Section 17.02, on and after the IPO Date, without first receiving the unanimous vote of the Management Members, the Company shall not, and shall cause the Group Members not to, and shall not authorize or permit any officer or agent of the Company on behalf of the Company or of any Group Member to, effect any of the following actions:
  - (i) alter, repeal, amend or adopt any provision of its certificate of limited partnership, certificate of formation or certificate of incorporation or any agreement of limited partnership, limited liability company agreement or bylaws or any similar organizational or governing document if any such alteration, repeal, amendment or adoption would have a material adverse effect on the rights or preferences of any Member, partner, stockholder or any other holder of Equity Interests of the Company or any of the Group Members, as applicable;
  - (ii) merge, consolidate or convert with or into any other Person (other than a wholly owned Subsidiary of the Partnership into another wholly owned Subsidiary of the Partnership);
  - (iii) sell, lease, transfer, pledge or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company and the Group Members, taken as a whole, in a single transaction or a series of related transactions (other than to a wholly owned Subsidiary of the Company);
    - (iv) change the classification of the Company or any Group Member for United States federal income tax purposes;
    - (v) voluntarily liquidate, wind-up or dissolve the Company or the Partnership; or

(vi) file or consent to the filing of any bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization petition for relief under the United States Bankruptcy Code naming the Company or any Group Member, or otherwise seek, with respect to the Company or any Group Member, relief from debts or protection from creditors generally.

Section 12.04 Action by Consent of Members.

Any action that may be taken at a meeting of the Management Members may be taken without a meeting if an approval in writing setting forth such action is signed by Management Members holding all of the outstanding Management Units.

Section 12.05 Conference Telephone Meetings.

Management Members may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other, and such participation in a meeting shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

# ARTICLE XIII. EXCULPATION AND INDEMNIFICATION; DUTIES

Section 13.01 Indemnification.

(a) To the fullest extent permitted by law but subject to the limitations expressly provided in this Agreement, all Indemnitees shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts arising from any and all threatened, pending or completed claims, demands, actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, and whether formal or informal and including appeals, in which any Indemnitee may be involved, or is threatened to be involved, as a party or otherwise, by reason of its status as an Indemnitee and acting (or refraining to act) in such capacity; provided, that the Indemnitee shall not be indemnified and held harmless pursuant to this Agreement if there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that, in respect of the matter for which the Indemnitee is seeking indemnification pursuant to this Agreement, the Indemnitee acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud, willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the Indemnitee's conduct was unlawful; provided further, no indemnification pursuant to this Section 13.01 shall be available to the Members or their Affiliates (other than a Group Member) with respect to its or their obligations incurred pursuant to the Master Formation Agreement (other than obligations incurred by such Member on behalf of the Company). Any indemnification pursuant to this Section 13.01 shall be made only out of the assets of the Company, it being agreed that the Members shall not be personally liable for such indemnification and shall have no obligation to contribute or loan any monies or property to the Company to enable it to effectuate such indemnification.

- (b) To the fullest extent permitted by law, expenses (including legal fees and expenses) incurred by an Indemnitee who is indemnified pursuant to Section 13.01(a) in defending any claim, demand, action, suit or proceeding shall, from time to time, be advanced by the Company prior to a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that, in respect of the matter for which the Indemnitee is seeking indemnification pursuant to this Section 13.01, the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified upon receipt by the Company of any undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall be ultimately determined that the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified as authorized by this Section 13.01.
- (c) The indemnification provided by this Section 13.01 shall be in addition to any other rights to which an Indemnitee may be entitled under any agreement, pursuant to any vote of a Majority Interest or of the Board, as a matter of law, in equity or otherwise, both as to actions in the Indemnitee's capacity as an Indemnitee and as to actions in any other capacity, and shall continue as to an Indemnitee who has ceased to serve in such capacity and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors, assigns and administrators of the Indemnitee.
- (d) The Company may purchase and maintain insurance, on behalf of the Company, its Affiliates, the Indemnitees and such other Persons as the Company shall determine, against any liability that may be asserted against, or expense that may be incurred by, such Person in connection with the Company's or any of its Affiliate's activities or such Person's activities on behalf of the Company or any of its Affiliates, regardless of whether the Company would have the power to indemnify such Person against such liability under the provisions of this Agreement.
- (e) For purposes of this Section 13.01, the Company shall be deemed to have requested an Indemnitee to serve as fiduciary of an employee benefit plan whenever the performance by it of its duties to the Company also imposes duties on, or otherwise involves services by, it to the plan or participants or beneficiaries of the plan; excise taxes assessed on an Indemnitee with respect to an employee benefit plan pursuant to applicable law shall constitute "fines" within the meaning of Section 13.01(a); and action taken or omitted by it with respect to any employee benefit plan in the performance of its duties for a purpose reasonably believed by it to be in the best interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan shall be deemed to be for a purpose that is in the best interests of the Company.
  - (f) In no event may an Indemnitee subject the Members to personal liability by reason of the indemnification provisions set forth in this Agreement.
- (g) An Indemnitee shall not be denied indemnification in whole or in part under this Section 13.01 because the Indemnitee had an interest in the transaction with respect to which the indemnification applies if the transaction was otherwise permitted by the terms of this Agreement.
- (h) The provisions of this Section 13.01 are for the benefit of the Indemnitees and their heirs, successors, assigns, executors and administrators and shall not be deemed to create any rights for the benefit of any other Persons.

- (i) Any amendment, modification or repeal of this Section 13.01 or any provision hereof shall be prospective only and shall not in any manner terminate, reduce or impair the right of any past, present or future Indemnitee to be indemnified by the Company, nor the obligations of the Company to indemnify any such Indemnitee under and in accordance with the provisions of this Section 13.01 as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising from or relating to matters occurring, in whole or in part, prior to such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted.
- (j) TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, AND SUBJECT TO SECTION 13.01(a), THE PROVISIONS OF THE INDEMNIFICATION PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION 13.01 ARE INTENDED BY THE MEMBERS TO APPLY EVEN IF SUCH PROVISIONS HAVE THE EFFECT OF EXCULPATING THE INDEMNITEE FROM LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE CONSEQUENCES OF SUCH PERSON'S NEGLIGENCE, FAULT OR OTHER CONDUCT.

### Section 13.02 Liability of Indemnitees.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, no Indemnitee shall be liable for monetary damages to the Company, the Members or any other Persons who have acquired interests in the Membership Interests, for losses sustained or liabilities incurred as a result of any act or omission of an Indemnitee unless there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that, in respect of the matter in question, the Indemnitee acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud, willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the Indemnitee's conduct was criminal.
- (b) To the extent that, at law or in equity, an Indemnitee has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Company or to the Members, the Indemnitee acting in connection with the Company's business or affairs shall not be liable to the Company or to any Member for its good faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement, and the provisions of this Agreement, to the extent that they restrict, eliminate or otherwise modify the duties and liabilities, including fiduciary duties, of any Indemnitee otherwise existing at law or in equity, are agreed by the Members to replace such other duties and liabilities of the Indemnitee.
- (c) Any amendment, modification or repeal of this Section 13.02 or any provision hereof shall be prospective only and shall not in any way affect the limitations on the liability of the Indemnitees under this Section 13.02 as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising from or relating to matters occurring, in whole or in part, prior to such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted.

#### Section 13.03 Other Matters Concerning the Directors

(a) The Directors may rely upon, and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon, any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, consent, order, bond, debenture or other paper or document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties.

(b) The Directors may consult with legal counsel, accountants, appraisers, management consultants, investment bankers and other consultants and advisers selected by the Directors, and any act taken or omitted to be taken in reliance upon the advice or opinion (including an Opinion of Counsel) of such Persons as to matters that the Directors reasonably believe to be within such Person's professional or expert competence shall be conclusively presumed to have been done or omitted in good faith and in accordance with such advice or opinion.

#### Section 13.04 *Corporate Opportunities*.

- (a) Except as otherwise provided in the Omnibus Agreement or any other agreement or contract to which the Company or any Group Member is a party, (i) each Member, Director and officer of the Company and their respective Affiliates shall have the right to engage in businesses of every type and description and other activities for profit and to engage in and possess an interest in other business ventures of any and every type or description, whether in businesses engaged in or anticipated to be engaged in by the Company or any Group Member, independently or with others, including business interests and activities in direct competition with the business and activities of the Company or any Group Member, and none of the same shall constitute a breach of this Agreement or any duty otherwise existing at law, in equity or otherwise, to the Company or any Group Member or any Member, and (ii) neither of the Company, any Member or any other Person shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, or the business relationship established hereby in any business ventures of any Member, Director or officer of the Company and their respective Affiliates.
- (b) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Members hereby agree that the doctrine of corporate opportunity shall not apply to Directors and officers of the Company.

#### Section 13.05 Duties.

- (a) Whenever a Member makes a determination or takes or declines to take any other action, or any of its Affiliates causes it to do so, in its capacity as a Member, whether under this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement or any other agreement contemplated hereby or otherwise, then such Member or its Affiliates causing it to do so shall be entitled, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to make such determination or to take or decline to take such other action free of any duty (including any fiduciary duty) or obligation whatsoever to the Company, any Member or Director, and the Member, or such Affiliates causing it to do so, shall not, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be required to act pursuant to any other standard imposed by this Agreement, any Group Member Agreement, any other agreement contemplated hereby or under the Delaware Act or any other law, rule or regulation or at equity, it being the intent of all Members that such Member or any such Affiliate, in its capacity as a Member, shall have the right to make such determination solely on the basis of its own interests.
- (b) Subject to, and as limited by the provisions of this Agreement, the officers of the Company, the Members and the Directors, in the performance of their duties as such, shall not, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware Act and other applicable law, owe any duties (including fiduciary duties) as an officer, Member or Director of the Company, notwithstanding

anything to the contrary existing at law, in equity or otherwise; *provided, however*, that each officer of the Company, Member and Director shall act in accordance with the implied contractual covenant of good faith and fair dealing. In furtherance of the foregoing to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware Act, a Representative, in performing his duties and obligations as a Director under this Agreement, shall (i) owe no fiduciary or similar duty or obligation whatsoever to the Company, any Member (other than the Management Member designating such Representative) or the other Directors, and (ii) be entitled to act or omit to act at the direction of the Management Member that designated such Representative, considering only such factors, including the separate interests of the Management Member, as such Representative or Member chooses to consider, and any action of a Representative or failure to act, taken or omitted in good faith reliance on the foregoing provisions shall not, as between the Company and the other Members, on the one hand, and the Representative or Management Member designating such Representative, on the other hand, constitute a breach of any duty (including any fiduciary or other similar duty, to the extent such exists under the Delaware Act or any other applicable law) on the part of such Representative or Member to the Company or any other Representative or Member of the Company. Notwithstanding any duty otherwise existing at law or in equity, any matter approved by the Board in accordance with the provisions, and subject to the limitations, of the Partnership Agreement, shall not be deemed to be a breach of any duties owed by the Board or any Director to the Company or the Members.

- (c) The provisions of this Agreement, to the extent that they restrict, eliminate or otherwise modify the duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities of an officer of the Company or a Member or Director otherwise existing at law, in equity or by operation of the preceding sentences, are agreed by the Company and the Members to replace such duties and liabilities of such officer, Member or Director. The Members (in their own names and in the name and on behalf of the Company), acknowledge, affirm and agree that (i) none of the Members would be willing to make an investment in the Company or enter into this Agreement, and no Representative would be willing to so serve on the Board, in the absence of this Section 13.05, and (ii) they have reviewed and understand the provisions of Section 18-1101(b) and (c) of the Delaware Act.
- (d) Nothing in this Agreement is intended to or shall eliminate any implied contractual covenant of good faith and fair dealing, the requirement not to waste Company assets or otherwise relieve or discharge any Representative or Member from liability to the Company or the Members on account of any fraudulent or intentional misconduct of such Representative or Member.

## ARTICLE XIV. TAXES

Section 14.01 Tax Returns.

The Board shall prepare and timely file or cause to be prepared and filed (on behalf of the Company) all federal, state, local and foreign tax returns required to be filed by the Company. Each Member shall furnish to the Company all pertinent information in its possession relating to the Company's operations that is necessary to enable the Company's tax returns to be timely prepared and filed. The Company shall bear the costs of the preparation and filing of its returns.

#### Section 14.02 Tax Elections.

- (a) The Company shall make the following elections on the appropriate tax returns:
  - (i) to adopt as the Company's taxable year the calendar year;
  - (ii) to adopt the accrual method of accounting;
- (iii) if a distribution of the Company's property as described in Section 734 of the Code occurs or upon a transfer of an Economic Unit as described in Section 743 of the Code occurs, on request by notice from any Member, to elect, pursuant to Section 754 of the Code, to adjust the basis of the Company's properties; and
  - (iv) any other election the Board may deem appropriate.
- (b) Neither the Company nor any Member shall make an election for the Company to be excluded from the application of the provisions of subchapter K of chapter 1 of subtitle A of the Code or any similar provisions of applicable state law and no provision of this Agreement shall be construed to sanction or approve such an election.

Section 14.03 Tax Matters Member.

- (a) OGEH shall act as the "tax matters partner" of the Company pursuant to Section 6231(a)(7) of the Code (the "<u>Tax Matters Member</u>"). The Tax Matters Member shall take such action as may be necessary to cause to the extent possible each Member to become a "notice partner" within the meaning of Section 6223 of the Code. The Tax Matters Member shall inform each Member of all significant matters that may come to its attention in its capacity as Tax Matters Member by giving notice thereof on or before the 15th Business Day after becoming aware thereof and, within that time, shall forward to each Member copies of all significant written communications it may receive in that capacity.
- (b) Any reasonable cost or expense incurred by the Tax Matters Member in connection with its duties, including the preparation for or pursuance of administrative or judicial proceedings, shall be paid by the Company.
- (c) The Tax Matters Member shall not enter into any extension of the period of limitations for making assessments on behalf of any Member without first obtaining the consent of such Member. The Tax Matters Member shall not bind any Member to a settlement agreement without obtaining the consent of such Member. Any Member that enters into a settlement agreement with respect to any Company item (as described in Section 6231(a)(3) of the Code in respect of the term "partnership item") shall notify the other Members of such settlement agreement and its terms within ninety (90) days from the date of the settlement.
- (d) No Member shall file a request pursuant to Section 6227 of the Code for an administrative adjustment of Company items for any taxable year without first notifying the other Members. If the Board consents to the requested adjustment, the Tax Matters Member shall file the request for the administrative adjustment on behalf of the Members. If such consent is not obtained within thirty (30) days from such notice, or within the period required to timely

file the request for administrative adjustment, if shorter, any Member may file a request for administrative adjustment on its own behalf. Any Member intending to file a petition under Sections 6226, 6228 or other Section of the Code with respect to any item involving the Company shall notify the other Members of such intention and the nature of the contemplated proceeding. In the case where the Tax Matters Member is intending to file such petition on behalf of the Company, such notice shall be given to each other Member ninety (90) days prior to filing and the Tax Matters Member shall obtain the consent of the other Members to the forum in which such petition will be filed prior to filing, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

(e) If any Member intends to file a notice of inconsistent treatment under Section 6222(b) of the Code, such Member shall give reasonable notice under the circumstances to the other Members of such intent and the manner in which the Member's intended treatment of an item is (or may be) inconsistent with the treatment of that item by the other Members.

# ARTICLE XV. BOOKS, RECORDS, REPORTS, BANK ACCOUNTS, AND BUDGETS

Section 15.01 Maintenance of Books.

- (a) The Board shall cause to be kept a record containing the minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Board and of the Management Members, appropriate registers and such books of records and accounts as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the business of the Company.
- (b) The books of account of the Company shall be (i) maintained on the basis of a fiscal year that is the calendar year, (ii) maintained on an accrual basis in accordance with GAAP, consistently applied and (iii) audited by the Certified Public Accountants at the end of each calendar year.

Section 15.02 Reports.

- (a) As soon as practicable, but in no event later than ninety (90) days after the close of each fiscal year of the Company, the Board shall cause to be mailed or made available, by any reasonable means, to each holder of record of a Unit as of a date selected by the Board, an annual report containing financial statements of the Company for such fiscal year of the Company, presented in accordance with GAAP, including a balance sheet and statements of operations, company equity and cash flows, such statements to be audited by a firm of independent public accountants selected by the Board.
- (b) As soon as practicable, but in no event later than forty-five (45) days after the close of each Quarter except the last Quarter of each fiscal year, the Board shall cause to be mailed or made available, by any reasonable means to each holder of record of a Unit, as of a date selected by the Board, a report containing unaudited financial statements of the Company and such other information as may be required by applicable law or as the Board determines to be necessary or appropriate.

(c) With respect to each calendar year, the Board shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, and deliver, or cause to be delivered, to each Member such federal, state and local income tax returns and such other accounting, tax information and schedules (including any information necessary for unrelated business taxable income calculations by any Member) as shall be necessary for the preparation by each Member on or before July 15 following the end of each calendar year of its income tax return with respect to such year, *provided*, *however*, that the Board shall also cause the Company to prepare and deliver, or cause to be prepared and delivered, at any time, such other information with respect to Taxes as is reasonably requested by a Member at the cost of such Member.

Section 15.03 Bank Accounts.

Funds of the Company shall be deposited in such banks or other depositories as shall be designated from time to time by the Board. All withdrawals from any such depository shall be made only as authorized by the Board and shall be made only by check, wire transfer, debit memorandum or other written instruction.

# ARTICLE XVI. DISSOLUTION, WINDING-UP, TERMINATION AND CONVERSION

Section 16.01 Dissolution.

The Company shall dissolve, and its affairs shall be wound up, upon:

- (a) an election to dissolve the Company by (i) the unanimous consent of the Board, if on or before the IPO Date, or (ii) the affirmative vote of a Majority Interest, if after the IPO Date;
  - (b) the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of the Company pursuant to the provisions of the Delaware Act; or
  - (c) at any time there are no Members, unless the Company is continued without dissolution in accordance with the Delaware Act.

Section 16.02 Liquidator.

Upon dissolution of the Company, the Board shall select one or more Persons to act as liquidator of the Company (the "<u>Liquidator</u>"). The Liquidator (if other than the Board) shall be entitled to receive such compensation for its services as may be approved by the Board. Except as expressly provided in this Article XVI, the Liquidator selected in the manner provided herein shall have and may exercise, without further authorization or consent of any of the Members, all of the powers conferred upon the Board under the terms of this Agreement (but subject to all of the applicable limitations, contractual and otherwise, upon the exercise of such powers, other than the limitation on transferring assets set forth in Section 9.04(c)) necessary or appropriate to carry out the duties and functions of the Liquidator hereunder for and during the period of time required to complete the winding up and liquidation of the Company as provided for herein.

Section 16.03 Liquidation.

The Liquidator shall proceed to dispose of the assets of the Company, discharge its liabilities, and otherwise wind up its affairs in such manner and over such period as determined by the Liquidator, subject to Section 18-804 of the Delaware Act and the following:

- (a) The assets may be disposed of by public or private sale or by distribution in kind to one or more Economic Members on such terms as the Liquidator and such Economic Member or Economic Members may agree; *provided*, *however*, that any General Partner Interest (as defined in the Partnership Agreement) and any Management Units (as defined in the Limited Liability Company Agreement of Enogex Holdings II LLC) shall be distributed pro rata to the Management Members based on their Ownership Percentages. If any other property is distributed in kind, the Member receiving the property shall be deemed for purposes of Section 16.03(c) to have received cash equal to its fair market value; and contemporaneously therewith, appropriate cash distributions must be made to the other Members. The Liquidator may defer liquidation or distribution of the Company's assets for a reasonable time if it determines that an immediate sale or distribution of all or some of the Company's assets would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Members. The Liquidator may distribute the Company's assets, in whole or in part, in kind if it determines that a sale would be impractical or would cause undue loss to the Members.
- (b) Liabilities of the Company include amounts owed to the Liquidator as compensation for serving in such capacity and amounts to Economic Members otherwise than in respect of their distribution rights under Article VIII. With respect to any liability that is contingent, conditional or unmatured or is otherwise not yet due and payable, the Liquidator shall either settle such claim for such amount as it thinks appropriate or establish a reserve of cash or other assets to provide for its payment. When paid, any unused portion of the reserve shall be distributed as additional liquidation proceeds.
- (c) Except as otherwise provided in Section 16.03(a), all property and all cash in excess of that required to discharge liabilities as provided in Section 16.03(b) shall be distributed to the Economic Members in accordance with the Economic Member's positive Capital Account balances.

Section 16.04 Certificate of Cancellation of Formation.

Upon the completion of the distribution of Company cash and property as provided in Section 16.03 in connection with the liquidation of the Company, the Company shall be terminated and the Certificate of Formation and all qualifications of the Company as a foreign limited liability company in jurisdictions other than the State of Delaware shall be canceled and such other actions as may be necessary to terminate the Company shall be taken.

Section 16.05 Return of Contributions.

It is expressly understood that the return of any Capital Contributions of the Economic Members shall be made solely from Company assets.

Section 16.06 Waiver of Partition.

To the maximum extent permitted by law, each Economic Member hereby waives any right to partition of the Company property.

Section 16.07 Capital Account Restoration.

No Member shall have any obligation to restore any negative balance in its Capital Account upon liquidation of the Company.

## ARTICLE XVII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 17.01 Offset.

Whenever the Company is to pay any sum to any Economic Member, including distributions pursuant to Article VIII, any amounts that Economic Member owes the Company, as determined by the Board, may be deducted from that sum before payment.

Section 17.02 Amendment.

- (a) Except as provided in Section 17.02(b), this Agreement shall not be altered modified or changed except by an amendment approved by each Management Member.
- (b) The Board may make any amendment to this Agreement and <u>Exhibit A</u> as necessary to reflect any issuance of additional Membership Interests or other Equity Interests, as provided in Section 3.01 or any redemption or purchase of Membership Interests or other Equity Interests.

Section 17.03 Addresses and Notices; Written Communications.

- (a) Any notice, demand, request, report or other materials required or permitted to be given or made to a Member under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given or made when delivered in person or when sent by first class United States mail or by other means of written communication to such Member at the address set forth on Exhibit A.
- (b) If a Member shall consent to receiving notices, demands, requests, reports or other materials via electronic mail, any such notice, demand, request, report or other materials shall be deemed given or made when delivered or made available via such mode of delivery. An affidavit or certificate of making of any notice, payment or report in accordance with the provisions of this Section 17.03 executed by the Company or the mailing organization shall be prima facie evidence of the giving or making of such notice, payment or report.
- (c) Any notice to the Company shall be deemed given if received by the Company at the principal office of the Company designated pursuant to Section 2.03. The Company may rely and shall be protected in relying on any notice or other document from a Member or other Person if believed by it to be genuine.

(d) The terms "in writing", "written communications," "written notice" and words of similar import shall be deemed satisfied under this Agreement by use of e-mail and other forms of electronic communication.

Section 17.04 Further Action.

The Parties shall execute and deliver all documents, provide all information and take or refrain from taking action as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Agreement.

Section 17.05 Binding Effect.

This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives and permitted assigns.

Section 17.06 Integration.

Except for agreements with Affiliates of the Company, this Agreement constitutes the entire agreement among the Parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings pertaining thereto.

Section 17.07 Creditors.

None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be for the benefit of, or shall be enforceable by, any creditor of the Company.

Section 17.08 Waivers.

No failure by any Party to insist upon the strict performance of any covenant, duty, agreement or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof shall constitute waiver of any such breach of any other covenant, duty, agreement or condition.

Section 17.09 Third-Party Beneficiaries.

Each Member agrees that any Indemnitee shall be entitled to assert rights and remedies hereunder as a third-party beneficiary hereto with respect to those provisions of this Agreement affording a right, benefit or privilege to such Indemnitee.

Section 17.10 Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (including by facsimile or other electronic transmission), all of which together shall constitute an agreement binding on all the Parties, notwithstanding that all such Parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart. Each Party shall become bound by this Agreement immediately upon affixing its signature hereto.

Section 17.11 Applicable Law, Forum, Venue, and Jurisdiction.

(a) This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to the principles of conflicts of law.

#### (b) Each of the Parties:

- (i) irrevocably agrees that any claims, suits, actions or proceedings (A) arising out of or relating in any way to this Agreement (including any claims, suits or actions to interpret, apply or enforce the provisions of this Agreement or the duties, obligations or liabilities among the Parties, or the rights or powers of, or restrictions on, the Parties or the Company), (B) asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer, or other employee of the Company, or owed by the Company, to the Parties, (C) asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware Act or (D) asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine shall be exclusively brought in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, in each case regardless of whether such claims, suits, actions or proceedings sound in contract, tort, fraud or otherwise, are based on common law, statutory, equitable, legal or other grounds, or are derivative or direct claims;
- (ii) irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware in connection with any such claim, suit, action or proceeding;
- (iii) agrees not to, and waives any right to, assert in any such claim, suit, action or proceeding that (A) it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or of any other court to which proceedings in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware may be appealed, (B) such claim, suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum, or (C) the venue of such claim, suit, action or proceeding is improper;
  - (iv) expressly waives any requirement for the posting of a bond by a party bringing such claim, suit, action or proceeding; and
- (v) consents to process being served in any such claim, suit, action or proceeding by mailing, certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy thereof to such party at the address in effect for notices hereunder, and agrees that such services shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof; *provided*, nothing in clause (v) hereof shall affect or limit any right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.

#### Section 17.12 Invalidity of Provisions.

If any provision or part of a provision of this Agreement is or becomes for any reason, invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions and part thereof contained herein shall not be affected thereby and this Agreement shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be reformed and construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision, or part of a provision, had never been contained herein, and such provision or part reformed so that it would be valid, legal and enforceable to the maximum extent possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Members have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

#### MEMBERS:

## CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP.

By: /s/ Gary L. Whitlock

Name: Gary L. Whitlock

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

# OGE ENOGEX HOLDINGS LLC

By: OGE Energy Corp., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Sean Trauschke

Name: Sean Trauschke

Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

[Signature Page to Amended and Restated CNP OGE GP LLC Agreement]

### **EXHIBIT A**

## **Economic Units**

		Capital		
	Capital	Account	Economic	Ownership
Member	Contribution	Balance	Units	Percentage
CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	400	40%
OGE Enogex Holdings LLC	600.00	600.00	600	60%
Total:	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	1,000	100.00%

### **Members' Address for Notice:**

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.:

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.

1111 Louisiana Street Houston, TX 77002

Attention: Chief Executive Officer

Fax: 713.207.9680

with a copy, which shall not constitute notice, to:

Baker Botts L.L.P. 910 Louisiana Street Houston, Texas 77002

Attention:

J. David Kirkland

Gerald M. Spedale

Fax: 713.229.1522

# OGE Enogex Holdings LLC:

OGE Enogex Holdings LLC

321 North Harvey

P.O. Box 321

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-0321

Attention: Sean Trauschke

Fax: 405.553.3760

with a copy, which shall not constitute notice, to:

Jones Day

717 Texas Avenue, Suite 3300

Houston, Texas 77002 Attention: James E. Vallee Fax: (832) 239-3600

Exhibit A

### **EXHIBIT B**

## **Management Units**

Management Member	Management Units	Ownership Percentage
CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.	500	50%
OGE Enogex Holdings LLC	500	50%
Total:	1,000	100.00%

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Exhibit B

# **EXHIBIT C**

# Representatives

# **CERC:**

David McClanahan Gary Whitlock

# OGEH:

Pete Delaney Sean Trauschke

### REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

This REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of May 1, 2013, by and among CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "<u>Partnership</u>"), CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., a Delaware corporation ("<u>CERC</u>"), OGE Enogex Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>OGEH</u>"), and Enogex Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>Bronco</u>"). CERC, OGEH and Bronco are referred to collectively herein as the "Initial Holders." The Partnership and the Initial Holders are referred to collectively herein as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, the Initial Holders have acquired, and may (together with their respective Affiliates) acquire in the future, certain Registrable Securities; and

WHEREAS, as an inducement to the willingness of the Initial Holders to hold certain Registrable Securities, the Parties desire to provide certain registration rights to the Initial Holders with respect to any Registrable Securities held by them or their Affiliates upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

#### 1. Definitions.

- (a) As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set forth in this Section 1:
- "Adverse Disclosure" means public disclosure of material non-public information relating to a significant transaction, which disclosure (i) would be required to be made in any Registration Statement filed with the Commission by the Partnership so that such Registration Statement would not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; (ii) would not be required to be made at such time but for the filing of such Registration Statement; and (iii) would, in the good faith judgment of the Partnership's Board of Directors, have a material adverse effect upon the Partnership's ability to complete such significant transaction or upon the terms on which such significant transaction could be completed.
  - "Affiliate" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
  - "Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.
  - "Automatic Shelf Registration Statement" means an "automatic shelf registration statement" as defined under Rule 405.
  - "Board of Directors" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
  - "Bronco" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

- "Business Day" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
- "CERC" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.
- "CERC Contribution Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
- "CNP" means CenterPoint Energy, Inc., a Texas corporation.
- "CNP Services Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
- "CNP Transitional Seconding Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
- "Commission" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- "Common Units" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
- "Conflicts Committee" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
- "<u>Delaying Event</u>" means a significant negative development in the capital markets conditions that causes the Board of Directors, in good faith, to conclude that the consummation of an Initial Public Offering would have a material adverse effect on the Partnership.
  - "Demand Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(b)(ii).
  - "Demand Registration" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(b)(ii).
  - "Effective Date" means the time and date that a Registration Statement is first declared effective by the Commission or otherwise becomes effective.
  - "Effectiveness Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(b)(iii).
  - "EH II LLC Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "EH Contribution Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "Employee Transition Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- "Filing Date" means the date that an IPO Registration Statement is filed with the Commission (or, if applicable, submitted to the Commission confidentially).
  - "General Partner" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.

- "General Partner Interest" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
- "GP LLC Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
- "Group Member" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
- "<u>Holder</u>" means (i) any Initial Holder who holds Registrable Securities; or (ii) any holder of Registrable Securities to whom the registration rights conferred by this Agreement have been transferred in compliance with Section 9(g) hereof.
  - "Incentive Distribution Right" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
  - "Indemnified Persons" has the meaning set forth in Section 6(a).
  - "Initial Bronco Amount" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
  - "Initial Holders" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.
- "<u>Initial Public Offering</u>" means the registration by the Partnership of any Partnership Interests, including Common Units, pursuant to a Registration Statement that is filed and declared effective under the Securities Act.
  - "Initiating Holder" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(b)(ii).
  - "IPO Date" means the pricing of the first sale of Common Units in the Initial Public Offering.
  - "IPO Filing Deadline" means the first anniversary of the date of this Agreement.
  - "IPO Registration" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(a)(i).
  - "IPO Registration Statement" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(a)(i).
  - "Lock-Up Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 3(o).
  - "Losses" has the meaning set forth in Section 6(a).
- "Master Formation Agreement" means that certain Master Formation Agreement dated as of March 14, 2013 among CNP, OGE, Bronco Midstream Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Bronco Midstream Holdings II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and to which the General Partner, the Partnership and Bronco are bound, as it may be further amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.
  - "OGE" means OGE Energy Corp., an Oklahoma corporation.
  - "OGE Services Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.

- "OGE Transitional Seconding Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
- "OGEH" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.
- "Omnibus Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
- "Parties" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.
- "Partnership" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.
- "Partnership Agreement" means the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Partnership, dated as of the date hereof, as it may be further amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.
  - "Partnership Group" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
  - "Partnership Interest" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
  - "Person" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
  - "Piggyback Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(c)(i).
  - "Piggyback Registration" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(c)(i).
  - "Piggyback Request" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(c)(i).
- "Proceeding" means any action, claim, suit, proceeding or investigation (including a preliminary investigation or partial proceeding, such as a deposition) pending or known to the Partnership to be threatened.
- "Prospectus" means the prospectus included in a Registration Statement (including a prospectus that includes any information previously omitted from a prospectus filed as part of an effective Registration Statement in reliance upon Rule 430A, Rule 430B or Rule 430C promulgated under the Securities Act), as amended or supplemented by any prospectus supplement, with respect to the terms of the offering of any portion of the Registrable Securities covered by a Registration Statement, and all other amendments and supplements to the Prospectus, including post-effective amendments, and all information incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such Prospectus.

"Registrable Securities" means any Partnership Interest other than the General Partner Interest and the Incentive Distribution Rights; *provided*, *however*, that "Registrable Securities" shall not include any such securities (i) that have been sold or disposed of in accordance with an effective Registration Statement covering such Registrable Securities; (ii) are held by any Group Member; (iii) that have been sold or disposed of in accordance with Rule 144; or (iv) that have been sold or disposed of in a private transaction in which the registration rights conferred by this Agreement have not been transferred in compliance with Section 9(g) hereof.

- "Registration Expenses" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.
- "Registration Statement" means a registration statement in the form required to register the sale or resale of the Registrable Securities under the Securities Act, and including any Prospectus, amendments and supplements to each such registration statement or Prospectus, including pre- and post-effective amendments, all exhibits thereto, and all information incorporated by reference or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such registration statement (other than a registration statement relating solely to an employee benefit plan, an offering relating to a transaction on Form S-4 or an offering on any registration statement form that does not permit secondary sales).
- "Rule 144", "Rule 158", "Rule 405", "Rule 415", "Rule 424", "Rule 430A", "Rule 430B" and "Rule 430C" mean, in each case, such rule promulgated by the Commission pursuant to the Securities Act, as such rule may be amended from time to time, or any similar rule or regulation hereafter adopted by the Commission having substantially the same effect as such rule.
  - "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- "Selling Expenses" means all underwriting discounts, selling commissions and stock transfer taxes applicable to the sale of Registrable Securities and, except as provided herein, fees and disbursements of counsel or any other advisor for any Holder.
  - "Selling Holder" means a Holder who is selling Registrable Securities pursuant to the procedures set forth herein.
- "Shelf Registration Statement" means a "shelf" Registration Statement providing for the registration of, and the sale on a continuous or delayed basis by the Holders, of the Registrable Securities pursuant to Rule 415.
  - "Sponsor Party" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
  - "Sponsor Party Demand Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(b)(i).
  - "Sponsor Party Demand Registration" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(b)(i).
- "Sponsor Party Holder" means each of CERC and OGEH and any holder of Registrable Securities to whom the registration rights conferred by this Agreement have been transferred by CERC or OGEH in compliance with Section 9(g) hereof.
  - "Sponsor Party Initiating Holder" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(b)(i).
  - "Suspension" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(d)(iv).
- "<u>Trading Market</u>" means the principal national securities exchange on which the Common Units are or will be listed or admitted to trading, as determined by the Board of Directors.

"<u>Transaction Documents</u>" means, collectively, the Master Formation Agreement, the CERC Contribution Agreement, the CNP Services Agreement, the CNP Transitional Seconding Agreement, the Employee Transition Agreement, the EH II LLC Agreement, the GP LLC Agreement, the OGE Services Agreement, the OGE Transitional Seconding Agreement, the Omnibus Agreement, the Partnership Agreement, the Letter Agreement re: Initial Budget and the EH Contribution Agreement.

"WKSI" means a "well known seasoned issuer" as defined under Rule 405.

- (b) The following rules of construction will govern the interpretation of this Agreement: (i) "days," "months," and "years" will mean calendar days, months and years unless otherwise indicated; (ii) "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation"; (iii) article and section titles do not affect interpretation; (iv) "hereof," "herein," and "hereunder" and words of similar meaning refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement; (v) "\$" means United States dollars; and (vi) the schedules and annexes attached to this Agreement are hereby incorporated by reference into this Agreement and form part hereof.
- (c) The Parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. No provision of this Agreement will be interpreted in favor of, or against, any of the Parties by reason of the extent to which any such Party or its counsel participated in the drafting thereof or by reason of the extent to which any such provision is inconsistent with any prior draft of this Agreement, and no rule of strict construction will be applied against any Party. This Agreement will not be interpreted or construed to require any Person to take any action, or fail to take any action, if to do so would violate any applicable law.

### 2. Registration.

- (a) Registration.
- (i) As soon as practicable following the date of this Agreement, but in any event prior to the IPO Filing Deadline, the Partnership shall prepare and file with the Commission a Registration Statement (an "IPO Registration Statement") on Form S-1 (or any appropriate registration form under the Securities Act selected by the Partnership) for an Initial Public Offering ("IPO Registration").
- (ii) Subject to Section 2(c)(ii), (A) the Holders shall be permitted to include for registration in the IPO Registration Statement, on the same terms and conditions as the primary Common Units proposed to be offered and sold for the account of the Partnership, the number of Registrable Securities as they may request and (B) if the Initial Public Offering contemplates an "over-allotment option," Bronco shall be permitted to include in such over-allotment option a number of Registrable Securities held by Bronco up to 100% of the securities subject to such over-allotment option. Bronco's rights for inclusions of its Registrable Securities in the Initial Public Offering shall have priority over the inclusion of securities of any Sponsor Party.

- (iii) The Partnership shall use reasonable best efforts to cause the IPO Registration Statement to become effective under the Securities Act and to consummate the Initial Public Offering (including registering the Common Units under the Exchange Act and causing the Common Units to be listed on the Trading Market) as promptly as reasonably practicable, but (except in the case of a Delaying Event as set forth in Section 2(a)(iv)) not later than 180 days following the Filing Date.
- (iv) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 2(a), the Partnership shall not be required to consummate an Initial Public Offering pursuant to this Section 2(a) for so long as a Delaying Event has occurred and is determined to be continuing, provided that the Delaying Event shall not delay the consummation of the Initial Public Offering for more than 90 days past the IPO Filing Deadline, without the prior written consent of Bronco (which shall not be unreasonably withheld). To exercise an extension due to a Delaying Event, the General Partner shall provide to Bronco a certificate executed by a senior executive officer of the General Partner stating that the Board of Directors has determined in good faith that a Delaying Event has occurred. Once the Delaying Event no longer exists, the Partnership shall use reasonable best efforts to promptly cause the IPO Registration Statement to become effective. During the extended period caused by the Delaying Event, the Partnership shall use reasonable best efforts to continue to update the IPO Registration Statement and work with the Commission so that the IPO Registration Statement can be declared effective promptly upon the expiration of the extended period.

### (b) Demand Registration Rights.

- (i) *Demand Registrations of Sponsor Party Holders*. At any time following the date that is 180 days after the IPO Date, any Sponsor Party Holder that holds Registrable Securities (the "Sponsor Party Initiating Holder") shall have the option and right, exercisable by delivering a written notice to the Partnership (a "Sponsor Party Demand Notice"), to require the Partnership to, pursuant to the terms of and subject to the limitations contained in this Agreement, prepare and file with the Commission a Registration Statement registering the offering and sale of all or any portion of such Sponsor Party Holder's Registrable Securities, which may, at the option of the Initiating Holder, be a Shelf Registration Statement (the "Sponsor Party Demand Registration").
- (ii) *Demand Registrations of Bronco*. At any time following the date that the Partnership is first eligible to file a registration statement under Form S-3 (or any equivalent or successor form under the Securities Act), Bronco, for as long as it holds Registrable Securities (together with any Sponsor Party Initiating Holder, an "<u>Initiating Holder</u>"), shall have the option and right, exercisable by delivering a written notice to the Partnership (together with a Sponsor Party Demand Notice, a "<u>Demand Notice</u>"), to require the Partnership to, pursuant to the terms of and subject to the limitations contained in this Agreement, prepare and file with the Commission a Registration Statement registering the offering and sale of all or any portion of Bronco's Registrable Securities, which may, at the option of Bronco, be a Shelf Registration Statement (an "<u>Bronco Demand Registration</u>" and, together with a Sponsor Party Demand Registration, a "<u>Demand Registration</u>").
- (iii) Within ten Business Days of the receipt of the Demand Notice, the Partnership shall give written notice of such Demand Notice to all other Holders that hold the same class of securities as the Registrable Securities and shall, subject to the limitations of this

Section 2(b), use reasonable best efforts to file a Registration Statement covering all of the Registrable Securities that such Holders shall in writing request (such request to be given to the Partnership within ten Business Days of written receipt of such notice of the Demand Notice given by the Partnership pursuant to this Section 2(b)(iii)) to be included in such Demand Registration as promptly as reasonably practicable as directed by the Initiating Holder in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Demand Notice and use reasonable best efforts to cause such Registration Statement to become effective under the Securities Act and remain effective under the Securities Act for not less than six months following the Effective Date or such longer period ending when all Registrable Securities covered by such Registration Statement have been sold (the "Effectiveness Period").

- (iv) Subject to the other limitations contained in this Agreement, the Partnership shall not be obligated hereunder to effect more than (A) one Demand Registration pursuant to Section 2(b)(ii) in any 12-month period, (B) three Demand Registrations on Form S-3 (or any equivalent or successor form under the Securities Act) pursuant to Section 2(b)(i) or (C) two Demand Registrations on Form S-3 (or any equivalent or successor form under the Securities Act) pursuant to Section 2(b)(ii).
- (v) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 2(b), the Partnership shall not be required to effect a registration or file a Registration Statement pursuant to this Section 2(b): (A) during the period starting with notice to the Holder of the intent to file a Registration Statement under Sections 2(b) (iii) or 2(c)(i) (which shall occur no earlier than 60 days prior to a good faith estimate, with the approval of the Board of Directors, of the date of filing of such Registration Statement) and ending on a date 90 days after the effective date of, a Partnership-initiated registration; *provided* that the Partnership uses reasonable best efforts to cause such registration statement to become effective; (B) for a period of up to 90 days after the date of a Demand Notice for registration pursuant to this Section 2(b) if at the time of such request the Partnership is currently engaged in a self-tender or exchange offer and the filing of a Registration Statement would cause a violation of the Exchange Act; or (C) for a period of up to 90 days, if the Conflicts Committee, proceeding in good faith, determines that the filing of a Registration Statement would require an Adverse Disclosure; provided, that, in such event, the Holders requesting such Demand Registration may withdraw such request and, if withdrawn, such request will not count as one of the permitted Demand Registrations hereunder and the Partnership will pay all expenses (including reasonable attorneys fees) in connection with such registrations; provided, further, that the Partnership may delay a Demand Registration hereunder only once in any 12 month period.
- (vi) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section 2(b), if (A) the Holders intend to distribute the Registrable Securities covered by a Demand Registration by means of an underwritten public offering and (B) the managing underwriter or managing underwriters of such offering advise the Partnership in writing that, in their opinion, the inclusion of all of such Holders' Registrable Securities in the subject Registration Statement would have a material adverse effect on the marketability of the offering, then the Partnership shall so advise all Holders of such Registrable Securities that would otherwise be underwritten pursuant hereto, and the number of Registrable Securities that may be included in the underwriting shall be reduced to equal the number of Registrable Securities that such managing underwriter or managing underwriters advise the Partnership can be sold without having such material adverse

effect. The aggregate number of Registrable Securities to be included in such Demand Registration as a result of the reduction described in the immediately preceding sentence shall be (A) in the case of a Sponsor Party Demand Registration, reduced pro rata among the Holders seeking to include their Registrable Securities in the underwriting, based, for each such Holder, on the percentage derived by dividing (x) the number of Registrable Securities owned by such Holder by (y) the total number of Registrable Securities owned by all the Holders seeking to include their Registrable Securities in the underwriting, or (B) in the case of a Bronco Demand Registration, allocated first to Bronco based on the number of Registrable Securities proposed to be sold by Bronco. If there remains availability for additional Registrable Securities to be included in such Bronco Demand Registration, the aggregate number of Registrable Securities to be included in such Bronco Demand Registration shall be allocated among the Holders other than Bronco seeking to include their Registrable Securities in the underwriting on a pro rata basis based on the percentage derived by dividing (x) the number of Registrable Securities owned by such Holder by (y) the total number of Registrable Securities owned by such other Holders (excluding Bronco) seeking to include their Registrable Securities in the underwriting. Any Registrable Securities excluded or withdrawn from such underwriting shall be withdrawn from the registration.

- (vii) The Partnership may include in any such Demand Registration other Partnership securities for sale for its own account or for other Holders as provided herein; *provided* that if the managing underwriter for the offering determines that the number of securities proposed to be offered in such offering would have a material adverse effect on the marketability of such offering, then the Registrable Securities to be sold by the Holders shall be included in such registration before any Partnership securities proposed to be sold for the account of the Partnership or any other Person.
- (viii) Subject to the limitations contained in this Agreement, the Partnership shall effect any Demand Registration on Form S-3 (except if the Partnership is not then eligible to register for resale the Registrable Securities on Form S-3, in which case such Demand Registration shall be effected on another appropriate form for such purpose pursuant to the Securities Act) and if the Partnership becomes, and is at the time of its receipt of a Demand Notice, a WKSI, the Demand Registration for any offering and selling of Registrable Securities through a firm commitment underwriting shall be effected pursuant to an Automatic Shelf Registration Statement, which shall be on Form S-3 or any equivalent or successor form under the Securities Act (if available to the Partnership).
- (ix) Without limiting Section 3, in connection with any Demand Registration pursuant to and in accordance with this Section 2(b), the Partnership shall (A) promptly prepare and file or cause to be prepared and filed: (1) such additional forms, amendments, supplements, prospectuses, certificates, letters, opinions and other documents, as may be necessary or advisable to register or qualify the securities subject to such Demand Registration, including under the securities laws of such states as the Holders shall reasonably request; *provided*, *however*, that no such qualification shall be required in any jurisdiction where, as a result thereof, the Partnership would become subject to general service of process or to taxation or qualification to do business in such jurisdiction solely as a result of registration and (2) such forms, amendments, supplements, prospectuses, certificates, letters, opinions and other documents as may be necessary to apply for listing or to list the Registrable Securities subject to such Demand

Registration on the Trading Market and (B) do any and all other acts and things that may be necessary or appropriate or reasonably requested by the Holders to enable the Holders to consummate a public sale of such Registrable Securities in accordance with the intended timing and method or methods of distribution thereof.

(x) In the event a Holder transfers Registrable Securities included on a Registration Statement and such Registrable Securities remain Registrable Securities following such transfer, at the request of such Holder, the Partnership shall amend or supplement such Registration Statement or related Prospectus as may be necessary in order to enable such transferee to offer and sell such Registrable Securities pursuant to such Registration Statement.

#### (c) Piggyback Registration.

- (i) If the Partnership shall at any time propose to file a Registration Statement, other than pursuant to a Demand Registration, for an offering of Common Units for cash (whether in connection with a public offering of Common Units by the Partnership, a public offering of Common Units by unitholders, or both, but excluding an offering relating solely to an employee benefit plan, an offering relating to a transaction on Form S-4 or an offering on any registration statement form that does not permit secondary sales), the Partnership shall promptly notify all Holders of such proposal reasonably in advance of (and in any event at least ten Business Days before) the anticipated initial filing date of such Registration Statement (the "Piggyback Notice"). The Piggyback Notice shall offer the Holders the opportunity to include for registration in such Registration Statement the number of Common Units constituting Registrable Securities as they may request (a "Piggyback Registration"). The Partnership shall use reasonable best efforts to include in each such Piggyback Registration such Registrable Securities for which the Partnership has received written requests within five Business Days after mailing of the Piggyback Notice ("Piggyback Request") for inclusion therein. If a Holder decides not to include all of its Common Units constituting Registrable Securities in any Registration Statement thereafter filed by the Partnership, such Holder shall nevertheless continue to have the right to include any Registrable Securities in any subsequent registration statement or registration statements as may be filed by the Partnership with respect to offerings of Common Units, all upon the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- (ii) If the Registration Statement under which the Partnership gives notice under this Section 2(c) is for an underwritten offering, the Partnership shall so advise the Holders of Registrable Securities. In such event, the right of any Holder to be included in a registration pursuant to this Section 2(c) shall be conditioned upon such Holder's participation in such underwriting and the inclusion of such Holder's Registrable Securities in the underwriting to the extent provided herein. If the managing underwriter or managing underwriters of such offering advise the Partnership that, in their opinion, the inclusion of all of such Holders' Registrable Securities in the subject Registration Statement would have a material adverse effect on the marketability of the offering, then the Partnership shall so advise all Holders of Registrable Securities that would otherwise be underwritten pursuant hereto, and the number of Registrable Securities that may be included in the underwriting shall be reduced to equal the number of Registrable Securities that such managing underwriters advise the Partnership can be sold without having such material adverse effect. The aggregate number of Registrable Securities to be included in such underwriting as a result of the reduction described

in the immediately preceding sentence shall be allocated (i) first to Bronco based on the number of Registrable Securities proposed to be sold by Bronco, and, subject to the Partnership's need for capital and without reducing the number of Common Units to be issued by the Partnership in such underwritten offering, Bronco shall have the right to include a number of Registrable Securities equal to 25% of the total number of Common Units proposed to be sold, and (ii) second, among the other Holders seeking to include their Registrable Securities in the underwriting on a pro rata basis based on the percentage derived by dividing (x) the number of Registrable Securities owned by such other Holders (excluding Bronco) seeking to include their Registrable Securities in the underwriting. If any Holder disapproves of the terms of any such underwriting, such Holder may elect to withdraw therefrom by written notice to the Partnership and the managing underwriter(s) delivered on or prior to the time of pricing of such offering. For the avoidance of doubt, the securities to be sold for the account of the Partnership pursuant to this section 2(c) shall be included in such underwriting before any Registrable Securities to be sold by any Holders or any other Person. Any Registrable Securities excluded or withdrawn from such underwriting shall be withdrawn from the registration.

(iii) The Partnership shall have the right to terminate or withdraw any registration initiated by it under this Section 2(c) prior to the Effective Date of such Registration Statement whether or not any Holder has elected to include Registrable Securities in such Registration Statement. The registration expenses of such withdrawn registration (including reasonable attorneys fees of the Holders that elected to include Registrable Securities in such Registration Statement) shall be borne by the Partnership in accordance with Section 5 hereof.

#### (d) General Provisions.

- (i) All registration rights granted under this Section 2 shall continue to be applicable with respect to any Holder for so long as may be required for each such Holder to sell all of the Registrable Securities held by such Holder as provided in this Agreement.
- (ii) Any Demand Notice or Piggyback Request shall (i) specify the Registrable Securities intended to be offered and sold by the Holder making the request, (ii) express such Holder's present intent to offer such Registrable Securities for distribution, (iii) describe the nature or method of the proposed offer and sale of Registrable Securities, and (iv) contain the undertaking of such Holder to provide all such information and materials and take all action as may reasonably be required in order to permit the Partnership to comply with all applicable requirements in connection with the registration of such Registrable Securities.
- (iii) The Partnership has not entered into any agreement which (a) conflicts with the provisions hereof in any material respect or (b) would allow any Holder to include Registrable Securities in any Registration Statement filed by the Partnership on a basis that is superior or more favorable in any material respect to the rights granted to the Holders hereunder.
- (iv) Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, the Partnership may voluntarily suspend the effectiveness of any Shelf Registration Statement or may otherwise require the discontinuance of offers under the Shelf Registration Statement for a period of up to 90 days if the Conflicts Committee, proceeding in good faith, determines the

offering of any Registrable Securities pursuant to such Shelf Registration Statement would require an Adverse Disclosure (a "<u>Suspension</u>"); *provided, however*, that in no event shall the Partnership effect Suspensions under this Section 2(d)(iv) for more than an aggregate of 180 days in any 12-month period. The Partnership shall notify each Holder eligible to sell Registrable Securities under such Shelf Registration Statement promptly of any Suspensions and, upon receipt of such notice, each such Holder shall forthwith discontinue disposition of such Registrable Securities under such Shelf Registration Statement until such Holder's receipt of the copies of the supplemental Prospectus or amended Shelf Registration Statement or until it is advised in writing by the Partnership that the use of the applicable Prospectus may be resumed, and, in either case, has received copies of any additional or supplemental filings that are incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such Shelf Registration Statement. In addition, the Partnership shall promptly notify each Holder of the termination or lifting of any such Suspension.

- 3. <u>Registration Procedures</u>. The procedures to be followed by the Partnership and each Holder electing to sell Registrable Securities included in a Registration Statement pursuant to this Agreement, and the respective rights and obligations of the Partnership and such Holders, with respect to the preparation, filing and effectiveness of such Registration Statement, are as follows:
- (a) The Partnership will, at least five Business Days prior to the anticipated filing of a Registration Statement or any related Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto (other than amendments and supplements filed principally for the purpose of naming Holders and providing information with respect thereto), (i) furnish to such Holders copies of all such documents proposed to be filed and (ii) give good faith consideration to such comments as any Holder reasonably shall propose.
- (b) The Partnership will use reasonable best efforts to (i) prepare and file with the Commission such amendments, including post-effective amendments, and supplements to each Registration Statement and the Prospectus used in connection therewith as may be necessary under applicable law to keep such Registration Statement continuously effective with respect to the disposition of all Registrable Securities covered thereby for its Effectiveness Period and, subject to the limitations contained in this Agreement, prepare and file with the Commission such additional Registration Statements in order to register for resale under the Securities Act all of the Registrable Securities held by the applicable Holders; (ii) cause the related Prospectus to be amended or supplemented by any required prospectus supplement, and as so supplemented or amended to be filed pursuant to Rule 424; and (iii) respond to any comments received from the Commission with respect to each Registration Statement or any amendment thereto and provide such Holders true and complete copies of all correspondence from and to the Commission relating to such Registration Statement that pertains to such Holders as Selling Holders.
- (c) The Partnership will comply in all material respects with the provisions of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act with respect to the Registration Statements and the disposition of all Registrable Securities covered by each Registration Statement.

- (d) The Partnership will use reasonable best efforts to notify such Holders promptly: (i)(A) when the Commission notifies the Partnership whether there will be a "review" of such Registration Statement and whenever the Commission comments in writing on such Registration Statement (in which case the Partnership shall provide true and complete copies thereof and all written responses thereto to each of such Holders and in good faith consider such Holder's comments in the Registration Statement); and (B) with respect to each Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto, when the same has been declared effective; (ii) of any request by the Commission or any other federal or state governmental authority for amendments or supplements to a Registration Statement or Prospectus or for additional information that pertains to such Holders as sellers of Registrable Securities; (iii) of the issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement covering any or all of the Registrable Securities or the initiation of any Proceedings for that purpose; (iv) of the receipt by the Partnership of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification or exemption from qualification of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction, or the initiation or threatening of any Proceeding for such purpose; and (v) of the occurrence of (but not the nature or details concerning) any event or passage of time that makes any statement made in such Registration Statement or Prospectus or any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference untrue in any material respect or that requires any revisions to such Registration Statement, Prospectus or other documents so that, in the case of such Registration Statement or the Prospectus, as the case may be, it will not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading (provided, however, that no notice by the Partnership shall be required pursuant to this clause (y) in the event that the Partnership either promptly files a prospectus supplement to update the Prospectus or a Form 8-K or other appropriate Exchange Act report that is incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement, which in either case, contains the requisite information that results in such Registration Statement no longer containing any untrue statement of material fact or omitting to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading).
- (e) The Partnership will use reasonable best efforts to avoid the issuance of, or, if issued, obtain the withdrawal of (i) any order suspending the effectiveness of a Registration Statement, or (ii) any suspension of the qualification (or exemption from qualification) of any of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction, at the earliest practicable time, or if any such order or suspension is made effective during any Suspension period, at the earliest practicable time after the Suspension period is over.
- (f) During the Effectiveness Period, the Partnership will furnish to each such Holder, without charge, at least one conformed copy of each Registration Statement and each amendment thereto and all exhibits to the extent requested by such Holder (including those incorporated by reference) promptly after the filing of such documents with the Commission; *provided*, that the Partnership will not have any obligation to provide any document pursuant to this clause that is available on the Commission's EDGAR system.

- (g) The Partnership will promptly deliver to each Holder, without charge, as many copies of each Prospectus or Prospectuses (including each form of Prospectus) and each amendment or supplement thereto as such Holder may reasonably request during the Effectiveness Period. The Partnership consents to the use of such Prospectus and each amendment or supplement thereto by each of the Selling Holders in connection with the offering and sale of the Registrable Securities covered by such Prospectus and any amendment or supplement thereto.
- (h) The Partnership will have caused or will cause, as the case may be, all Registrable Securities registered pursuant to this Agreement to be listed on the Trading Market and will have provided or will provide, as the case may be, a transfer agent and registrar for Registrable Securities covered by a Registration Statement not later than the Effective Date of such Registration Statement and for as long as Registrable Securities covered by a Registration Statement remain outstanding.
- (i) The Partnership will cooperate with such Holders to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates representing Registrable Securities to be delivered to a transferee pursuant to a Registration Statement, which certificates shall be free of all restrictive legends indicating that the Registrable Securities are unregistered or unqualified for resale under the Securities Act, Exchange Act or other applicable securities laws, and to enable such Registrable Securities to be in such denominations and registered in such names as any such Holder may request in writing.
- (j) Upon the occurrence of any event contemplated by Section 3(d)(v), as promptly as reasonably possible, the Partnership will prepare a supplement or amendment, including a post-effective amendment, if required by applicable law, to the affected Registration Statement or a supplement to the related Prospectus or any document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference, and file any other required document so that, as thereafter delivered, no Registration Statement nor any Prospectus will contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.
- (k) Such Holders may distribute the Registrable Securities by means of an underwritten offering; provided that (i) such Holders provide written notice to the Partnership of their intention to distribute Registrable Securities by means of an underwritten offering, (ii) the right of any Holder to include such Holder's Registrable Securities in such registration shall be conditioned upon such Holder's participation in such underwriting and the inclusion of such Holder's Registrable Securities in the underwriting to the extent provided herein, (iii) the managing underwriter or managing underwriters thereof shall either be one of the lead underwriters of the Initial Public Offering or otherwise be subject to the approval of the Partnership (which shall not be unreasonably withheld), (iv) each Holder participating in such underwriting agrees to enter into an underwriting agreement in customary form and sell such Holder's Registrable Securities on the basis provided in any reasonable underwriting arrangements approved by the Partnership and (v) each Holder participating in such underwritten offering completes and executes all questionnaires, powers of attorney, indemnities, underwriting agreements and other documents reasonably and customarily required under the terms of such underwriting arrangements, provided, that, no Holder included in any underwritten registration shall be required to make any representations or warranties to the Partnership or the

underwriters (other than representations and warranties regarding such Holder) or to undertake any indemnification obligations to the Partnership or the underwriters except as provided in Section 6. The Partnership hereby agrees with each Holder that, in connection with any underwritten offering in accordance with the terms hereof, it will negotiate in good faith and execute all indemnities, underwriting agreements and other documents reasonably required under the terms of such underwriting arrangements, including using reasonable best efforts to procure customary legal opinions and auditor "comfort" letters.

- (l) In the event such Holders seek to complete an underwritten offering, for a reasonable period prior to the filing of any Registration Statement and throughout the Effectiveness Period, the Partnership will make available upon reasonable notice at the Partnership's principal place of business or such other reasonable place for inspection by the Selling Holder and the managing underwriter or managing underwriters selected in accordance with Section 3(k) such financial and other information and books and records of the Partnership, and cause the officers, employees, counsel and independent certified public accountants of the Partnership to respond to such inquiries, as shall be reasonably necessary (and in the case of counsel, not violate an attorney-client privilege in such counsel's reasonable belief) to conduct a reasonable investigation within the meaning of Section 11 of the Securities Act.
- (m) In connection with any registration of Registrable Securities pursuant to this Agreement, the Partnership will take such reasonable best actions as are necessary or advisable in order to expedite or facilitate the disposition of Registrable Securities by such Holders, including using reasonable best efforts to cause appropriate officers and employees to be available, on a customary basis and upon reasonable notice, to meet with prospective investors in presentations, meetings and road shows.
- (n) The Partnership will have no obligation to include in a Registration Statement or Piggyback Registration Registrable Securities of a Holder who has failed to timely furnish such information requested in writing by the Partnership no less than 10 days prior to the effective date of the Registration Statement, which, in the opinion of counsel to the Partnership, is reasonably required in order for the Registration Statement or related Prospectus to comply with the Securities Act, provided that if the Registration Statement is not yet effective, the Partnership agrees to amend the Registration Statement to include the Registrable Securities of a Holder when such information is provided.
- (o) In connection with any Initial Public Offering of Common Units, each Holder hereby agrees that such Holder shall enter into a standard lock-up agreement covering such Registrable Securities and for a period specified by the managing underwriter or managing underwriters (the "Lock-Up Period"); provided, however, that the Lock-Up Period with respect to Bronco shall not exceed 180 days following the closing date of the offering of Common Units. In addition, if (A) during the last 17 days of the Lock-Up Period, the Partnership issues an earnings release or material news or a material event relating to the Partnership occurs or (B) prior to the expiration of the Lock-Up Period, the Partnership announces that it will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning on the last day of the Lock-Up Period, then the restrictions imposed by this Section 3(o) shall continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the issuance of the earnings release or the announcement of the material news or the occurrence of the material event. Each Holder agrees to execute and deliver such

other agreements as may be reasonably requested by the Partnership or the underwriter which are consistent with the foregoing or which are necessary to give further effect thereto. In addition, if requested by the Partnership or the representative of the underwriters of Common Units, each Holder shall provide, within five Business Days of such request, such information as may be reasonably and customarily required by the Partnership or such representative in connection with the completion of any public offering of the Common Units pursuant to a Registration Statement, unless such Holder reasonably believes that such information constitutes material and non-public information or such Holder is otherwise subject to confidentiality obligations with respect to the requested information. The obligations described in this Section 3(o) shall not apply to a registration relating solely to employee benefit plans on Form S-1 or Form S-8 or similar forms that may be promulgated in the future, or a registration relating solely to a transaction on Form S-4 or similar forms that may be promulgated in the future. The Partnership may impose stop-transfer instructions with respect to the Common Units subject to the foregoing restriction until the end of the Lock-Up Period.

- (p) The Partnership will use its reasonable best efforts to comply with the securities laws of the United States and other applicable jurisdictions and all applicable rules and regulations of the Commission and comparable governmental agencies in other applicable jurisdictions and make generally available to the Holders, in each case as soon as practicable after the Effective Date (it being understood that the Partnership shall have until at least 410 days or, if the fourth quarter following the fiscal quarter that includes the Effective Date is the last fiscal quarter of the Partnership's fiscal year, 455 days after the end of the Partnership's then-current fiscal quarter), an earnings statement of the Partnership (which need not be audited) complying with the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act (including, at the option of the Partnership, Rule 158).
- 4. Bronco IPO Consultation. The Board of Directors will determine all matters related to the Initial Public Offering and the related registration process. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the Sponsor Parties and Bronco each desire for the Initial Public Offering to be implemented upon terms and conditions that are consistent with prevailing market terms for the public offering of equity securities of comparable master limited partnerships at the time such Initial Public Offering is implemented. In furtherance of this desire, the Sponsor Parties, the General Partner and the Partnership agree that such IPO Registration shall be implemented in good faith at such prevailing market terms, including with respect to the applicable distribution coverage ratio, as determined in consultation with the managing underwriter at the time of the Initial Public Offering. For so long as Bronco holds at least the Initial Bronco Amount, Bronco shall be involved in planning and negotiating the terms of the Initial Public Offering or such other registration process, including, without limitation, in determining the percentage of the Partnership to be offered to the public and the valuation metrics associated with the Initial Public Offering or such registration process. To that end, Bronco will be included in any applicable working group list with respect to an Initial Public Offering and will be given notice of, and an opportunity to participate in, all discussions between the Partnership and/or any Sponsor Party or Affiliate of a Sponsor Party and any banker, underwriter or other third party regarding management preparation, pricing and other material matters related to the Initial Public Offering and the related registration process. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the rights provided to Bronco in the two immediately preceding sentences shall not be transferable in connection with any transfer of Registrable Securities by Bronco.

5. Registration Expenses. All Registration Expenses incident to the Parties' performance of or compliance with their respective obligations under this Agreement or otherwise in connection with any IPO Registration, Demand Registration or Piggyback Registration (excluding any Selling Expenses) shall be borne by the Partnership, whether or not any Registrable Securities are sold pursuant to a Registration Statement. "Registration Expenses" shall include, without limitation, (i) all registration and filing fees (including fees and expenses (A) with respect to filings required to be made with the Trading Market, (B) in connection with any filings required to be made with the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. and (C) in compliance with applicable state securities or "Blue Sky" laws), (ii) printing expenses (including expenses of printing certificates for Common Units and of printing prospectuses if the printing of prospectuses is reasonably requested by a Holder included in the Registration Statement), (iii) messenger, telephone and delivery expenses, (iv) fees and expenses of counsel (including local and special), auditors and accountants (including the expenses of any "cold comfort" letters required or incidental to the performance of such obligations) for the Partnership, (v) Securities Act liability insurance, if the Partnership so desires such insurance, (vi) fees and expenses of all other Persons retained by the Partnership in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (vii) the costs and expenses related to investor presentations on any road show undertaken in connection with the marketing of the Common Units, including, expenses associated with any electronic road show, travel and lodging expenses of the officers and employees of the General Partner or any Group Member, (viii) the costs and expenses of qualifying the Common Units for inclusion in the book-entry settlement system of the DTC and (ix) the fees and expenses of the transfer agent and registrar. Except as provided herein, all Selling Expenses shall be borne by the Selling Holders pro rata in proportion to the number of Registrable Securities sold by each Selling Holder or as they may otherwise agree; provided, however, that any and all reasonable fees and expenses of counsel incurred by Bronco in connection with the IPO Registration shall be borne by the Partnership, provided that such reimbursed fees and expenses shall not, in the aggregate, exceed \$250,000 if the IPO Date occurs on or before December 31, 2013, which amount shall increase by \$25,000 per quarter (and partial quarter) after December 31, 2013 until the IPO Date occurs.

### 6. Indemnification.

(a) By the Partnership. If underwriters are engaged in connection with any registration referred to in Section 2, the Partnership shall provide indemnification, representations, covenants, opinions and other assurances to the underwriters in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to such underwriters and the Partnership. In the event of a registration of any Registrable Securities under the Securities Act pursuant to this Agreement, in addition to and not in limitation of the Partnership's obligations under Section 7.7 of the Partnership Agreement, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, the Partnership shall indemnify and hold harmless each Selling Holder, its officers, directors and each Person who controls the Holder (within the meaning of the Securities Act), and any agent thereof (collectively, "Indemnified Persons") from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines,

penalties, interest, settlements or other amounts arising from any and all claims, demands, actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, in which any Indemnified Person may be involved, or is threatened to be involved, as a party or otherwise, under the Securities Act or otherwise (collectively, "Losses"), based upon, arising out of or resulting from any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of any material fact contained in the Registration Statement, preliminary prospectus, final prospectus or issuer free writing prospectus under which any Registrable Securities were registered or sold by such Selling Holder under the Securities Act, or arising out of, based upon or resulting from the omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading; *provided*, *however*, that the Partnership shall not be liable to any Indemnified Person to the extent that any such Loss arises out of, is based upon or results from an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission so made in such Registration Statement, preliminary prospectus, final prospectus or issuer free writing prospectus in reliance upon or in conformity with written information furnished to the Partnership by or on behalf of such Selling Holder specifically for use in the preparation thereof.

(b) By Each Selling Holder. Each Selling Holder agrees, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to severally and not jointly, indemnify and hold harmless the Partnership, the General Partner's officers and its directors and each Person who controls the Partnership (within the meaning of the Securities Act) and any agent thereof to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Partnership to the Selling Holders, but only with respect to information regarding such Selling Holder furnished in writing by or on behalf of such Selling Holder expressly for inclusion in such Registration Statement, preliminary prospectus, final prospectus or free writing prospectus and any indemnification hereunder will be limited to the amount of net proceeds received from the sale of Registrable Securities by such Holder under such Registration Statement.

### 7. Facilitation of Sales Pursuant to Rule 144.

- (a) Upon effectiveness of a Registration Statement with the Commission, the Partnership shall use reasonable best efforts to timely file the reports required to be filed by it under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act (including the reports under Sections 13 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act referred to in subparagraph (c)(1) of Rule 144), and take such further action as any Holder may reasonably request, all to the extent required from time to time to enable the Holders to sell Registrable Securities without registration under the Securities Act within the limitations of the exemption provided by Rule 144.
- (b) The Parties agree that, as of the date of this Agreement, it is the intent of the Parties that the ownership, operation and management of the Partnership will be structured so that Bronco will not be considered an "affiliate" (as such term is defined in Rule 144) of the Partnership. In connection therewith on or before the 91st day following the IPO Closing Date, subject to compliance with applicable law and so long as Bronco together with its Affiliates (i) owns less than 15% of the Common Units, and (ii) has no right to designate any member of the Board of Directors, the Partnership will remove any transfer restrictions with respect to Common Units owned by Bronco, including providing such authorizations, directions and legal opinions as may be reasonably requested by the transfer agent that authorize the removal of any restrictive legends on such Common Units and/or directing the transfer agent to issue such Common Units without any such legend upon sale by Bronco of such Common Units.

8. <u>Limitation on Subsequent Registration Rights</u>. From and after the date hereof, the Partnership shall not, without the prior written consent of Bronco (for so long as it is a Holder) and the Holders of a majority of the then outstanding Registrable Securities, enter into any agreement with any current or future holder of any securities of the Partnership that would allow such current or future holder to require the Partnership to include securities in any registration statement filed by the Partnership on a basis that is senior in any way to the registration rights granted to the Initial Holders hereunder.

### 9. Miscellaneous.

- (a) <u>Discontinued Disposition</u>. Each Holder agrees by its acquisition of such Registrable Securities that, upon receipt of a notice from the Partnership of the occurrence of any event of the kind described in clauses (ii) through (v) of Section 3(d), such Holder shall forthwith discontinue disposition of such Registrable Securities under the Registration Statement until such Holder's receipt of the copies of the supplemental Prospectus or amended Registration Statement or until it is advised in writing by the Partnership that the use of the applicable Prospectus may be resumed, and, in either case, has received copies of any additional or supplemental filings that are incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in such Prospectus or Registration Statement. The Partnership may provide appropriate stop orders to enforce the provisions of this Section 9(a).
- (b) Recapitalization, Exchanges, etc. Affecting the Common Units. The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to the full extent set forth herein with respect to any and all Partnership Interests or any successor or assign of the Partnership (whether by merger, consolidation, sale of assets or otherwise) which may be issued in respect of, in exchange for or in substitution of, the Registrable Securities, including any equity securities that may be issued in exchange for Registrable Securities in connection with any merger, consolidation or other business combination involving the Partnership and any of its subsidiaries, and shall be appropriately adjusted for combinations, recapitalizations and the like occurring after the date of this Agreement. The Partnership will not take any action, or permit any change to occur, with respect to the terms of its securities that would materially and adversely affect the ability of the Holders to include Registrable Securities in a registration undertaken pursuant to this Agreement or that would adversely affect the marketability of such Registrable Securities in any such registration.
- (c) <u>Change of Control</u>. The Partnership shall not merge, consolidate or combine with any other Person unless the agreement providing for such merger, consolidation or combination expressly provides for the continuation of the registration rights specified in this Agreement with respect to the Registrable Securities or other equity securities issued pursuant to such merger, consolidation or combination.
- (d) <u>Specific Performance</u>. Damages in the event of breach of this Agreement by a Party may be difficult, if not impossible, to ascertain, and it is therefore agreed that each such Party, in addition to and without limiting any other remedy or right it may have, will have

the right to an injunction or other equitable relief in any court of competent jurisdiction, enjoining any such breach, and enforcing specifically the terms and provisions hereof, and each of the Parties hereby waives any and all defenses it may have on the ground of lack of jurisdiction or competence of the court to grant such an injunction or other equitable relief (including the requirement to post bond). The existence of this right will not preclude any such Party from pursuing any other rights and remedies at law or in equity which such Party may have.

- (e) <u>Amendments</u>. This Agreement may be amended only by means of a written amendment signed by (i) the Partnership, (ii) the Holders of 66 2/3% of the then-outstanding Registrable Securities and (iii) for so long as it is a Holder, Bronco; *provided*, *however*, that no such amendment shall adversely affect the rights of any Holder hereunder without the consent of such Holder.
- (f) <u>Notices</u>. All notices, demands, requests and other communications required or permitted to be given or made under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed given or made when delivered in person or when sent by first class United States mail or by other means of written communication to the Person at the address described below:
- (i) if to a Holder, at (A) the most current mailing or email address given by such Holder to the Partnership in accordance with the provisions of this Section 9(f), which addresses initially are, with respect to the Holders, set forth opposite each Holder's name on the signature page hereto;
  - (ii) if to a transferee of a Holder, to such Holder at the mailing address or email address provided pursuant to this Section 9(f); and
- (iii) if to the Partnership, to each of the following: (A) 1111 Louisiana Street, Houston, Texas 77002 or Email: Gary.Whitlock@CenterPointEnergy.com, Attention: Chief Financial Officer and (B) 321 North Harvey, P.O. Box 321, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-0321 or Email: trauscrs@oge.com, Attention: Sean Trauschke, notice of which is given in accordance with the provisions of this Section 9(f).

The terms "in writing," "written communications," "written notice" and words of similar import shall be deemed satisfied under this Agreement by use of email and other forms of electronic communication. All such notices and communications shall be deemed to have been received (i) at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; (ii) the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile or email prior to 5:00 p.m. Central Time on a Business Day; (iii) the first Business Day after the date of transmission, if such notice or communication is delivered via facsimile or email (A) on a day other than a Business Day or (B) later than 5:00 p.m. Central Time on a Business Day and earlier than 11:59 p.m. Central Time on such date; or (iv) when actually received, if sent by any other means.

(g) <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and their heirs, executors, administrators, successors, legal representatives and permitted assigns. Except as provided in this Section 9(g), this Agreement, and any rights or obligations hereunder, may not be assigned without the prior written consent of

the Partnership and the Holders. Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing to the contrary (but subject to the last sentence of Section 4), the registration rights of a Holder pursuant to this Agreement with respect to all or any portion of its Registrable Securities may be assigned without such consent (but only with all related obligations) with respect to such Registrable Securities (and any Registrable Securities issued as a dividend or other distribution with respect to, in exchange for or in replacement of such Registrable Securities) by such Holder to a transferee of such Registrable Securities; provided (i) the transfer of the underlying Registrable Securities was made in accordance with the terms of the Partnership Agreement; (ii) the Partnership is, promptly after such transfer, furnished with written notice of the name, mailing address and email address of such transferee or assignee and the Registrable Securities with respect to which such registration rights are being assigned; and (iii) such transferee or assignee agrees in writing to be bound by and subject to the terms set forth in this Agreement. The Partnership may not assign its respective rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of each of the Holders.

- (h) <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, all of which together shall constitute an agreement binding on all the Parties, notwithstanding that all such Parties are not signatories to the original or the same counterpart. Each Party shall become bound by this Agreement immediately upon affixing its signature hereto.
- (i) <u>Applicable Law; Forum, Venue and Jurisdiction</u>. This Agreement shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of Delaware without regard to the principles of conflicts of law that would request an application of another state's laws. Each of the Parties:
  - (i) irrevocably agrees that any claims, suits, actions or proceedings (A) arising out of or relating in any way to this Agreement (including any claims, suits or actions to interpret, apply or enforce the provisions of this Agreement or the duties, obligations or liabilities among the Parties, or the rights or powers of, or restrictions on, the Parties) or (B) asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware Act shall be exclusively brought in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or, if such court does not have subject matter jurisdiction, any other court located in the State of Delaware with subject matter jurisdiction), in each case regardless of whether such claims, suits, actions or proceedings sound in contract, tort, fraud or otherwise, are based on common law, statutory, equitable, legal or other grounds, or are derivative or direct claims;
    - (ii) irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in connection with any such claim, suit, action or proceeding;
  - (iii) agrees not to, and waives any right to, assert in any such claim, suit, action or proceeding that (A) it is not personally subject to the jurisdiction of such courts or of any other court to which proceedings in such courts may be appealed, (B) such claim, suit, action or proceeding is brought in an inconvenient forum, or (C) the venue of such claim, suit, action or proceeding is improper;

- (iv) expressly waives any requirement for the posting of a bond by a party bringing such claim, suit, action or proceeding; and
- (v) consents to process being served in any such claim, suit, action or proceeding by mailing, certified mail, return receipt requested, a copy thereof to such party at the address in effect for notices hereunder, and agrees that such services shall constitute good and sufficient service of process and notice thereof; provided, nothing in clause (v) hereof shall affect or limit any right to serve process in any other manner permitted by law.
  - (j) Cumulative Remedies. The remedies provided herein are cumulative and not exclusive of any remedies provided by law.
- (k) <u>Invalidity of Provisions</u>. If any provision or part of a provision of this Agreement is or becomes for any reason, invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions and/or parts thereof contained herein shall not be affected thereby and this Agreement shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be reformed and construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision, or part of a provision, had never been contained herein, and such provisions and/or part shall be reformed so that it would be valid, legal and enforceable to the maximum extent possible.
- (l) <u>Facsimile Signatures</u>. The use of facsimile or electronic signatures affixed in the name and on behalf of the Party executing is expressly permitted by this Agreement.
- (m) Entire Agreement. This Agreement, together with the other Transaction Documents, constitute the entire agreement among the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersede all prior contracts or agreements with respect to the subject matter hereof and the matters addressed or governed hereby or in the other Transaction Documents, whether oral or written. Without limiting the foregoing, each of the Parties acknowledges and agrees that (i) this Agreement is being executed and delivered in connection with each of the other Transaction Documents and the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, (ii) the performance of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents and expected benefits herefrom and therefrom are a material inducement to the willingness of the Parties to enter into and perform this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents and the transactions described herein and therein, (iii) the Parties would not have been willing to enter into this Agreement in the absence of the entrance into, performance of, and the economic interdependence of, the Transaction Documents, (iv) the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents and thereto are interrelated and part of an integrated transaction being effected pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents, (v) irrespective of the form such documents have taken, or otherwise, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the other Transaction Documents are necessary elements of one and the same overall and integrated transaction, (vi) the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and by the other Transaction Documents are economically interdependent and (vii) such Party will cause any of its successors or permitted assigns to expressly acknowledge and agree to this Section 9(m) prior to any assignment or transfer of this Agreement, by operation of law or otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

### CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP

By: CNP OGE GP LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ David M. McClanahan Name: David M. McClanahan

Title: Interim Chairman

CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP.

By: /s/ Gary L. Whitlock

Name: Gary L. Whitlock Title: Executive Vice President and Chief

Financial Officer

OGE ENOGEX HOLDINGS LLC

By: OGE Energy Corp., its Sole Member

By: /s/ Sean Trauschke

Name: Sean Trauschke

Title: Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

ENOGEX HOLDINGS LLC

By: /s/ Robb E. Turner

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**OMNIBUS AGREEMENT** 

among

CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.,

OGE ENERGY CORP.,

ENOGEX HOLDINGS LLC

AND

CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP

### **OMNIBUS AGREEMENT**

THIS OMNIBUS AGREEMENT ("*Agreement*") is entered into on, and effective as of, May 1, 2013, and is by and among CenterPoint Energy, Inc, a Texas corporation ("*CNP*"), OGE Energy Corp., an Oklahoma corporation ("*OGE*"), Enogex Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("*Bronco*"), and CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("*Opco*"). The above-named entities are sometimes referred to in this Agreement individually as a "*Party*", and collectively as the "*Parties*."

### RECITALS:

- 1. It is a condition to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the Master Formation Agreement that the Parties enter into this Agreement.
- 2. The Parties desire by their execution of this Agreement to evidence their agreement, as more fully set forth in <u>Article II</u>, with respect to certain indemnification obligations of CNP, OGE and Bronco to Opco.
- 3. The Parties desire by their execution of this Agreement to evidence their agreement, as more fully set forth in <u>Article III</u>, with respect to certain business opportunities to be offered to Opco by CNP and OGE and certain obligations of CNP, OGE and Bronco to Opco.
- 4. The Parties desire by their execution of this Agreement to evidence their agreement, as more fully set forth in <u>Article IV</u>, to certain additional covenants.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises set forth above and the respective representations, warranties, covenants, agreements and conditions contained in this Agreement, as well as other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

# ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 Definitions. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set forth below:
  - "Affiliate" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.
  - "Allocated Value" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(e).
  - "Assumed Claims" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.5(a).
  - "Bronco" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

- "Bronco Entities" means Bronco and its Affiliates; and "Bronco Entity" means any of the Bronco Entities.
- "Bronco Fall-Away Date" has the meaning set forth in the Partnership Agreement.
- "Bronco Parties" means Bronco Midstream Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Bronco Midstream Holdings II, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.
- "Business Day" means any day on which commercial banks are generally open for business in New York, New York other than a Saturday, a Sunday or a day observed as a holiday in New York, New York under the Laws of the State of New York or the federal Laws of the United States of America.
  - "CEFS" means CenterPoint Energy Field Services, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.
  - "CEFS Group Entities" means CEFS and the entities that are Subsidiaries of CEFS immediately prior to the Closing.
  - "CERC" means CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., a Delaware corporation and wholly owned subsidiary of CNP.
- "CERC Indenture" means that certain Indenture, dated as of February 1, 1998, between CERC and the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association (formerly Chase Bank of Texas, National Association)), as trustee, as supplemented and amended.
  - "Closing Date" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "Closing" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "CNP" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.
  - "CNP Entities" means CNP and its Subsidiaries; and "CNP Entity" means any of the CNP Entities.
  - "CNP Guarantees" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.4.
  - "CNP Indemnified Taxes" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "CNP Midstream Insurance Policies" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "CNP Midstream Entities" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "Code" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.

- "Covered Acquisition" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b)(ii).
- "Disinterested Directors" means (a) as used in Section 2.4(e), the members of the board of directors of GP LLC that have been designated by the one of CNP or OGE that is not adverse to Opco in a claim under Article II, and (b) as used in Section 3.1, the members of the board of directors of GP LLC that have been designated by the one of CNP or OGE that is not the acquiring Sponsor Party in the subject transaction.
  - "Enogex" means Enogex Holdings II LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.
  - "Enogex Assets" means all assets of the Enogex Entities immediately prior to the Closing.
  - "Enogex Entities" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "Enogex Insurance Policies" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "Fall Away Covenants" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1(a).
- "General Partner LLC Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of CNP OGE GP LLC as it may be amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.
  - "GP LLC" means CNP OGE GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.
  - "Group Member" means any member of the Opco Group.
  - "Indemnified Party" means the Person entitled to indemnification in accordance with Article II.
  - "Indemnifying Party" means the Person from whom indemnification may be required in accordance with Article II.
  - "Insurance Policies" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.5(a).
  - "IPO Closing Date" means the date of consummation of an initial public offering of Opco's (or its successor's) common equity.
  - "Law" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "LDCs" has the meaning set forth in paragraph (a) of the definition of "Midstream Operations."
  - "Losses" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a).
- "Master Formation Agreement" means that Master Formation Agreement dated as of March 14, 2013 by and among CNP, OGE and the Bronco Parties.

"Midstream Operations" means the gathering, compression, treatment, processing, blending, transportation, storage, isomerization and fractionation of crude oil and natural gas, its associated production water and enhanced recovery materials such as carbon dioxide, and its respective constituents and the following products: methane, natural gas liquids (Y-grade, ethane, propane, normal butane, isobutane and natural gasoline), condensate, and refined products and distillates (gasoline, refined product blendstocks, olefins, naphtha, aviation fuels, diesel, heating oil, kerosene, jet fuels, fuel oil, residual fuel oil, heavy oil, bunker fuel, cokes and asphalts), to the extent such activities are located within the United States, but excluding any such operations in connection with:

- (a) the local distribution of natural gas as a public utility for ultimate consumption ("LDCs");
- (b) retail marketing, supply and delivery of natural gas and propane for direct consumption by end users;
- (c) short-haul intrastate pipelines to serve industrial and commercial facilities that are either included in rate base or paid for by the customer, but in any case not in excess of 20 miles in length without the approval of Opco, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld, and contracting for storage services to source supplies for marketing operations;
- (d) wholesale sales of natural gas and gas liquids (i.e., ethane, propane and butane) to power generators, utilities and resellers;
- (e) temporary on-site delivery services of compressed or liquefied natural gas to LDC's, pipelines, or commercial and industrial end-users;
- (f) the manufacture of chemicals, polymers, and fuel products and additives; and
- (g) any retained interest in SESH indirectly held by CNP following the Closing as contemplated by the Master Formation Agreement.

"OGE" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"OGE/Bronco Group Indemnified Taxes" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.

"OGE Entities" means OGE and its Subsidiaries; and "OGE Entity" means any of the OGE Entities.

"*Opco*" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble, and if the IPO Closing Date occurs, means the publicly traded Delaware limited partnership that Opco shall become as of the IPO Closing Date.

"Opco Group" means Opco and any Subsidiary of Opco, taken together.

- "Partnership Agreement" means the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Opco, as it may be further amended, supplemented or restated from time to time.
  - "Party" and "Parties" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.
  - "Person" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "Restricted Business" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(a).
  - "SESH" has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.
  - "Sponsor Parties" means, collectively, CNP and OGE; and "Sponsor Party" means either of CNP or OGE.
  - "Subject Marks" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.3.
  - "Subsidiary" or "Subsidiaries", except as indicated in Section 4.1(b), has the meaning set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.

### 1.2 Rules of Construction.

- (a) The division of this Agreement into articles, sections and other portions and the insertion of headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation hereof. Unless otherwise indicated, all references to an "Article" or "Section" followed by a number or a letter refer to the specified Article or Section of this Agreement. The terms "this Agreement," "hereof," "herein" and "hereunder" and similar expressions refer to this Agreement and not to any particular Article, Section or other portion hereof.
- (b) Unless otherwise specifically indicated or the context otherwise requires, (i) all references to "dollars" or "\$" mean United States dollars, (ii) words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, and words importing any gender shall include all genders and (iii) "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation." If any date on which any action is required to be taken hereunder by any of the Parties hereto is not a Business Day, such action shall be required to be taken on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day. Reference to any Party hereto is also a reference to such Party's permitted successors and assigns.

# ARTICLE II INDEMNIFICATION

### 2.1 CNP Indemnification.

(a) Subject to the provisions of this <u>Section 2.1</u> and <u>Section 2.4</u>, CNP shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Opco from and against any losses, damages, liabilities, claims, demands, causes of action, judgments, settlements, fines, penalties, costs and expenses (including, without limitation, court costs and reasonable attorney's and expert's fees) of any and every kind or character, known or unknown, fixed or contingent (collectively "*Losses*") suffered or incurred by the Opco Group by reason of or arising out of:

- (i) the failure of the representations and warranties of CNP in Section 3.2 (Authority) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the
- (ii) the failure of the representations and warranties of CNP in Section 3.3 (Capitalization) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the Closing Date (except for such representations and warranties made as of a specific date, which shall be true and correct as of such specific date);
- (iii) the failure of the representations and warranties of CNP in Section 3.7(b) (Permits) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the Closing Date;
- (iv) the failure of the representations and warranties of CNP in Section 3.10 (Environmental Matters) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the Closing Date;
- (v) the failure of the representations and warranties of CNP in Section 3.11 (Title to Properties and Rights of Way) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the Closing Date;
- (vi) the failure of the representations and warranties of CNP in Section 3.14(b) (Tax Matters) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the Closing Date;
  - (vii) all CNP Indemnified Taxes pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Master Formation Agreement; or

Closing Date;

- (viii) events and conditions associated with the ownership and operation of the business and assets of the CNP Entities (excluding the CEFS Group Entities) whether occurring prior to or after the Closing.
- (b) No claim may be made against CNP for indemnification pursuant to Section 2.1(iii), (iv) or (v) unless the aggregate dollar amount of the Losses suffered or incurred by the Opco Group with respect to such claim exceeds \$25 million, and after such time CNP shall be liable only for such Losses in excess of such amount.
  - (c) In no event shall CNP's aggregate obligation to indemnify Opco pursuant to Section 2.1(iii), (iv) and (v) exceed \$250 million.
- (d) CNP shall have no indemnification obligations (i) pursuant to Section 2.1(iii) with respect to a claim unless CNP receives notice of the claim, in compliance with Section 2.4(a), from the Opco Group during the period beginning on the date hereof and ending on the first anniversary of the Closing Date; (ii) pursuant to Section 2.1(a)(iv) or (v) with respect to a claim unless CNP receives notice of the claim, in compliance with Section 2.4(a), from the Opco Group during the period beginning on the date hereof and ending on the third anniversary of the Closing Date; and (iii) pursuant to Section 2.1(a)(vi) or (vii) with respect to a claim unless CNP receives notice of the claim, in compliance with Section 2.4(a) from the Opco Group during the period beginning on the date hereof and ending on the 30th day after the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations (including any extensions thereof).

### 2.2 OGE Indemnification.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of this <u>Section 2.2</u> and <u>Section 2.4</u>, OGE shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Opco from and against any Losses suffered or incurred by the Opco Group by reason of or arising out of:
- (i) the failure of the representations and warranties of OGE in Section 4.2 (Authority) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the Closing Date;
- (ii) the failure of the representations and warranties of OGE in Section 4.3 (Capitalization) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the Closing Date (except for such representations and warranties made as of a specific date, which shall be true and correct as of such specific date);
- (iii) the failure of the representations and warranties of OGE in Section 4.7(b) (Permits) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the Closing Date;
- (iv) the failure of the representations and warranties of OGE in Section 4.10 (Environmental Matters) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the Closing Date;
- (v) the failure of the representations and warranties of OGE in Section 4.11 (Title to Properties and Rights of Way) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the Closing Date;
- (vi) the failure of the representations and warranties of OGE in Section 4.14(b) (Tax Matters) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the Closing Date;
  - (vii) OGE's pro rata share of all OGE/Bronco Group Indemnified Taxes pursuant to Section 8.2 of the Master Formation Agreement; or
- (viii) events and conditions associated with the ownership and operation of the business and assets of the OGE Entities (excluding the Enogex Entities) whether occurring prior to or after the Closing.
- (b) No claim may be made against OGE for indemnification pursuant to <u>Section 2.2(iii)</u>, (<u>iv)</u> or (<u>v</u>) unless the aggregate dollar amount of the Losses suffered or incurred by the Opco Group with respect to such claim exceeds \$25 million, and after such time OGE shall be liable only for such Losses in excess of such amount.
  - (c) In no event shall OGE's aggregate obligation to indemnify Opco pursuant to Section 2.2(iii), (iv) and (v) exceed \$250 million.
- (d) OGE and Bronco shall be severally liable (pro rata in proportion to their membership interests in Enogex immediately prior to the Closing, and only to the extent of such proportional interest) for all Losses that give rise to an indemnification obligation of OGE under Section 2.2(a)(vii) and Bronco under Section 2.3(a)(iii).

(e) OGE shall have no indemnification obligations (i) pursuant to Section 2.2(iii) with respect to a claim unless OGE receives notice of the claim, in compliance with Section 2.4(a), from the Opco Group during the period beginning on the date hereof and ending on the first anniversary of the Closing Date; (ii) pursuant to Section 2.2(a)(iv) or (v) with respect to a claim unless OGE receives notice of the claim, in compliance with Section 2.4(a), from the Opco Group during the period beginning on the date hereof and ending on the third anniversary of the Closing Date; and (iii) pursuant to Section 2.2(a)(vi) or (vii) with respect to a claim unless OGE receives notice of the claim, in compliance with Section 2.4(a) from the Opco Group during the period beginning on the date hereof and ending on the 30th day after the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations (including all extensions thereof).

### 2.3 Bronco Indemnification.

- (a) Subject to the provisions of this <u>Section 2.3</u> and <u>Section 2.4</u>, Bronco shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Opco from and against any Losses suffered or incurred by the Opco Group by reason of or arising out of:
- (i) the failure of the representations and warranties of the Bronco Parties in Section 5.2 (Authority) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the Closing Date;
- (ii) the failure of the representations and warranties of the Bronco Parties in Section 5.3 (Capitalization) of the Master Formation Agreement to be true as of the Closing Date (except for such representations and warranties made as of a specific date, which shall be true and correct as of such specific date);
- (iii) the Bronco Parties' pro rata share of all OGE/Bronco Group Indemnified Taxes pursuant to Section 8.2 of the Master Formation Agreement; or
- (iv) events and conditions associated with the ownership and operation of the business and assets of the Bronco Entities (excluding the Enogex Entities) whether occurring prior to or after the Closing.
- (b) OGE and Bronco shall be severally liable (pro rata in proportion to their membership interests in Enogex immediately prior to the Closing, and only to the extent of such proportional interest) for all Losses that give rise to an indemnification obligation of OGE under Section 2.2(a)(vii) and Bronco under Section 2.3(a)(iii).
- (c) Bronco shall have no indemnification obligations pursuant to <u>Section 2.3(a)(iii)</u> with respect to a claim unless Bronco receives notice of the claim, in compliance with <u>Section 2.4(a)</u> from the Opco Group during the period beginning on the date hereof and ending on the 30th day after the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations (including all extensions thereof).

### 2.4 Indemnification Procedures.

(a) Opco agrees that promptly after it becomes aware of facts giving rise to a claim for indemnification under this <u>Article II</u>, it will provide notice thereof in writing to the applicable Indemnifying Party, specifying the nature of and specific basis for such claim; *provided*,

however, that in the event GP LLC elects not to cause Opco to pursue a claim for indemnification that Opco is entitled to pursue under this Article II that could result in the payment of any amount by the Indemnifying Party, Bronco shall have the right to cause GP LLC to cause Opco to pursue such claim by delivering written notice of Bronco's election to GP LLC until the Bronco Fall-Away Date. Promptly following the receipt by GP LLC of Bronco's written election pursuant to the foregoing proviso, Opco will provide notice thereof in writing to the applicable Indemnifying Party, specifying the nature of and specific basis for such claim, and GP LLC shall thereafter cause Opco to diligently pursue such claim in accordance with this Section 2.4. If Opco fails to provide such notice to the Indemnifying Party within ten (10) Business Days or if Opco fails to diligently pursue such claim in accordance with this Section 2.4, then Bronco may notify the Indemnifying Party of such claim directly and may control the pursuit of such claim against the Indemnified Party on behalf of Opco. Both CNP and OGE agree to cause their designated members of the board of directors of GP LLC to approve the actions reasonably requested by Bronco with respect to any such claim.

- (b) The Indemnifying Party (or Indemnifying Parties) shall have the right to control at its sole cost and expense all aspects of the defense of (and any counterclaims with respect to) any claims brought against the Indemnified Party that are covered by the indemnification under this <u>Article II</u>, including, without limitation, the selection of counsel, determination of whether to appeal any decision of any court and the settling of any such matter or any issues relating thereto; *provided*, *however*, that no such settlement shall be entered into without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party unless it includes a full release of the Indemnified Party from such matter or issues, as the case may be.
- (c) The Indemnified Party agrees to cooperate fully with each Indemnifying Party, with respect to all aspects of the defense of any claims covered by the indemnification under this Article II, including, without limitation, the prompt furnishing to each Indemnifying Party of any correspondence or other notice relating thereto that the Indemnified Party may receive, permitting the name of the Indemnified Party to be utilized in connection with such defense, the making available to each Indemnifying Party of any files, records or other information of the Indemnified Party that any Indemnifying Party reasonably considers relevant to such defense, the granting to the Indemnifying Party of reasonable access rights to the properties and facilities of the Indemnified Party and the making available to each Indemnifying Party of any employees of the Indemnified Party; provided, however, that in connection therewith each Indemnifying Party agrees to use reasonable efforts to minimize the impact thereof on the operations of the Indemnified Party and further agrees to maintain the confidentiality of all files, records, and other information furnished by the Indemnified Party pursuant to this Section 2.4. In no event shall the obligation of the Indemnified Party to cooperate with each Indemnifying Party as set forth in the immediately preceding sentence be construed as imposing upon the Indemnified Party an obligation to hire and pay for counsel in connection with the defense of any claims covered by the indemnification set forth in this Article II; provided, however, that the Indemnified Party may, at its own option, cost and expense, hire and pay for counsel in connection with any such defense. The Indemnifying Party agrees to keep any such counsel hired by the Indemnified Party informed as to the status of any such defense, but the Indemnifying Party shall have the right to retain sole control over such defense.

- (d) In determining the amount of any Losses for which the Indemnified Party is entitled to indemnification under this Agreement, the gross amount of the indemnification will be reduced by (i) any cash insurance proceeds realized by the Indemnified Party, and such correlative insurance benefit shall be net of any incremental insurance premiums that become due and payable by the Indemnified Party as a result of such claim and (ii) all cash amounts recovered by the Indemnified Party under contractual indemnities from third Persons.
- (e) To the extent that any indemnification claim under this Article II involves a claim where Opco, on the one hand, and either CNP or OGE, on the other hand, are adverse, Opco's rights and obligations shall be controlled by the Disinterested Directors. Both CNP and OGE agree to cause their designated members of the board of directors of GP LLC who are not Disinterested Directors to approve the actions of the Disinterested Directors with respect to any such claim
- 2.5 *Exclusive Remedy*. The indemnification provisions of this <u>Article II</u> will be the exclusive remedy following the Closing for any breaches or alleged breaches of any representation, warranty or covenant of the Master Formation Agreement, except with respect to claims or causes of action arising from breaches or alleged breaches of Sections 6.2(b), 6.2(c), 6.5(c), 6.7(a)(ii), 6.7(b)(ii), 6.8, 6.13, 6.14, 6.15, 6.18 and 9.3 and Article X of the Master Formation Agreement or from fraud or willful misconduct. Each of the Parties, on behalf of itself and its members, officers, directors, employees, stockholders, equityholders, partners and Affiliates, agrees not to bring any actions or proceedings, at law, equity or otherwise against any other Party or its members, officers, directors, employees, shareholders, partners and Affiliates, in respect of any breaches or alleged breaches of any representation, warranty or covenant of the Master Formation Agreement or the transactions contemplated thereby, except pursuant to the express provisions of this <u>Article II</u> and except with respect to claims or causes of action arising from fraud or willful misconduct.

### 2.6 Other Indemnification Matters.

- (a) For the avoidance of doubt, except as expressly set forth in this <u>Article II</u>, there is no monetary cap on the amount of indemnity coverage provided by any Indemnifying Party under this <u>Article II</u>.
- (b) NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING HEREIN TO THE CONTRARY, IN NO EVENT SHALL ANY PARTY'S INDEMNIFICATION OBLIGATION HEREUNDER COVER OR INCLUDE CONSEQUENTIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, PUNITIVE, EXEMPLARY, SPECIAL OR SIMILAR DAMAGES OR LOST PROFITS SUFFERED BY ANY OTHER PARTY ENTITLED TO INDEMNIFICATION UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.
- (c) THE FOREGOING INDEMNITIES ARE INTENDED TO BE ENFORCEABLE AGAINST THE PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EXPRESS TERMS AND SCOPE THEREOF NOTWITHSTANDING ANY EXPRESS NEGLIGENCE RULE OR ANY SIMILAR DIRECTIVE THAT WOULD PROHIBIT OR OTHERWISE LIMIT INDEMNITIES BECAUSE OF THE SOLE, CONCURRENT, ACTIVE OR PASSIVE NEGLIGENCE, STRICT LIABILITY OR FAULT OF ANY OF THE INDEMNIFIED PARTIES.

# ARTICLE III EXCLUSIVITY

# 3.1 Sponsor Party Obligations.

- (a) Except as permitted by Section 3.1(b), for so long as either Sponsor Party holds (i) any interest in the general partner of Opco, or (ii) at least 20% of the aggregate number of outstanding common and subordinated units of Opco, except with the written consent of the other Sponsor Party, each Sponsor Party shall be prohibited from, directly or indirectly, owning, operating, acquiring, or investing in any business engaged, wholly or partly, in Midstream Operations (a "Restricted Business"), other than through Opco.
- (b) Notwithstanding any provision of Section 3.1(a) to the contrary, either Sponsor Party may, without the consent of the other Sponsor Party, acquire a Restricted Business subject to the following restrictions:
- (i) if the acquiring Sponsor Party intends to cease using the assets of the Restricted Business in Midstream Operations within 12 months of the acquisition of such Restricted Business, the acquiring Sponsor Party shall promptly following completion of such acquisition deliver written notice to Opco of such event and of such intention; or
- (ii) if the Restricted Business acquired has an Allocated Value (a "Covered Acquisition") (A) in excess of \$50 million or (B) in excess of \$100 million in the aggregate with the acquiring Sponsor Party's other Restricted Businesses, then (1) the acquiring Sponsor Party shall promptly following completion of such acquisition deliver written notice to Opco of such event, and (2) Opco may elect (subject to any applicable approvals for a Related Party Transaction (as defined in the General Partner LLC Agreement)), within 60 days of receipt of such notice, to purchase all of such Restricted Businesses for a price equal to the Allocated Value and on other terms and conditions reasonably similar to the terms and conditions on which the acquiring Sponsor Party purchased such Restricted Businesses, by delivering written notice of such election to such Sponsor Party. In the event Opco timely elects to acquire such Restricted Businesses from such Sponsor Party, the Parties shall take such actions as are reasonably necessary to complete the sale of such Restricted Businesses to Opco promptly. In the event Opco does not so elect, such Sponsor Party shall be permitted to own and operate such Restricted Businesses and such Restricted Businesses shall not be included in the calculation of the aggregate value of such Sponsor Party's Restricted Businesses for purposes of clause (B) above; provided, however, that if the fair market value of the Midstream Operations included in the Restricted Business in a Covered Acquisition (as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the acquiring Sponsor Party) is greater than 66 2/3% of the fair market value of the Covered Acquisition (as determined in good faith by the Board of Directors of the acquiring Sponsor Party), then the acquiring Sponsor Party shall use commercially reasonable efforts to dispose of the Restricted Business within 24 months of the date on which Opco's option to purchase pursuant to this Section 3.1(b) expired.
- (c) Except as set forth in this <u>Section 3.1</u>, no Party shall have any right to seek to enjoin, restrict or prevent any transaction undertaken by a Sponsor Party due to the fact such transaction involves Midstream Operations.

- (d) The Sponsor Party obligations set forth in this <u>Section 3.1</u> shall not restrict or otherwise encumber any Person that acquires a Sponsor Party or such acquirer's Subsidiaries (other than the Sponsor Party and its Subsidiaries).
- (e) For purposes of this <u>Section 3.1</u>, "*Allocated Value*" shall mean (i) with respect to any transaction in which there is a bona fide value specifically allocated to the Restricted Business, the value so allocated in such transaction, or (ii) with respect to any transaction in which there is no such allocation of value to the Restricted Business, (A) the value agreed between the acquiring Sponsor Party and Opco (subject to any applicable approvals for a Related Party Transaction) or (B) if there is no agreement on value, then the acquiring Sponsor Party and Opco shall submit the determination of the "Allocated Value" to arbitration by a mutually agreed nationally recognized investment bank which shall determine such matter (the arbitration shall be "baseball" arbitration, with each party submitting a proposed resolution of the "Allocated Value" and the arbitrator selecting the proposal of one of the parties).
- (f) Opco's rights and obligations under this <u>Section 3.1</u> shall be controlled by the Disinterested Directors. Both CNP and OGE agree to cause their designated members of the board of directors of GP LLC who are not Disinterested Directors to approve the actions of the Disinterested Directors with respect to any such transaction.

# ARTICLE IV ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS

### 4.1 CERC Indenture.

- (a) Until the earlier of (i) January 15, 2014 and (ii) the date CERC's 5.95% Senior Notes due 2014 and 7.875% Senior Notes due 2013 are no longer outstanding, Opco shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, comply with the Restrictions on Liens and Restrictions on Sale and Leaseback Transaction covenants (the "Fall Away Covenants") in the CERC Indenture.
- (b) For so long as Opco is a "subsidiary" (as defined in the CERC Indenture) of CERC, Opco shall, and shall cause its Subsidiaries to, subject to Section 4.1(a), comply with the restrictions contained in the CERC Indenture as of the date hereof and applicable to a "subsidiary" (as defined in the CERC Indenture) of CERC, other than the Fall Away Covenants.
- 4.2 Confidentiality Obligations of Bronco. Bronco acknowledges that, from time to time, it may receive information (including by virtue of the observation rights granted to Bronco in Section 3.4 of the Partnership Agreement) from or regarding another Party, another Party's customers or another Party's Affiliates in the nature of trade secrets or secret or proprietary information or information that is otherwise confidential, the release of which may be damaging to the Party or its Affiliates, as applicable, or Persons with which they do business (such information referred to herein as "Confidential Information"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Confidential Information" shall not include (x) information that Bronco has received from a source independent of such Party and that Bronco reasonably believes such source obtained without breach of any obligation of confidentiality, (y) public information or (z) information that is independently developed by Bronco or its Affiliates without reliance on the Confidential Information. Bronco shall hold in strict confidence any Confidential Information it receives and

may not disclose any Confidential Information to any Person other than another Party, except for disclosures (i) to comply with any Laws (including applicable stock exchange or quotation system requirements), (ii) to Bronco and its Affiliates, and its and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, advisers or representatives, but only if the recipients of such information have agreed to be bound by confidentiality provisions that are no less stringent than those set forth in this Section 4.2, (iii) to existing and prospective lenders, existing and prospective investors, attorneys, accountants, consultants and other representatives of Bronco or its Affiliates with a need to know such information (including a need to know for Bronco's own purposes), provided, however, that Bronco shall be responsible for such representatives' use and disclosure of any such information, or (iv) in connection with any proposed "transfer" (as defined in the Partnership Agreement) of Bronco's "Units" (as defined in the Partnership Agreement), to Persons to which such interest may be transferred as permitted by the Partnership Agreement, but only if the recipients of such information have agreed in writing to be bound by confidentiality provisions that are no less stringent than those set forth in this Section 4.2. Bronco shall not use any Confidential Information, and shall restrict any of its Affiliates, officers, directors, employees, agents, advisers or representatives to whom Confidential Information has been disclosed pursuant to this Section 4.2 from using any such Confidential Information, for the benefit of any Person (other than a Group Member) in which Bronco or an Affiliate of Bronco has an economic interest in any manner that could have a material detriment on any Group Member. The obligations set forth in the preceding sentence shall expire on the date that is two (2) years after the Bronco Fall-Away Date; provided, that if, prior to the Bronco Fall-Away Date, Opco notifies Bronco that specified Confidential Information is subject to a contractual obligation of Opco to cause Persons that receive such Confidential Information not to use such Confidential Information in the manner set forth in the preceding sentence for a longer period, then the obligations of Bronco in the preceding sentence shall remain in effect with respect to such specified Confidential Information until the expiration of such longer period.

4.3 *Use of Names and Insignia*. Except as set forth in this Section 4.3, Opco agrees that from and after the Closing Date, none of Opco or its Subsidiaries will directly or indirectly use or otherwise exploit, in connection with any business activities, any service marks, trademarks, trade names, trade dress, Internet domain names, identifying symbols, logos, emblems, signs or insignia related thereto or containing or comprising the foregoing, including any word or logo confusingly similar thereto, containing the words "CenterPoint Energy," "OGE" or "Enogex" or any abbreviations or derivations thereof (the "Subject Marks"). As soon as is reasonably practicable following the selection of a new name by Opco, but in any event within one year following the Closing Date, Opco and its Subsidiaries will cease to use the Subject Marks and use commercially reasonable efforts to remove the Subject Marks from all entity names and assets of Opco and its Subsidiaries.

4.4 Replacement of CNP Guarantees. Exhibit A hereto lists certain guarantees (the "CNP Guarantees") issued by CNP or CERC for the benefit of a member of the Opco Group as of the Closing Date. Opco and CNP shall use commercially reasonable efforts and cooperate with each other to terminate, or cause to be terminated, the CNP Guarantees and release, or cause to be released, CNP, CERC or their applicable affiliate from the CNP Guarantees, including by causing a member of the Opco Group to enter into a substitute guarantee for each CNP Guarantee or to assume the CNP Guarantees, in each case within 180 days following the Closing Date; provided, however, that nothing in this Section 4.4 shall obligate any Group Member to provide any form of security other than a guarantee, including any letter of credit, cash collateral or security interest in any asset.

#### 4.5 Insurance.

- (a) At Opco's request, each of CNP and OGE agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to assert and diligently pursue all rights to insurance coverage under the CNP Midstream Insurance Policies and Enogex Insurance Policies and any other past insurance policies of each of CNP and OGE relating to the business or the assets of the CNP Midstream Entities or the Enogex Entities (such insurance policies collectively referred to herein as the "Insurance Policies") with respect to insured claims asserted prior to the Closing and any such claims asserted following the Closing that are covered under an applicable Insurance Policy (collectively, the "Assumed Claims"). Each of CNP and OGE shall remit to Opco all insurance proceeds obtained after Closing with respect to the Assumed Claims. Furthermore, each of CNP and OGE agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to negotiate with each of its respective insurance companies in order to provide Opco the benefit of the coverage under the policies for all claims asserted on or after the Closing Date and to cooperate with Opco with any efforts to obtain "tail" coverage, at Opco's sole cost, with respect to any "claims made policies." Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (i) any recovery of insurance proceeds by Opco shall be net of all cost and expenses of CNP and OGE, respectively, and (ii) any deductibles or self-insured retentions paid by CNP or OGE under applicable Insurance Policies that are recovered by an insurer (whether under any right of subrogation or otherwise) shall be for the benefit of CNP, OGE or their respective Affiliates, to the extent such party paid such deductible or self-insured retention, and shall not be retained by Opco. Each of CNP and OGE shall give Opco access to all of the non-privileged information relating to these matters and shall consult with Opco on the progress thereof from time to time.
- (b) After the Closing, Opco shall be responsible for, and neither CNP, OGE nor any of their respective Affiliates shall have any responsibility for, the payment of any deductible amounts or underlying limits attributable to the Insurance Policies to the extent related to the Assumed Claims. Opco acknowledges that certain of the Insurance Policies may require CNP or OGE or any of their respective Affiliates to provide an indemnity to the insurance carrier for deductible amounts and to provide collateral to secure such indemnity obligations. Opco shall enter into an indemnification agreement in form mutually acceptable to Opco, CNP and OGE wherein Opco agrees to indemnify and hold harmless each of CNP and OGE or any of their respective Affiliates (as applicable) for any and all of the costs of maintaining such collateral and for any charges made against such collateral or indemnification payments in connection with claims arising or alleged to arise from the operations of the business of the CNP Midstream Entities or the Enogex Entities required to be paid by CNP or OGE of any of their respective Affiliates (as applicable) under or with respect to such Insurance Policies from and after the Closing Date.
- (c) Neither CNP nor OGE makes any representation or warranty with respect to the applicability, validity or adequacy of any Insurance Policies, and neither CNP nor OGE shall be responsible to Opco or any member of the Opco Group for the failure of any insurer to pay under such Insurance Policy.

(d) Nothing in this Agreement is intended to provide or shall be construed as providing a benefit or release to any insurer or claims service organization of any obligation under any Insurance Policy. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating or permitting any insurer or claims service organization the right of subrogation against CNP, OGE, Opco or any of their respective Affiliates in respect of payments made by one to the other under any Insurance Policy.

# ARTICLE V MISCELLANEOUS

5.1 Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Waiver of Jury Trial. To the maximum extent permitted by applicable Law, the provisions of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the Laws of the State of Delaware, without regard to principles of conflict of laws. Each of the Parties hereto agrees that this Agreement involves at least \$100,000 and that this Agreement has been entered into in express reliance upon 6 Del. C. § 2708. Each of the Parties hereto irrevocably and unconditionally confirms and agrees (a) that it is and shall continue to be subject to the jurisdiction of the Courts of the State of Delaware and of the federal courts sitting in the State of Delaware and (b)(i) to the extent that such Party is not otherwise subject to service of process in the State of Delaware, to appoint and maintain an agent in the State of Delaware as such Party's agent for acceptance of legal process and notify the other Parties hereto of the name and address of such agent and (ii) to the fullest extent permitted by Law, that service of process may also be made on such Party by prepaid certified mail with a proof of mailing receipt validated by the U.S. Postal Service constituting evidence of valid service, and that, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, service made pursuant to (b)(i) or (ii) above shall have the same legal force and effect as if served upon such Party personally within the State of Delaware. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY (A) CONSENTS AND SUBMITS TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF ANY FEDERAL OR STATE COURT LOCATED IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE, INCLUDING THE DELAWARE COURT OF CHANCERY IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY (THE "DELAWARE COURTS") FOR ANY ACTIONS, SUITS OR PROCEEDINGS ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT (AND AGREES NOT TO COMMENCE ANY LITIGATION RELATING THERETO EXCEPT IN SUCH COURTS), (B) WAIVES ANY OBJECTION TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY SUCH LITIGATION IN THE DELAWARE COURTS AND AGREES NOT TO PLEAD OR CLAIM IN ANY DELAWARE COURT THAT SUCH LITIGATION BROUGHT THEREIN HAS BEEN BROUGHT IN ANY INCONVENIENT FORUM AND (C) ACKNOWLEDGES AND AGREES THAT ANY CONTROVERSY THAT MAY ARISE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT IS LIKELY TO INVOLVE COMPLICATED AND DIFFICULT ISSUES, AND THEREFORE EACH SUCH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES ANY RIGHT SUCH PARTY MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY LITIGATION DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THIS AGREEMENT.

5.2 *Notice*. Any notice, request, instruction, correspondence or other document to be given hereunder by any Party to another Party (each, a "*Notice*") shall be in writing and delivered in person or by courier service requiring acknowledgment of receipt of delivery or mailed by U.S. registered or certified mail, postage prepaid and return receipt requested, or by telecopier, as follows, provided that copies to be delivered below shall not be required for effective notice and shall not constitute notice:

### If to CNP or the CNP Entities:

CenterPoint Energy, Inc. 1111 Louisiana Street Houston, TX 77002 Attention: Chief Financial Officer Fax: 713.207.9680

### with a copy to:

Baker Botts L.L.P. 910 Louisiana Street Houston, TX 77002 Attention: David Kirkland Gerald M. Spedale

## If to OGE or the OGE Entities:

Fax: 713.229.1522

OGE Enogex Holdings LLC 321 North Harvey P.O. Box 321 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101-0321 Attention: Sean Trauschke Fax: 405.553.3760

## with a copy to:

Jones Day 717 Texas Avenue, Suite 3300 Houston, Texas 77002 Attention: James E. Vallee Telecopy: (832) 239-3600

## If to Bronco or the Bronco Entities:

Enogex Holdings LLC c/o ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC 200 Clarendon Street, 55th Floor Boston, Massachusetts 02117 Attention: Christine M. Miller Telecopy: (617) 867-4698

### with a copy to:

McDermott Will & Emery LLP 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 3900 Houston, Texas 77002 Attention: Blake H. Winburne Telecopy: (713) 583-0889

## If to Opco or the Opco Group:

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with a copy to:

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5.3 *Entire Agreement*. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the Parties relating to the matters contained herein, superseding all prior contracts or agreements, whether oral or written, relating to the matters contained herein.

- 5.4 Amendment or Modification. This Agreement may be amended or modified from time to time only by the written agreement of all the Parties hereto. Each such instrument shall be reduced to writing.
- 5.5 Assignment. No Party shall have the right to assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the consent of the other Parties hereto; provided, however, that Bronco may assign all of its rights and obligations under this Agreement to a Bronco Successor (as defined in the Partnership Agreement) that is not a Midstream Successor (as defined in the Partnership Agreement) and upon such assignment, Bronco shall no longer be entitled to exercise any of such rights and obligations under this Agreement; provided further that any assignment by Bronco to a Bronco Successor shall not relieve Bronco of its obligations under Section 4.2 of this Agreement.
- 5.6 *Counterparts*. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts with the same effect as if all signatory parties had signed the same document. All counterparts shall be construed together and shall constitute one and the same instrument.
- 5.7 Severability. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by a court or regulatory body of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.
- 5.8 *Further Assurances*. In connection with this Agreement and all transactions contemplated by this Agreement, each signatory party hereto agrees to execute and deliver such additional documents and instruments and to perform such additional acts as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate, carry out and perform all of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Agreement and all such transactions.
- 5.9 Specific Performance. Damages in the event of breach of this Agreement by a Party may be difficult, if not impossible, to ascertain, and it is therefore agreed that each such Party, in addition to and without limiting any other remedy or right it may have, will have the right to an injunction or other equitable relief in any court of competent jurisdiction, enjoining any such breach, and enforcing specifically the terms and provisions hereof, and each of the Parties hereby waives any and all defenses it may have on the ground of lack of jurisdiction or competence of the court to grant such an injunction or other equitable relief. The existence of this right will not preclude any such Party from pursuing any other rights and remedies at law or in equity which such Party may have.
- 5.10 *Enforcement; Rights of Limited Partners after IPO Closing Date.* The provisions of this Agreement are enforceable solely by the Parties to this Agreement; *provided, however,* that (a) the provisions of Section 3.1 are enforceable only by the Sponsor Parties and (b) if the IPO Closing Date occurs, no limited partner of Opco shall have the right, separate and apart from Opco, to enforce any provision of this Agreement or to compel any Party to this Agreement to comply with the terms of this Agreement.
  - 5.11 Successors. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the Parties and to their respective successors and assigns.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement on, and effective as of, the date first written above.

# CENTERPOINT ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Gary L. Whitlock

Gary L. Whitlock

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## OGE ENERGY CORP.

By: /s/ Sean Trauschke

Sean Trauschke

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

# ENOGEX HOLDINGS LLC

By: /s/ Robb E. Turner

Robb E. Turner Vice President

### CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP

By: CNP OGE GP LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ David M. McClanahan

David M. McClanahan Interim Chairman TERM LOAN AGREEMENT

DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2013

BY AND AMONG

CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP,

THE LENDERS

AND

CITIBANK, N.A. AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

AND

UBS SECURITIES LLC AS SYNDICATION AGENT

AND

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AND WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS CO-DOCUMENTATION AGENTS

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC., UBS SECURITIES LLC, J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC AND WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC AS JOINT LEAD ARRANGERS AND JOINT BOOKRUNNERS

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#### TERM LOAN AGREEMENT

This TERM LOAN AGREEMENT, dated as of May 1, 2013, is by and among CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "Borrower"), the lenders from time to time party hereto (the "Lenders"), Citibank, N.A., a national banking association, as Agent, UBS Securities LLC, as Syndication Agent, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Co-Documentation Agents.

#### PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested, and, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Lenders have agreed, to extend certain term loans to the Borrower on the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, such parties hereby agree as follows:

### ARTICLE I.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Section 1.1. **Certain Defined Terms**. As used in this Agreement:

"2013 Revolving Credit Facility" means that certain Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of May 1, 2013 by and among the Borrower, the lenders party thereto and Citibank, N.A., as agent.

"Accounting Changes" is defined in the term "GAAP".

"Acquisition Period" means a period commencing with the date on which payment of the purchase price for a Specified Acquisition is made and ending on the earlier of (a) the last day of the second fiscal quarter following the fiscal quarter in which such payment is made, and (b) the date on which the Borrower notifies the Agent that it desires to end the Acquisition Period for such Specified Acquisition; provided, that, (i) once any Acquisition Period is in effect, the next Acquisition Period may not commence until the termination of such Acquisition Period then in effect and (ii) after giving effect to the termination of such Acquisition Period in effect (and before giving effect to any subsequent Acquisition Period), the Borrower must be in compliance with Section 7.11 and, if applicable, Section 7.12 and no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

"Act" means the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), as amended.

"Advance" means a borrowing consisting of Loans of the same Type made, converted or continued on the same date and, in the case of Eurodollar Loans, as to which the same Interest Period is in effect.

- "Affiliate" of any Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Person. A Person shall be deemed to control another Person if the controlling Person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of the controlled Person, whether through ownership of stock, by contract or otherwise; <u>provided</u> that no Person shall be deemed to be an Affiliate of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries solely as a result of such Person being an Affiliate of ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC or any of its Affiliates.
- "<u>Agent</u>" means Citibank in its capacity as contractual representative of the Lenders pursuant to <u>Article X</u>, and not in its individual capacity as a Lender, and any successor Agent appointed pursuant to <u>Article X</u>.
- "Aggregate Commitment" means the aggregate of the Commitments of all the Lenders. The Aggregate Commitment on the Closing Date is One Billion Fifty Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,050,000,000). Any amount of the Aggregate Commitment that is not advanced on the Closing Date will be cancelled.
  - "Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure" means, at any time, the aggregate of the Outstanding Credit Exposures of all the Lenders at such time.
  - "Agreement" means this Term Loan Agreement, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.
- "Agreement Accounting Principles" means GAAP applied in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the financial statements referred to in Section 5.6, as may be modified in connection with any Accounting Changes.
- "Alternate Base Rate" means, for any day, a rate per annum equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day, (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus ½ of 1% and (c) the Eurodollar Rate (as determined without reference to clause (b) of the definition thereof) for a one month Interest Period on such day (or if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day) plus 1%. Any change in the Alternate Base Rate due to a change in the Prime Rate, the Federal Funds Effective Rate or the Eurodollar Rate shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in the Prime Rate, the Federal Funds Effective Rate or the Eurodollar Rate, respectively.
- "Applicable Law" means all applicable provisions of constitutions, laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, treaties, regulations, permits, licenses, approvals, interpretations and orders of Governmental Authorities.
- "Applicable Margin" means, (a) until the time that the Borrower first obtains a Designated Rating from any Rating Agency, with respect to Advances of any Type at any time, the percentage rate per annum which is applicable at such time with respect to Advances of such Type as set forth in the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid set forth in the Pricing Schedule and (b) at any time from and after the date when the Borrower first obtains a Designated Rating from any Rating Agency, with respect to Advances of any Type at any time, the percentage rate per annum which is applicable at such time with respect to Advances of such Type as set forth in the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid set forth in the Pricing Schedule.

- "Approved Fund" means any Fund that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.
  - "ArcLight" means, collectively, Bronco Midstream Holdings, LLC and Bronco Midstream Holdings II, LLC, each a Delaware limited liability company.
- "Arrangers" means each of CGMI, UBS Securities, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, and each of their respective successors, each in its capacity as a Joint Lead Arranger and Joint Bookrunner.
- "<u>Assignment and Assumption Agreement</u>" means an assignment agreement in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> or in such other form as may be agreed to by the Agent and the other parties thereto.
- "<u>Authorized Officer</u>" means any of the president, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, treasurer, an assistant treasurer, or the controller of the General Partner (or, if at such time the Borrower has any such officers, of the Borrower) and, other than with respect to determining whether such Person has knowledge of any event for purposes hereof, such other representatives of the Borrower as may be designated by any one of the foregoing Persons with the consent of the Agent.
  - "Base Rate" means, for any day, a rate per annum equal to (a) the Alternate Base Rate for such day plus (b) the Applicable Margin.
  - "Base Rate Advance" means an Advance which bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the Base Rate.
  - "Base Rate Loan" means a Loan which bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the Base Rate.
  - "Board" means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States of America.
  - "Borrower" has the meaning assigned thereto in the introductory paragraph hereto.
  - "Borrowing Notice" is defined in Section 2.8.

"Business Day" means (a) for all purposes other than as set forth in <u>clause (b)</u> below, any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday on which banks in New York, New York, are open for the conduct of their commercial banking business, and (b) with respect to all notices and determinations in connection with, and payments of principal and interest on, any Eurodollar Loan, or for purposes of determining the interest rate for any Base Rate Loan as to which the interest rate is determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate, any day that is a Business Day described in <u>clause (a)</u> and that is also a day for trading by and between banks in Dollar deposits in the London interbank market.

"<u>Capital Stock</u>" means (a) in the case of a corporation, all classes of capital stock of such corporation, (b) in the case of a partnership, partnership interests (whether general or limited), (c) in the case of a limited liability company, membership interests and (d) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person similar rights with respect to the issuing Person.

"<u>Capitalized Lease</u>" of a Person means any lease of Property by such Person as lessee which would be capitalized on a balance sheet of such Person prepared in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

"<u>Capitalized Lease Obligations</u>" of a Person means the amount of the obligations of such Person under Capitalized Leases which would be shown as a liability on a balance sheet of such Person prepared in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

"CEFS LLC" means CenterPoint Energy Field Services, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"CenterPoint Energy" means CenterPoint Energy, Inc., a Texas corporation.

"CenterPoint Energy Credit Facility" means that certain Credit Agreement dated as of September 9, 2011 among CenterPoint Energy, the banks and other financial institutions from time to time parties thereto, Bank of America, N.A. and The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC, as co-syndication agents, Barclays Bank PLC, Citibank, N.A., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as co-documentation agents, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent.

"CERC" means CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., a Delaware corporation.

"CERC Credit Facility" means that certain Credit Agreement dated as of September 9, 2011 among CERC, the banks and other financial institutions from time to time parties thereto, Bank of America, N.A. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, as co-syndication agents, Barclays Bank PLC, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as co-documentation agents, and Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent.

"CGMI" means Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

- (a) OGE and CenterPoint Energy cease to collectively own, directly or indirectly, at least 51% of the outstanding Voting Stock of the General Partner in the aggregate,
  - (b) the General Partner shall cease to be the general partner of the Borrower,

- (c) the acquisition by any Person or "group" (within the meaning of Rule 13d-5 of the Exchange Act) (other than OGE or CenterPoint Energy) of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of Voting Stock (or other Capital Stock convertible into such Voting Stock) representing 49% or more of the combined voting power of all Voting Stock of the General Partner in the aggregate, or
- (d) during any period of twelve consecutive months, a majority of the members of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body of the General Partner cease to be individuals who are Continuing Directors.

"Change in Law" means the occurrence, after the date of this Agreement, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation, implementation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of any request, rule, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority; provided that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (y) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or any applicable foreign regulatory authority, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case be deemed to be a "Change in Law", regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued and shall be referred to herein as a "Specified Change".

"Citibank" means Citibank, N.A. and its successors.

"Closing Date" means May 1, 2013.

"Closing Date Material Adverse Effect" means a material adverse effect on the business, condition (financial or otherwise), properties, assets, liabilities, obligations (whether absolute, accrued, conditional or otherwise), operations, or results of operations of the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and the assets and businesses to be contributed to the Borrower pursuant to the Transactions, taken as a whole; provided, however, that a Closing Date Material Adverse Effect shall not include any effect on the business, condition (financial or otherwise), properties, assets, liabilities, obligations (whether absolute, accrued, conditional or otherwise), operations or results of operations of the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and the assets and businesses to be contributed to the Borrower pursuant to the Transactions to the extent arising out of or attributable to (a) any decrease in the market price of CenterPoint Energy's or OGE's publicly traded equity securities (but not any change or effect underlying such decrease to the extent such change or effect would otherwise contribute to a Closing Date Material Adverse Effect), (b) changes in the general state of the industries in which the CNP Midstream Entities and Enogex Entities (each as defined in the Master Formation Agreement) operate to the extent that such changes would have the same general effect on companies engaged in such industries, (c) changes in general economic conditions (including changes in commodity prices or interest rates), financial or securities markets or political conditions, in each case to the extent that such changes would have the same general effect on companies engaged in the same lines of business as those conducted by the CNP Midstream Entities and the Enogex Entities, (d) the negotiation, announcement or proposed consummation of the Transactions, including the loss or departure of officers or other employees

of any of the CNP Midstream Entities and the Enogex Entities or any adverse change in customer, distributor, supplier or similar relationships resulting therefrom, (e) changes in United States generally accepted accounting principles or the interpretation thereof or changes in applicable law or the interpretation or enforcement thereof, (f) acts of terrorism, war, sabotage or insurrection not directly damaging or impacting the CNP Midstream Entities and the Enogex Entities, to the extent that such acts have the same general effect on companies engaged in the same lines of business as those conducted by the CNP Midstream Entities and the Enogex Entities, (g) the failure to take any action as a result of any restrictions or prohibitions set forth in Section 6.1 of the Master Formation Agreement with respect to which the other parties thereto refused, following the subject party's request, to provide a waiver in a timely manner or at all, (h) compliance with the terms of, or the taking of any action required by, the Master Formation Agreement, (i) the downgrade in rating of any debt or debt securities of CenterPoint Energy, CERC, OGE or Enogex, (j) any legal proceedings arising out of or related to the Master Formation Agreement or any of the Transactions or (k) the failure by the CNP Midstream Entities and the Enogex Entities to meet any internal or published industry analyst projections or forecasts or estimates of revenues or earnings for any period (it being understood and agreed that the facts and circumstances that may have given rise or contributed to such failure that are not otherwise excluded from the definition of a Closing Date Material Adverse Effect may be taken into account in determining whether there has been a Closing Date Material Adverse Effect).

"Closing Date SEC Reports" means, collectively, (i) the Annual Report on Form 10-K of OGE, the Annual Report on Form 10-K of CenterPoint Energy and the Annual Report on Form 10-K of CERC, in each case, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 and (ii) any Current Reports on Form 8-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Annual Reports on Form 10-K filed by any of OGE, CenterPoint Energy and CERC, in each case, after the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 for such company and prior to the Closing Date.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, reformed or otherwise modified from time to time, and any rule or regulation issued thereunder.

"Co-Documentation Agent" means each of JPMCB and Wells Fargo, in their capacity as Co-Documentation Agents hereunder.

"Commercial Operation Date" means the date on which a Qualified Project is substantially complete and commercially operable.

"Commitment" means, for each Lender, such Lender's obligation to make a single Loan to the Borrower on the Closing Date in an amount not exceeding the amount set forth on the Commitment Schedule opposite such Lender's name.

"Commitment Date SEC Reports" means, collectively, (a) the Annual Report on Form 10-K of OGE, the Annual Report on Form 10-K of CenterPoint Energy and the Annual Report on Form 10-K of CERC, in each case, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, and (b) the Current Reports on Form 8-K filed by OGE, the Current Reports on Form 8-K filed by CenterPoint Energy and the Current Reports on Form 8-K filed by CERC, in each case, after the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 for such company and prior to March 14, 2013.

"Commitment Schedule" means the Schedule identifying each Lender's Commitment as of the Closing Date attached hereto and identified as such.

"Consolidated EBITDA" means, for any period, without duplication, with respect to the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries (a) Consolidated Net Income for such period plus (b) without duplication, the sum of the following to the extent deducted in calculating Consolidated Net Income for such period: (i) Consolidated Interest Expense for such period, (ii) tax expense (including any federal, state, local and foreign income and similar taxes) of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such period, (iii) depreciation and amortization expense of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such period, (iv) any non-recurring non-cash expenses or losses of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, including, in any event, non-cash asset write-downs and unrealized losses in connection with Swap Agreements, for such period, (v) Transaction Costs incurred by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries during such period in an aggregate amount (during all such periods) not to exceed \$50,000,000 and (vi) any non-recurring cash losses during such period minus (c) the sum of the following (i) any non-recurring non-cash gains during such period, (ii) any non-recurring cash gains during such period and (iii) any unrealized gains in connection with Swap Agreements for such period, in each case to the extent included in calculating Consolidated Net Income for such period. Additionally, for purposes of calculating Consolidated EBITDA for any period, if during such period the Borrower or any Subsidiary acquired (or sold) any Person (or any interest in any Person) or all or substantially all of the assets of any Person or a division, line of business or other business unit of another Person, the Consolidated EBITDA attributable to such assets or an amount equal to the percentage of ownership of the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, in such Person times the Consolidated EBITDA of such Person for such period determined on a pro forma basis shall be included (or excluded, as applicable) as Consolidated EBITDA for such period as if such acquisition (or sale) occurred on the first day of such period. Further, in connection with any Qualified Project, Consolidated EBITDA, as used in determining the Consolidated Leverage Ratio, may be modified so as to include Qualified Material Project EBITDA Adjustments, as provided in Section 7.11(b). Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed that Consolidated EBITDA shall not include Excluded EBITDA.

"Consolidated Funded Indebtedness" means, as of any date of determination, for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, the sum of the following (without duplication): (a) all Indebtedness (excluding contingent obligations in respect of undrawn Letters of Credit, bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments), including Capitalized Lease Obligations and Off Balance Sheet Indebtedness, which is classified as "long-term indebtedness" on the consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP and any current maturities and other principal amount in respect of such Indebtedness due within one year but which was classified as "long-term indebtedness" at the creation thereof, including, but not limited to, any applicable Consolidated Hedging Exposure; it being understood that Consolidated Hedging Exposure cannot be negative for the purposes of determining Consolidated Funded Indebtedness, (b) Indebtedness for borrowed money of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries outstanding under a

revolving credit (including the 2013 Revolving Credit Facility) or similar agreement, notwithstanding the fact that any such borrowing is made within one year of the expiration of such agreement, (c) all drawn and owing reimbursement obligations outstanding under Letters of Credit, bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments, (d) all Capitalized Lease Obligations and Off Balance Sheet Indebtedness, (e) without duplication, all guarantees with respect to outstanding Indebtedness of the types specified in clauses (a) through (d) above of Persons other than the Borrower or any Subsidiary and (f) all Indebtedness of the types referred to in clauses (a) through (d) above of any partnership or joint venture (other than a joint venture that is itself a corporation or limited liability company) in which the Borrower or a Subsidiary is a general partner or a joint venture partner, in each case to the extent such Person is legally liable therefor by contract, by application of applicable laws, or as a result of such Person's ownership interest in or other relationship with such entity, unless such Indebtedness is expressly made non-recourse to the Borrower or such Subsidiary. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed that (i) "Consolidated Funded Indebtedness" shall not include the obligations of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries under any Hybrid Equity Securities, Mandatorily Convertible Securities or Equity Preferred Securities but only to the extent the aggregate amount of such Hybrid Equity Securities, Mandatorily Convertible Securities and Equity Preferred Securities are less than or equal to 20% of total consolidated capitalization of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, as determined in accordance with GAAP (and then only to the extent in excess of such amount), (ii) for the purpose of determining "Consolidated Funded Indebtedness," any particular Indebtedness will be excluded if and to the extent that the necessary funds for the payment, redemption or satisfaction of that Indebtedne

"Consolidated Hedging Exposure" means, at any time with respect to all applicable Swap Agreements to which the Borrower and its Subsidiaries are counterparties, the aggregate consolidated net exposure of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries under all such agreements on a marked to market basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" means, for any period with respect to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, all interest (including the interest component, if any, of any Capitalized Lease, the commitment fee and the LC fronting fees and other interest, fees and expenses paid pursuant hereto and pursuant to the 2013 Revolving Credit Facility) paid or accrued during such period in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Leverage Ratio" shall mean, as of the last day of any fiscal quarter of the Borrower, for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.

(a) for the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2013, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness on such date to (ii) Initial Fiscal Quarter Consolidated EBITDA multiplied by four, where "Initial Fiscal Quarter Consolidated EBITDA" means Consolidated EBITDA for the period from the Closing Date through June 30, 2013, multiplied by 1.5,

- (b) for the fiscal quarter ending September 30, 2013, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness on such date to (ii) (A) the sum of (x) the Initial Fiscal Quarter Consolidated EBITDA plus (y) Consolidated EBITDA for such fiscal quarter, multiplied by (B) two,
- (c) for the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2013, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness on such date to (ii) (A) the sum of (x) the Initial Fiscal Quarter Consolidated EBITDA plus (y) Consolidated EBITDA for the two consecutive fiscal quarters ending on such date, multiplied by (B) 4/3, and
- (d) for any fiscal quarter ending after December 31, 2013, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness on such date to (ii) Consolidated EBITDA for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters ending on such date.
- "Consolidated Net Income" means, for any period, for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, the net income of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (excluding extraordinary gains and extraordinary losses) for that period, as determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Subsidiary." means, for any Person, at any date any Subsidiary or other entity the accounts of which would be consolidated with those of such Person in its consolidated financial statements if such statements were prepared as of such date; unless otherwise specified "Consolidated Subsidiary" means a Consolidated Subsidiary of the Borrower.

"Consolidated Tangible Assets" means, as of any date of determination, the total amount of consolidated assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (other than Excluded Subsidiaries) minus: the value (net of any applicable reserves and accumulated amortization) of all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, patents and other like intangible assets, all as set forth, or on a pro forma basis would be set forth, on the consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (other than Excluded Subsidiaries) for the most recently completed fiscal quarter or year, as applicable, prepared in accordance with GAAP.

"Continuing Director" shall mean, with respect to any period, and with respect to any Person, (a) any individual who was a member of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body (a "director") of such Person on the first day of such period and (b) each other director if such director's nomination or appointment as a director is recommended by (x) a majority of the then Continuing Directors or (y) OGE or CenterPoint Energy, directly or indirectly (excluding, in the case of  $\underline{\text{clause }(b)(x)}$ , any director whose initial nomination for, or assumption of office as, a member of that board or equivalent governing body occurs as a result of an actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents for the election or removal of one or more directors by any person or group other than a solicitation for the election of one or more directors by or on behalf of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body).

"Controlled Group" means all members of a controlled group of corporations or other business entities and all trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated) under common control which, together with the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, are treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

#### "Conversion/Continuation Notice" is defined in Section 2.9.

"Credit Extension" means the making of the Loans on the Closing Date in an aggregate amount equal to the Aggregate Commitment (or such lesser amount as requested by the Borrower).

"<u>Debt Issuance</u>" shall mean the issuance or incurrence of any Indebtedness for borrowed money by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in the form of any public or private capital markets offering or any bank debt facility.

"<u>Debtor Relief Laws</u>" means the Bankruptcy Code of the United States of America, and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect.

"Default" means an event which but for the lapse of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute an Event of Default.

"<u>Default Rate</u>" means, with respect to any overdue amount owed hereunder, a rate per annum equal to (a) in the case of overdue principal with respect to any Loan, the sum of the interest rate in effect at such time with respect to such Loan under <u>Section 2.15</u>, plus 2%; <u>provided</u> that in the case of overdue principal with respect to any Eurodollar Rate Loan, after the end of the Interest Period with respect to such Loan, the Default Rate shall equal the rate set forth in <u>clause</u> (b) below and (b) in the case of overdue interest with respect to any Loan, fees or other amounts payable hereunder, the sum of the interest rate per annum in effect at such time with respect to Base Rate Loans, plus 2%.

"<u>Defaulting Lender</u>" means, subject to <u>Section 2.24(b)</u>, (a) any Lender that has failed to (i) fund all or any portion of its Loans within two Business Days of the date such Loans were required to be funded hereunder, unless such Lender notifies the Agent and the Borrower in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender's determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding (each of which conditions precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing) has not been satisfied, or (ii) pay to the Agent or any Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder within two Business Days of the date when due, (b) any Lender that has notified the Borrower or the Agent in writing that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations hereunder, or has made a public statement to that effect (unless such writing or public statement relates to such Lender's obligation to fund a Loan hereunder and states that such position is based on such Lender's determination that a condition precedent to funding (which condition precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing or public statement) cannot be satisfied), (c) any Lender that has failed, within three (3) Business Days after written request by the Agent or the Borrower, to confirm in writing to the Agent and the Borrower that it will comply with its prospective funding obligations hereunder (provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon receipt of such written confirmation by the Agent and the Borrower), or (d) any Lender with respect to which a Lender Insolvency Event has occurred and is continuing with respect to such Lender or its Parent Company; provided that a

Lender shall not be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any equity interest in that Lender or any direct or indirect parent company thereof by a Governmental Authority so long as such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Lender with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Lender (or such Governmental Authority) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made with such Lender. Any determination by the Agent that a Lender is a Defaulting Lender under any one or more of <a href="clauses (a)">clauses (a)</a> through <a href="(d)</a> above shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error, and such Lender shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender (subject to <a href="Section 2.24(b)">Section 2.24(b)</a>) upon delivery of written notice from the Agent of such determination to the Borrower and each Lender.

- "Designated Rating" is defined on the Pricing Schedule.
- "Dollar" and "\$" means dollars in the lawful currency of the United States of America.
- "<u>Eligible Assignee</u>" means any Person that meets the requirements to be an assignee under <u>Sections 12.3(e)</u> and <u>12.3(f)</u> (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under <u>Section 12.3(b)</u>).
  - "Enogex" means Enogex LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.
- "Environmental Laws" means any and all Applicable Laws relating to (a) the protection of the environment, (b) the effect of the environment on human health, (c) emissions, discharges or releases of pollutants, contaminants, hazardous substances or wastes into surface water, ground water or land, or (d) the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of pollutants, contaminants, hazardous substances or wastes or the clean-up or other remediation thereof.
- "<u>Equity Preferred Securities</u>" means any securities, however denominated, (a) issued by the Borrower or any Consolidated Subsidiary of the Borrower, (b) that are not, or the underlying securities, if any, of which are not, subject to mandatory redemption or maturity prior to 91 days after the Maturity Date, and (c) the terms of which permit the deferral of interest or distributions thereon to a date occurring after the 91st day after the Maturity Date.
  - "ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, and any rules or regulations issued thereunder.

"ERISA Event" means (a) any Reportable Event with respect to a Plan; (b) the incurrence by the Borrower or member of the Controlled Group of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Plan; (c) the receipt by the Borrower or member of the Controlled Group from the PBGC or a plan administrator of any notice relating to an intention to terminate any Plan or to appoint a trustee to administer any Plan; (d) the Borrower or member of the Controlled Group incurring any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal from any Plan or Multiemployer Plan; or (e) the receipt by the Borrower or member of the Controlled Group of any notice concerning the imposition of Withdrawal Liability or a determination that a Multiemployer Plan is, or is expected to be, insolvent within the meaning of Section 4245 of ERISA or in reorganization, within the meaning of Section 4241 of ERISA.

"<u>Eurodollar Advance</u>" means an Advance (other than a Base Rate Advance as to which the interest rate is determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate) which bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate.

"Eurodollar Loan" means a Loan (other than a Base Rate Loan as to which the interest rate is determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate) which bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate.

"Eurodollar Rate" means, with respect to any Eurodollar Advance for any Interest Period, the sum of (a) the rate appearing on the Reuters Reference LIBOR01 Page (or on any successor or substitute page of such service, or any successor to or substitute for such service, providing rate quotations comparable to those currently provided on such page of such service, as determined by the Agent from time to time for purposes of providing quotations of interest rates applicable to deposits in Dollars in the London interbank market) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on the second Business Day next preceding the first day of such Interest Period, as the rate for deposits in Dollars with a maturity comparable to such Interest Period. In the event that such rate is not available at such time for any reason, then the "Eurodollar Rate" for such Interest Period shall be the rate at which deposits in Dollars in an amount equal to \$5,000,000 and for a maturity comparable to such Interest Period are offered by the principal London office of the Agent in immediately available funds in the London interbank market at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on the second Business Day next preceding the first day of such Interest Period <u>plus</u> (b) the Applicable Margin.

"Event of Default" is defined in Section 8.1.

"Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and in effect from time to time.

"Excluded EBITDA" means any portion of Consolidated EBITDA attributable to an Excluded Subsidiary.

"Excluded Subsidiary" means any future Subsidiary formed or acquired by the Borrower that is designated by the Borrower as an "Excluded Subsidiary" in accordance with Section 9.17 as long as (a) such Excluded Subsidiary has no Indebtedness that is recourse to the Borrower or any Non-Excluded Subsidiary and (b) any Indebtedness for borrowed money incurred by such Excluded Subsidiary is used solely to acquire, construct, develop or operate assets and related businesses; provided that the aggregate amount of assets owned by all Excluded Subsidiaries cannot exceed 15% of the total consolidated assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, as determined by the most recent balance sheet delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 6.1.

"Excluded Taxes" means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to a Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, Taxes measured by the overall capital or net worth of such Recipient and branch profits Taxes, in each

case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its applicable Lending Installation located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in a Loan or Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender acquires such interest in the Loan or Commitment or becomes a party to this Agreement (other than pursuant to an assignment request by the Borrower under Section 2.19) or (ii) such Lender changes its applicable Lending Installation, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 3.5, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender's assignor immediately before such Lender became a party hereto or to such Lender immediately before it changed its applicable Lending Installation, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient's failure to comply with Section 3.5(g) and (d) any U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA.

"Existing Enogex Senior Notes" means (a) the 6.875% Senior Notes due 2014 issued by Enogex pursuant to the Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement dated as of June 15, 2009 between Enogex and UMB Bank, N.A. and (b) the 6.25% Senior Notes due 2020 issued by Enogex pursuant to the Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement dated as of November 15, 2009 between Enogex and UMB Bank, N.A.

"Existing Enogex Term Loan Agreement" means that certain Term Loan Agreement dated as of August 2, 2012 by and among Enogex, the lenders from time to time party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as agent for the lenders.

"<u>FATCA</u>" means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof and any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code.

"Federal Funds Effective Rate" means, for any day, the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers, as published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or, if such rate is not so published for any day that is a Business Day, the average of the quotations for such day for such transactions received by the Agent from three Federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by the Agent.

"Fee Letters" means (a) the letter dated March 14, 2013 addressed to Enogex and CenterPoint Energy from CGMI, UBS Securities and UBS Loan Finance LLC and accepted and agreed to by Enogex and CenterPoint Energy on March 14, 2013, (b) the letter dated March 14, 2013 addressed to Enogex and CenterPoint Energy from CGMI and Citibank and accepted and agreed to by Enogex and CenterPoint Energy on March 14, 2013 and (c) the letter dated March 14, 2013 addressed to CenterPoint Energy from CGMI and accepted and agreed to by CenterPoint Energy on March 14, 2013, in each case referring to the \$1,050,000,000 3-year term loan facility for the Borrower.

- "<u>Financial Officer</u>" means the chief financial officer, treasurer, an assistant treasurer or the controller of the General Partner (or, if at such time the Borrower has any such officers, of the Borrower).
  - "Fitch" means Fitch Ratings and any successor thereto.
  - "Foreign Lender" means a Lender which is not a U.S. Person.
- "Fund" means any Person (other than a natural person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business.
- "GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in effect from time to time; provided that in the event that any "Accounting Change" (as defined below) shall occur and such change would otherwise result in a change in the method of calculation of financial covenants, standards or terms in this Agreement, then unless and until the Borrower, the Agent and the Required Lenders mutually agree to adjustments to the terms hereof to reflect any such Accounting Change, all financial covenants (including such covenants contained in Section 7.11 and, if applicable, Section 7.12), standards and terms in this Agreement shall continue to be calculated or construed as if such Accounting Changes had not occurred. "Accounting Changes" refers to changes in accounting principles required or permitted by the promulgation of any rule, regulation, pronouncement or opinion by the Financial Accounting Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or, if applicable, the SEC and shall include the adoption or implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards or changes in lease accounting.
  - "General Partner" means CNP OGE GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.
- "Governmental Authority." means the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).
  - "Guarantor" means CERC.
- "Guaranty" means that certain Subordinated Guaranty of Collection, dated as of the Closing Date, made by the Guarantor in favor of the Agent for the ratable benefit of itself and the Lenders, as the same may be amended, restated, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.
- "<u>Hybrid Equity Securities</u>" means any securities issued by the Borrower, any Subsidiary or a financing vehicle of the Borrower or any Subsidiary that (a) are classified as possessing a minimum of "minimal equity content" by S&P, Basket B equity credit by Moody's, and 25% equity credit by Fitch and (b) require no repayments or prepayments and no mandatory redemptions or repurchases, in each case, prior to the date that is 91 days after the Maturity Date.

"Indebtedness" of any Person means at any date, without duplication, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all indebtedness of such Person for the deferred purchase price of property or services purchased (excluding current accounts payable and trade payables incurred in the ordinary course of business), (c) all indebtedness created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to property acquired, (d) all Capitalized Lease Obligations in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles, (e) all reimbursement obligations, contingent or otherwise, outstanding under Letters of Credit, bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments, (f) unless otherwise cash collateralized, Consolidated Hedging Exposure, (g) indebtedness of the type described in clauses (a) through (f) above secured by any Lien on property or assets of such Person, whether or not assumed (but in any event if such indebtedness is not assumed or guaranteed, the amount constituting Indebtedness under this clause shall not exceed the fair market value of the property or asset subject to such security interest), (h) all direct guarantees of Indebtedness referred to in clauses (a) through (f) above of another Person, (i) all amounts payable in connection with mandatory redemptions or repurchases of Capital Stock (other than Hybrid Equity Securities, Mandatorily Convertible Securities and Equity Preferred Securities) and (j) all Off Balance Sheet Indebtedness of such Person. For the purpose of determining "Indebtedness," any particular Indebtedness will be excluded if and to the extent that the necessary funds for the payment, redemption or satisfaction of that Indebtedness (including, to the extent applicable, any associated prepayment penalties, fees or payments and such other amounts required in connection therewith) have been irrevocably deposited with the proper depositary in trust.

"Indemnified Costs" is defined in Section 10.10.

"Indemnified Taxes" means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower or the Guarantor under any Loan Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in clause (a), Other Taxes.

"Indemnitee" is defined in Section 9.7(b).

"Information" is defined in Section 5.14.

"Initial Financial Statements" means (a) the audited financial statements of Enogex Holdings LLC as of December 31, 2012 for the fiscal year ending on such date, (b) the audited financial statements of the business and assets of CEFS LLC and the CenterPoint Energy business and assets to be contributed to the Borrower as of December 31, 2012 for the fiscal year ending on such date and (c) the unaudited pro forma balance sheet as of December 31, 2012 and unaudited pro forma income statement for the year ending December 31, 2012, combining (i) CEFS LLC, (ii) the CenterPoint Energy business and assets to be contributed to the Borrower and (iii) Enogex.

"<u>Initial JV Transaction</u>" means the consummation on the Closing Date of the series of transactions to be consummated pursuant to Section 2.1 of the Master Formation Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.

"Interest Period" means, with respect to a Eurodollar Advance, a period of one, two, three or six months (or nine or twelve months if requested by the Borrower and agreed to by each of the Lenders), commencing on a Business Day selected by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement and ending on (but excluding) the day which corresponds numerically to such date in the calendar month that is one, two, three or six months (or such other period as shall be agreed upon by all of the Lenders) thereafter; provided that (a) if there is no such numerically corresponding day in such first, second, third or sixth succeeding month or such other succeeding period, such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of such first, second, third or sixth succeeding month or such other succeeding period and (b) no Interest Period shall extend beyond the Maturity Date. If an Interest Period would otherwise end on a day which is not a Business Day, such Interest Period shall end on the next succeeding Business Day; provided, that if said next succeeding Business Day falls in a new calendar month, such Interest Period shall end on the immediately preceding Business Day.

"Investment Grade Status" exists at any date if, on such date, the Borrower has or is deemed to have pursuant to the last paragraph of the Pricing Schedule (as in effect on the Closing Date) at least two of the following Designated Ratings: a Moody's Rating (as defined in the Pricing Schedule as in effect on the Closing Date) of Baa3 or better, a S&P Rating (as defined in the Pricing Schedule as in effect on the Closing Date) of BBB- or better or a Fitch Rating (as defined in the Pricing Schedule as in effect on the Closing Date) of BBB- or better.

"IPO" means an initial public offering of the Capital Stock of the Borrower, registered with the Securities Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act.

"JPMCB" means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and its successors.

"Lenders" has the meaning assigned thereto in the introductory paragraph hereto.

"Lender Insolvency Event" means that (a) a Lender or its Parent Company is insolvent, or is generally unable to pay its debts as they become due, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they become due, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or (b) such Lender or its Parent Company is the subject of a bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, liquidation or similar proceeding, or a receiver, trustee, conservator, intervenor or sequestrator or the like has been appointed for such Lender or its Parent Company, or such Lender or its Parent Company has taken any action in furtherance of or indicating its consent to or acquiescence in any such proceeding or appointment.

"<u>Lending Installation</u>" means, with respect to a Lender or the Agent, the office, branch, subsidiary or affiliate of such Lender or the Agent listed on the signature pages hereof or on the administrative information sheets provided to the Agent in connection herewith or otherwise selected by such Lender or the Agent pursuant to <u>Section 2.17</u>.

"<u>Lien</u>" means any lien (statutory or other), mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance or preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever (including the interest of a vendor or lessor under any conditional sale, Capitalized Lease or other title retention agreement).

- "Loan" means, with respect to a Lender, such Lender's loan made pursuant to its commitment to lend set forth in <u>Section 2.1</u> (or any conversion or continuation thereof).
- "Loan Documents" means this Agreement, the Notes, the Fee Letters and all other documents, instruments, notes and agreements executed and delivered in connection therewith or contemplated thereby which the Agent and the Borrower designate in writing as a "Loan Document".
- "Mandatorily Convertible Securities" means mandatorily convertible equity-linked securities issued by the Borrower or any Subsidiary, so long as the terms of such securities require no repayments or prepayments of principal and no mandatory redemptions or repurchases, in each case, prior to at least 91 days after the Maturity Date.
- "Master Formation Agreement" means that certain Master Formation Agreement dated as of March 14, 2013 by and among CenterPoint Energy, OGE, and ArcLight.
- "Material Adverse Effect" means a material adverse effect on (a) the business, condition (financial or otherwise), or operations of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (b) the ability of the Borrower to perform its obligations under the Loan Documents, or (c) the validity or enforceability of any of the Loan Documents or the rights or remedies of the Agent or the Lenders thereunder.
- "Material Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of the Borrower and/or its Material Subsidiaries (other than Indebtedness among the Borrower and/or its Subsidiaries) in an outstanding principal amount of \$100,000,000 or more in the aggregate (or the equivalent thereof in any currency other than U.S. dollars).
  - "Material JV Agreements" is defined in Section 4.1(g).
- "Material Subsidiary" means (a) for the purposes of determining what constitutes an "Event of Default" under Sections 8.1(e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (k) and (l) a Subsidiary of the Borrower (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) whose total assets, as of any date of determination, as determined in accordance with GAAP, represent at least 10% of the total assets of the Borrower, as of such date of determination, on a consolidated basis as determined in accordance with GAAP, and (b) for all other purposes the "Material Subsidiaries" shall be those Subsidiaries of the Borrower whose total assets, as determined in accordance with GAAP, represent at least 10% of the total assets of the Borrower on a consolidated basis, as determined in accordance with GAAP for the Borrower's most recently completed fiscal year and identified in the certificate most recently delivered pursuant to Section 6.1(d).
  - "Maturity Date" means May 1, 2016.
  - "Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and any successor thereto.
- "Multiemployer Plan" means a multiemployer plan, as defined in Section 3(37) or Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA, which is covered by Title IV of ERISA and to which the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group is obligated to make contributions or has been obligated to make contributions during the last six years.

- "Net Cash Proceeds" means, with respect to any Debt Issuance, the gross cash proceeds received by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries therefrom less all reasonable and customary out-of-pocket legal, underwriting and other fees and expenses incurred in connection therewith.
- "Non-Consenting Lender" means any Lender that does not approve any consent, waiver or amendment that (a) requires the approval of all affected Lenders or all Lenders and (b) has been approved by the Required Lenders.
  - "Non-Defaulting Lender" means, at any time, each Lender that is not a Defaulting Lender at such time.
  - "Non-Excluded Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary that is not an Excluded Subsidiary.
- "Non-Recourse Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of any Excluded Subsidiary as to which (a) neither the Borrower nor any Non-Excluded Subsidiary provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebtedness), (b) neither the Borrower nor any Non-Excluded Subsidiary is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise, (c) neither the Borrower nor any Non-Excluded Subsidiary is the lender or other type of creditor, or (d) the relevant legal documents do not provide that the lenders or other type of creditors with respect thereto will have any recourse to the stock or assets of the Borrower or any Non-Excluded Subsidiary.
  - "Note" is defined in Section 2.13(d).
- "Obligations" means all Loans, advances, debts, liabilities and obligations owing by the Borrower to the Agent, any Lender, any Arranger, any affiliate of the Agent, any Lender or any Arranger, or any Indemnitee under the provisions of Section 9.7 or any other provisions of the Loan Documents, in each case of any kind or nature, arising under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, whether or not evidenced by any note, guaranty or other instrument, whether or not for the payment of money, whether arising by reason of an extension of credit, loan, indemnification, or in any other manner, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assignment), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and however acquired. The term includes all principal, interest (including interest accruing after the filing of any bankruptcy or similar petition), charges, indemnities, expenses, fees, attorneys' fees and disbursements, and any other sum chargeable to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries under this Agreement or any other Loan Document.
  - "OFAC" means the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control.
- "Off Balance Sheet Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person, (a) any repurchase obligation or repurchase liability of such Person with respect to accounts or notes receivable sold by such Person, (b) any liability of such Person under any sale and leaseback transactions that do not create a liability on the balance sheet of such Person, (c) any obligations under Synthetic Leases or (d) any obligation arising with respect to any other transaction which is the functional

equivalent of borrowing but which does not constitute a liability on the balance sheet of such Person. As used herein, "<u>Synthetic Lease</u>" means a lease transaction under which the parties intend that (i) the lease will be treated as an "operating lease" by the lessee pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, as amended and (ii) the lessee will be entitled to various tax and other benefits ordinarily available to owners (as opposed to lessees) of like property.

"OGE" means OGE Energy Corp., an Oklahoma corporation.

"Other Connection Taxes" means, with respect to any Recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Loan Document).

"Other Taxes" means all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 2.19).

"Outstanding Credit Exposure" means, as to any Lender at any time, the aggregate principal amount of its Loans outstanding at such time.

"Parent Company" means, with respect to a Lender, the bank holding company (as defined in Federal Reserve Board Regulation Y), if any, of such Lender, and/or any Person owning, beneficially or of record, directly or indirectly, a majority of the shares of such Lender.

"Participant" is defined in Section 12.2(a).

"Participant Register" is defined in Section 12.2(d).

"Partnership Agreement" means the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Borrower dated as of May 1, 2013 among the General Partner, CERC, OGE Enogex Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Enogex Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as modified from time to time.

"Payment Date" means the last day of each March, June, September and December and the Maturity Date.

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or any successor thereto.

"<u>Permitted Receivables Financing</u>" means any financing transaction or series of financing transactions (including factoring arrangements), the obligations under which are non-recourse to the Borrower and its Non-Excluded Subsidiaries (other than through recourse for breaches of

representations and warranties made by the Borrower or any of the Non-Excluded Subsidiaries and such indemnities and/or credit recourse as are consistent with a true sale or absolute transfer characterization under current legal and accounting standards (it being assumed that such standards are met by delivery of a legal opinion to such effect)), in connection with which the Borrower or any Affiliate of the Borrower may sell, convey or otherwise transfer, or grant a Lien on, accounts, payments, receivables, accounts receivable, rights to future credits, reimbursements, lease payments or other payments or residuals or similar rights to payment and in each case any related assets (collectively, "Receivables Facility Assets") to a Person that is not the Borrower or a Non-Excluded Subsidiary (including a Receivables Entity); provided that the aggregate principal or similar amount of all Permitted Receivables Financings shall not exceed at any one time outstanding 5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets.

"Person" means any natural person, corporation, firm, joint venture, partnership, limited liability company, association, enterprise, trust or other entity or organization, or any government or political subdivision or any agency, department or instrumentality thereof.

"<u>Plan</u>" means an employee pension benefit plan, excluding any Multiemployer Plan, which is covered by Title IV of ERISA or subject to the minimum funding standards under Section 412 of the Code as to which the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group may have any liability.

"Pricing Schedule" means the Schedule identifying the Applicable Margin attached hereto and identified as such.

"Prime Rate" means the rate of interest per annum publicly announced from time to time by Citibank as its prime rate in effect at its principal office in New York City; each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective from and including the date such change is publicly announced as being effective.

"Property" of a Person means any and all right, title and interest of such Person in or to property, whether real, personal, tangible, intangible, or mixed.

"Pro Rata Share" means, with respect to a Lender, (a) a fraction, the numerator of which is such Lender's Commitment at such time (in each case, as adjusted from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement) and the denominator of which is the Aggregate Commitment at such time, or (b) if the Aggregate Commitment has been terminated, a fraction, the numerator of which is such Lender's Outstanding Credit Exposure at such time and the denominator of which is the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure at such time.

"Purchaser" is defined in Section 12.3(a).

"Qualified Project" means the construction or expansion of any capital project of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, the aggregate actual or budgeted capital cost of which (in each case, including capital costs expended by the Borrower or any such Subsidiaries prior to the acquisition or construction of such project) exceeds \$50,000,000.

#### "Qualified Project EBITDA Adjustments" means, with respect to each Qualified Project:

(a) prior to the Commercial Operation Date of a Qualified Project (but including the fiscal quarter in which such Commercial Operation Date occurs), a percentage (based on the then-current completion percentage of such Qualified Project) of an amount to be approved by the Agent (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) as the projected Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project for the first 12-month period following the scheduled Commercial Operation Date of such Qualified Project (such amount to be determined based on customer contracts relating to such Qualified Project, the creditworthiness of the other parties to such contracts, and projected revenues from such contracts, capital costs and expenses, scheduled Commercial Operation Date, oil and gas reserve and production estimates, commodity price assumptions and other reasonable factors deemed appropriate by the Agent), which may, at the Borrower's option, be added to actual Consolidated EBITDA for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the fiscal quarter in which construction of such Qualified Project commences and for each fiscal quarter thereafter until the Commercial Operation Date of such Qualified Project (including the fiscal quarter in which such Commercial Operation Date occurs, but net of any actual Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project following such Commercial Operation Date); provided that if the actual Commercial Operation Date does not occur by the scheduled Commercial Operation Date, then the foregoing amount shall be reduced, for quarters ending after the scheduled Commercial Operation Date to (but excluding) the first full quarter after its actual Commercial Operation Date, by the following percentage amounts depending on the period of delay (based on the period of actual delay or then-estimated delay, whichever is longer): (i) 90 days or less, 0%, (ii) longer than 90 days, but not more than 180 days, 25%, (iii) l

(b) thereafter, actual Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project for each full fiscal quarter after the Commercial Operation Date, plus the amount approved by the Agent pursuant to <a href="clause (a)">clause (a)</a> above as the projected Consolidated EBITDA of Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project for the fiscal quarters constituting the balance of the four full fiscal quarter period following such Commercial Operation Date; <a href="provided">provided</a> that in the event the actual Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project for any full fiscal quarter after the Commercial Operation Date shall materially differ from the projected Consolidated EBITDA approved by the Agent pursuant to <a href="clause (a)">clause</a> (a) above for such fiscal quarter, the projected Consolidated EBITDA of Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project for any remaining fiscal quarters included in the foregoing calculation shall be redetermined in the same manner as set forth in <a href="clause (a)">clause (a)</a> above, such amount to be approved by the Agent (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), which may, at the Borrower's option, be added to actual Consolidated EBITDA for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such fiscal quarters.

Notwithstanding the foregoing:

- (A) no such additions shall be allowed with respect to any Qualified Project unless:
- (1) not later than 30 days prior to the delivery of any certificate required by the terms and provisions of Section 6.1(c) to the extent Qualified Project EBITDA Adjustments are requested be made to Consolidated EBITDA in determining compliance with Section 7.11, the Borrower shall have delivered to the Agent (i) written pro forma projections of Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project and (ii) a certificate of the Borrower certifying that all written information provided to the Agent for purposes of approving such pro forma projections (including information relating to customer contracts relating to such Qualified Project, the creditworthiness of the other parties to such contracts, and projected revenues from such contracts, capital costs and expenses, scheduled Commercial Operation Date, oil and gas reserve and production estimates, commodity price assumptions) was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions that were reasonable at the time they were made; and
- (2) prior to the date such certificate is required to be delivered, the Agent shall have approved (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld) such projections and shall have received such other information and documentation as the Agent may reasonably request, all in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent; and
- (B) the aggregate amount of all Qualified Project EBITDA Adjustments during any period shall be limited to 20% of the total actual Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such period (which total actual Consolidated EBITDA shall be determined without including any Qualified Project EBITDA Adjustments).
  - "Rating Agency" is defined on the Pricing Schedule.
  - "Recipient" means (a) the Agent and (b) any Lender, as applicable.
- "Receivables Entity" means any Excluded Subsidiary formed or utilized for the special purpose of (a) effecting a Permitted Receivables Financing and (b) engaging in activities reasonably related or incidental thereto.
  - "Receivables Facility Assets" is defined in the definition of "Permitted Receivables Financing".
  - "Refinanced Increase Amount" is defined in Section 2.7(a).
- "Regulation U" means Regulation U of the Board as from time to time in effect and any successor or other regulation or official interpretation of the Board relating to the extension of credit by banks for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock (as defined therein) applicable to member banks of the Federal Reserve System.
- "Regulation X" means Regulation X of the Board as from time to time in effect and any successor or other regulation or official interpretation of the Board relating to the extension of credit by foreign lenders for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock (as defined therein).

"Reimbursed Party" is defined in Section 9.7(a).

"Related Parties" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, managers, administrators, trustees, and advisors of such Person and of such Person's Affiliates.

"Reportable Event" means a reportable event as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA and the regulations issued under such section, with respect to a Plan subject to Title IV of ERISA, excluding, however, such events as to which the PBGC has by regulation waived the requirement of Section 4043(a) of ERISA that it be notified within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of such event; provided that a failure to meet the minimum funding standard of Section 412 or 430 of the Code and of Section 302 of ERISA shall be a Reportable Event regardless of the issuance of any such waiver of the notice requirement in accordance with either Section 4043(a) of ERISA or Section 412(c) of the Code.

"Requested Borrowing Amount" means the aggregate principal amount of Loans requested by the Borrower to be made to it on the Closing Date, as specified in the Borrowing Notice delivered pursuant to Section 2.8. The Requested Borrowing Amount shall not exceed the Aggregate Commitments.

"<u>Required Lenders</u>" means Lenders in the aggregate having Commitments of greater than fifty percent (50%) of the Aggregate Commitment or, if the Aggregate Commitment has been terminated, Lenders in the aggregate holding greater than fifty percent (50%) of the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure, subject to <u>Section 9.1(b)</u>.

"Restricted Payments" means, with respect to any Person, (a) any dividend or other distribution, direct or indirect, on account of any shares (or equivalent) of any class of Capital Stock of such Person, now or hereafter outstanding, (b) any redemption, retirement, sinking fund or similar payment, purchase or other acquisition for value, direct or indirect, of any shares (or equivalent) of any class of Capital Stock of any such Person, now or hereafter outstanding, (c) any payment made to retire, or to obtain the surrender of, any outstanding warrants, options or other rights to acquire shares of any class of Capital Stock of such Person, now or hereafter outstanding, and (d) the payment by such Person of any management, advisory or consulting fee to any other Person who is directly or indirectly a significant partner, shareholder, owner or executive officer of such Person; provided that this clause (d) shall not include the payment, in the ordinary course, of any brokers, finders or similar fees as determined appropriate by their respective governing bodies in their reasonable discretion.

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a subsidiary of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc, and any successor thereto.

"Sanctioned Entity" shall mean (a) an agency of the government of, (b) an organization directly or indirectly owned or controlled by, or (c) an individual that acts on behalf of, a country that is subject to a sanctions program identified on the list maintained by OFAC and available at <a href="http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/programs">http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/programs</a>, or as otherwise published from time to time, to the extent that such program administered by OFAC is applicable to any such agency, organization or person.

"Sanctioned Person" shall mean a person named on the list of Specially Designated Nationals or Blocked Persons maintained by OFAC available at <a href="http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/sdn/index.html">http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/sdn/index.html</a>, or as otherwise published from time to time.

"Single Employer Plan" means a Plan maintained by the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group for employees of the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group.

"Solvent" and "Solvency" mean, with respect to any Person on any date of determination, that on such date (a) the fair value of the property of such Person is greater than the total amount of liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of such Person, (b) the present fair saleable value of the assets of such Person is not less than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liability of such Person on its debts as they become absolute and matured, (c) such Person does not intend to, and does not believe that it will, incur debts or liabilities beyond such Person's ability to pay such debts and liabilities as they mature, (d) such Person is not engaged in business or a transaction, and is not about to engage in business or a transaction, for which such Person's property would constitute an unreasonably small capital, and (e) such Person is able to pay its debts and liabilities, contingent obligations and other commitments as they mature in the ordinary course of business. The amount of contingent liabilities at any time shall be computed as the amount that, in the light of all the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability.

"Specified Acquisition" means any one or more related transactions (a) pursuant to which the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) acquires for an aggregate principal purchase price of not less than \$50,000,000 (i) more than 50% of the Capital Stock in any other Person or (ii) other Property or assets (other than acquisitions of Capital Stock of a Person, capital expenditures and acquisitions of inventory or supplies in the ordinary course of business) of, or of an operating division or business unit of, any other Person, and (b) which is designated by the Borrower (by written notice to the Agent) as a "Specified Acquisition".

"Specified Change" is defined in the term "Change in Law".

"Subsidiary" means, as to any Person, any corporation or other entity of which securities or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or other Persons performing similar functions are at the time directly or indirectly owned by such Person; unless otherwise specified, "Subsidiary" means a Subsidiary of the Borrower.

"Substantial Portion" means, with respect to the Property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, Property which represents more than 25% of the consolidated assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries or property which is responsible for more than 25% of the Consolidated Net Income of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, in each case, as would be shown in the consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as at the end of the four fiscal quarter period ending with the fiscal quarter immediately prior to the fiscal quarter in which such determination is made (or if financial statements have not been delivered hereunder for that fiscal quarter which ends such four fiscal quarter period, then the financial statements delivered hereunder for the quarter ending immediately prior to that quarter).

"Swap Agreements" means any agreement with respect to any swap, forward, future or other derivative transaction or option or similar agreement entered into by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in order to provide protection to the Borrower and/or its Subsidiaries against fluctuations in future interest rates, currency exchange rates or commodity prices.

"<u>Taxes</u>" means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

"<u>Transaction Costs</u>" means all fees, costs and expenses incurred or payable by the Borrower or any Subsidiary in connection with the negotiation, execution and consummation of (a) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including the commitment letters and all fees payable hereunder or pursuant to any Fee Letter on the Closing Date pursuant to <u>Section 10.9</u>) and (b) the 2013 Revolving Credit Facility and the other "Loan Documents" related thereto and as defined therein (including the commitment letters and all fees payable on the "Closing Date" thereunder and as defined therein).

"Transactions" means, collectively, (a) the Initial JV Transaction, (b) the effectiveness and funding of this Agreement and (c) the effectiveness of the 2013 Revolving Credit Facility on the Closing Date.

"Transferee" is defined in Section 12.4.

"Type" means, with respect to any Advance, its nature as a Base Rate Advance or a Eurodollar Advance and with respect to any Loan, its nature as a Base Rate Loan or a Eurodollar Loan.

"UBS Securities" means UBS Securities LLC.

"<u>Unfunded Liabilities</u>" means the amount (if any) by which the present value of all vested and unvested accrued benefits under each Single Employer Plan subject to Title IV of ERISA exceeds the fair market value of all such Plan's assets allocable to such benefits, all determined as of the then most recent valuation date for such Plan for which a valuation report is available, using actuarial assumptions for funding purposes as set forth in such report.

"U.S. Person" means any Person that is a "United States person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

"<u>Voting Stock</u>" means all classes of the Capital Stock (or other voting interests) of such Person then outstanding and normally entitled to vote in the election of directors or other governing body of such Person.

"Wells Fargo" means Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association, and its successors.

"Withdrawal Liability" means liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

"Withholding Agent" means the Borrower, the Guarantor and the Agent.

Section 1.2. Other Definitions and Provisions. With reference to this Agreement and each other Loan Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Loan Document: (a) the definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined, (b) whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms, (c) the words "include", "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation", (d) the word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall", (e) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's successors and assigns, (f) the words "herein", "hereof" and "hereunder", and words of similar import, shall be construed to refer to this Agreement in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof, (g) all references herein to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement, (h) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights, and (i) in the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including;" the words "to" and "until" each mean "to but excluding;" and the word "through" means "to and including".

Section 1.3. **Rounding**. Any financial ratios required to be maintained by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio or percentage is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number (with a rounding-up if there is no nearest number).

Section 1.4. References to Agreement and Laws. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, (a) references to formation documents, governing documents, agreements (including the Loan Documents) and other contractual instruments shall be deemed to include all amendments, restatements, extensions, supplements and other modifications thereto, but only to the extent that such amendments, restatements, extensions, supplements and other modifications are not prohibited by the Loan Documents; and (b) references to any Applicable Law shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing or interpreting such Applicable Law.

Section 1.5. Times of Day. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to New York City time.

#### ARTICLE II.

#### THE CREDITS

- Section 2.1. **Commitment**. Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in <u>Article IV</u>, each Lender severally agrees, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, to make a single Loan to the Borrower on the Closing Date in an amount equal to such Lender's Commitment (or, if the Requested Borrowing Amount is less than the Aggregate Commitment, an amount equal to such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the Requested Borrowing Amount). Amounts repaid or prepaid in respect of Loans may not be reborrowed.
- Section 2.2. **Repayment; Termination**. Any outstanding Loans and other outstanding Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations) shall be repaid in full by the Borrower on the Maturity Date. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement on the Maturity Date, until all of the Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations) shall have been fully paid and satisfied, all of the rights and remedies under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall survive.
  - Section 2.3. Ratable Loans. Each Advance hereunder shall consist of Loans made from the several Lenders in accordance with their Pro Rata Share.
- Section 2.4. **Types of Advances**. The Advances may be Base Rate Advances or Eurodollar Advances, or a combination thereof, selected by the Borrower in accordance with <u>Sections 2.8</u> and <u>2.9</u>.
- Section 2.5. <u>Minimum Amount of Each Advance</u>. Each Eurodollar Advance shall be in the minimum amount of \$5,000,000 (and in multiples of \$1,000,000 if in excess thereof), and each Base Rate Advance shall be in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 (and in multiples of \$500,000 if in excess thereof); <u>provided</u>, that any Base Rate Advance may be in the amount of any Aggregate Commitment or Advances not allocated to Eurodollar Advances.
- Section 2.6. Optional Principal Prepayments. The Borrower may from time to time prepay, without penalty or premium, all outstanding Base Rate Advances, or any portion thereof in a minimum aggregate amount of \$1,000,000 or any integral multiple of \$500,000 in excess thereof, on any Business Day upon notice to the Agent by no later than 11:00 a.m. on the date of such prepayment. The Borrower may from time to time prepay, subject to the payment of any amounts required by Section 3.4 but without penalty or premium, all outstanding Eurodollar Advances, or any portion thereof in a minimum aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof upon at least two (2) Business Days' prior notice to the Agent (or such shorter period as may be acceptable to the Agent). Amounts repaid or prepaid in respect of Loans may not be reborrowed. Each prepayment of the Loans under this Section 2.6 shall be applied as specified by the Borrower; and each such prepayment shall be paid to the Lenders in accordance with their respective Pro Rata Shares.

#### Section 2.7. Mandatory Prepayments.

- (a) <u>Debt Issuances</u>. The Borrower shall make mandatory principal prepayments of the Loans in the manner set forth in <u>Section 2.7(b)</u> in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the aggregate Net Cash Proceeds from any Debt Issuance by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, other than (a) Indebtedness incurred under the 2013 Revolving Credit Facility, (b) any refinancings, to the extent permitted by Section 7.10, of (i) Indebtedness outstanding under the Existing Enogex Term Loan Agreement, (ii) the Existing Enogex Senior Notes and (iii) Indebtedness owing by the Borrower to CERC or a Subsidiary thereof under certain promissory notes dated as of the Closing Date executed by the Borrower in favor of CERC or a Subsidiary thereof, provided that to the extent any such refinancing of the Indebtedness described in this clause (iii) increases the principal amount thereof (such increased principal amount, the "Refinanced Increase Amount") and such refinancing is effected pursuant to a public or private capital markets offering or any bank debt facility, the Borrower shall prepay the Loans with the Net Cash Proceeds received from such refinancing in an amount equal to the Refinanced Increase Amount, (c) (1) any Indebtedness of a Non-Excluded Subsidiary permitted under Section 7.3(e), (2) similar purchase money Indebtedness and Capitalized Lease arrangements of the Borrower and any Excluded Subsidiary and (3) any other unsecured Indebtedness incurred or assumed for the purpose of financing all or any part of the cost of acquiring, repairing, constructing or improving fixed or capital assets (provided that, to the extent that the Net Cash Proceeds from the issuance or incurrence of such Indebtedness exceeds the cost of acquiring, constructing, improving, altering or repairing such fixed or capital assets, the Borrower shall be required to make a mandatory prepayment of the Loans in the manner set forth in <u>Section 2.7(b)</u> in an amount equal to such excess), (d) any Indebtedness in respect of a Permitted Receivables Financing, (e) other outstanding Indebtedness in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000 at any time outstanding, and (f) any refinancings, to the extent such refinancings are otherwise permitted by this Agreement, of the Indebtedness described in the foregoing clauses (a) through (e). Each prepayment pursuant to this Section 2.7 shall be made within three (3) Business Days after the date of receipt by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries of the Net Cash Proceeds of any such Debt Issuance.
- (b) Notice; Manner of Payment. Upon the occurrence of any event triggering the prepayment requirement under Section 2.7(a), the Borrower shall promptly notify the Agent and upon receipt of such notice, the Agent shall promptly so notify the Lenders. Each prepayment of the Loans under this Section 2.7 shall be applied to the principal amount of the Loans on a pro rata basis; and each such prepayment shall be paid to the Lenders in accordance with their respective Pro Rata Shares. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all such prepayments pursuant to this Section shall be applied to outstanding Base Rate Advances prior to being applied to any outstanding Eurodollar Advances.
- Section 2.8. <u>Initial Borrowing</u>. To request the initial borrowing of Loans on the Closing Date, the Borrower shall give the Agent irrevocable written notice (a "<u>Borrowing Notice</u>") in substantially the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit E</u>, not later than 11:00 a.m. on the Closing Date in the case of any Base Rate Advance requested to be made on the Closing Date or 11:00 a.m. two (2) Business Days before the Closing Date in the case of any Eurodollar Advance requested to be made on the Closing Date, specifying:
  - (a) the proposed date, which shall be a Business Day, of such Advance;

- (b) the aggregate amount of such Advance;
- (c) the Type of Advance selected; and
- (d) in the case of a Eurodollar Advance, the Interest Period applicable thereto.

On the Closing Date, each Lender (subject to the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in <u>Article IV</u>) shall make available its Loan or Loans in funds immediately available to the Agent at its address specified pursuant to <u>Section 9.20</u>. The Agent will promptly make the funds so received from the Lenders available to the Borrower at the Agent's aforesaid address. If the Borrower requests a Eurodollar Advance but fails to specify an Interest Period, it will be deemed to have an Interest Period of one month.

Section 2.9. Conversion and Continuation of Outstanding Advances. Base Rate Advances shall continue as Base Rate Advances unless and until such Base Rate Advances are converted into Eurodollar Advances pursuant to this Section 2.9 or are repaid in accordance with Section 2.6 or Section 2.7. Each Eurodollar Advance shall continue as a Eurodollar Advance until the end of the then applicable Interest Period therefor, at which time such Eurodollar Advance shall be automatically converted into a Base Rate Advance unless (x) such Eurodollar Advance is or was repaid in accordance with Section 2.6 or Section 2.7 or (y) the Borrower shall have given the Agent a Conversion/Continuation Notice requesting that, at the end of such Interest Period, such Eurodollar Advance continue as a Eurodollar Advance for the same or another Interest Period. Subject to the terms of Section 2.5, the Borrower may elect from time to time to convert all or any part of a Base Rate Advance into a Eurodollar Advance. The Borrower shall give the Agent irrevocable notice (a "Conversion/Continuation Notice") in accordance with Section 2.14, which, when in writing, shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit F, of each conversion of a Base Rate Advance into a Eurodollar Advance or continuation of a Eurodollar Advance not later than 11:00 a.m. on the third Business Day prior to the date of the requested conversion or continuation, specifying:

- (a) the requested date, which shall be a Business Day, of such conversion or continuation;
- (b) the aggregate amount and Type of the Advance which is to be converted or continued; and
- (c) the duration of the Interest Period applicable thereto.

If the Borrower requests a conversion to, or continuation of a Eurodollar Advance but fails to specify an Interest Period, it will be deemed to have an Interest Period of one month. After giving effect to all Advances, all conversions of Advances from one Type to the other, and all continuations of Advances as the same Type, there shall not be more than ten Interest Periods in effect.

Section 2.10. <u>Changes in Interest Rate, etc</u>. Each Base Rate Advance shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof, for each day from and including the date such Advance is made or is automatically converted from a Eurodollar Advance into a Base Rate

Advance pursuant to Section 2.9, to but excluding the date it is paid or is converted into a Eurodollar Advance pursuant to Section 2.9, at a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate for such day. Changes in the rate of interest on that portion of any Advance maintained as a Base Rate Advance will take effect simultaneously with each change in the Alternate Base Rate. Each Eurodollar Advance shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof from and including the first day of the Interest Period applicable thereto to (but not including) the last day of such Interest Period at the Eurodollar Rate for such Interest Period, as determined by the Agent. No Interest Period may end after the scheduled Maturity Date.

Section 2.11. Rates Applicable After Event of Default. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 2.8, 2.9 or 2.10, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Required Lenders may, at their option, by notice to the Borrower, declare that no Advance may be made as, converted into or continued as a Eurodollar Advance. If all or a portion of (a) the principal amount of any Loan, (b) any interest payable thereon, or (c) any fee or other amount payable hereunder shall not be paid when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), such overdue amount shall bear interest, payable from time to time on demand, at a rate per annum equal to the Default Rate, in each case from the date of such non-payment until such amount is paid in full.

Section 2.12. Method of Payment. All payments of the Obligations hereunder shall be made, without setoff or counterclaim, in immediately available funds to the Agent at the Agent's address specified pursuant to Section 9.20, or at any other Lending Installation of the Agent specified in writing by the Agent to the Borrower, by noon on the date when due and shall be applied ratably (except as otherwise specifically required hereunder) by the Agent among the Lenders. Each payment delivered to the Agent for the account of any Lender shall be delivered promptly by the Agent to such Lender in the same type of funds that the Agent received at such Lender's address specified pursuant to Section 9.20 or at any Lending Installation specified in a notice received by the Agent from such Lender.

#### Section 2.13. Noteless Agreement; Evidence of Indebtedness.

- (a) Each Lender shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice an account or accounts evidencing the indebtedness of the Borrower to such Lender resulting from the Loan made by such Lender hereunder, including the amounts of principal and interest payable and paid to such Lender from time to time hereunder.
- (b) The Agent shall also maintain accounts in which it will record (i) the amount of each Loan made hereunder, the Type thereof and the Interest Period (in the case of a Eurodollar Advance) with respect thereto, (ii) the amount of any principal or interest due and payable or to become due and payable from the Borrower to each Lender hereunder and (iii) the amount of any sum received by the Agent hereunder from the Borrower and each Lender's share thereof.
- (c) The entries maintained in the accounts maintained pursuant to <u>paragraphs (a)</u> and (<u>b</u>) above shall be *prima facie* evidence of the existence and amounts of the Obligations therein recorded absent manifest error; <u>provided</u>, that the failure of the Agent or any Lender to maintain such accounts or any error therein shall not in any manner affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay the Obligations in accordance with their terms.

(d) Any Lender may request that its Loans be evidenced by a promissory note in substantially the form of Exhibit B (a "Note"). In such event, the Borrower shall prepare, execute and deliver to such Lender such Note payable to such Lender. Thereafter, the Loans evidenced by such Note and interest thereon shall at all times (prior to any assignment pursuant to Section 12.3) be represented by one or more Notes payable to the payee named therein, except to the extent that any such Lender subsequently returns any such Note for cancellation and requests that such Loans once again be evidenced as described in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.

Section 2.14. <u>Telephonic Notices</u>. The Borrower hereby authorizes the Lenders and the Agent to extend, convert or continue Advances, effect selections of Types of Advances and to transfer funds based on telephonic notices (confirmed promptly in writing) made by any person or persons the Agent or any Lender in good faith believes to be acting on behalf of the Borrower. The Borrower agrees to deliver promptly to the Agent a written confirmation of each telephonic notice, signed by an Authorized Officer. If the written confirmation differs in any material respect from the action taken by the Agent and the Lenders, the records of the Agent and the Lenders shall govern absent manifest error.

Section 2.15. Interest Payment Dates; Interest and Fee Basis. Interest accrued on each Base Rate Advance shall be payable in arrears on each Payment Date, commencing with the first such date to occur after the Closing Date, on any date on which the Base Rate Advance is prepaid, whether due to acceleration or otherwise, and at maturity. Interest accrued on each Eurodollar Advance shall be payable on the last day of its applicable Interest Period, on any date on which the Eurodollar Advance is prepaid, whether by acceleration or otherwise, and at maturity. Interest accrued on each Eurodollar Advance having an Interest Period longer than three months shall also be payable on the last day of each three-month interval during such Interest Period. Interest on Base Rate Advances when the Alternate Base Rate is determined by the Prime Rate shall be calculated for actual days elapsed on the basis of a 365, or when appropriate 366, day year. All other computations of interest shall be calculated for actual days elapsed on the basis of a 360-day year. Interest shall be payable for the day an Advance is made but not for the day of any payment on the amount paid if payment is received prior to noon at the place of payment. If any payment of principal of or interest on an Advance or any other amounts payable to the Agent or any Lender hereunder shall become due on a day which is not a Business Day, such payment shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and, in the case of a principal payment, such extension of time shall be included in computing interest in connection with such payment.

Section 2.16. Notification of Advances, Interest Rates and Prepayments. Promptly after receipt thereof, the Agent will notify each Lender of the contents of each Borrowing Notice, Conversion/Continuation Notice, and prepayment notice received by it hereunder. The Agent will notify the Borrower and each Lender of the interest rate applicable to each Eurodollar Advance promptly upon determination of such interest rate and will give the Borrower and each Lender prompt notice of each change in the Alternate Base Rate.

- Section 2.17. Lending Installations. Each Lender may book its Loans at any Lending Installation selected by such Lender and may change its Lending Installation from time to time. All terms of this Agreement shall apply to any such Lending Installation and the Loans and any Notes issued hereunder shall be deemed held by each Lender for the benefit of any such Lending Installation. Each Lender may, by written notice to the Agent and the Borrower in accordance with Section 9.20, designate replacement or additional Lending Installations through which Loans will be made by it and for whose account Loan payments are to be made.
- Section 2.18. Non-Receipt of Funds by the Agent. Unless the Borrower notifies the Agent prior to the time which it is scheduled to make payment to the Agent of a payment of principal or interest to the Agent for the account of the Lenders, that it does not intend to make such payment, the Agent may assume that such payment has been made. The Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, make the amount of such payment available to the intended recipient in reliance upon such assumption. If the Borrower has not in fact made such payment to the Agent, the recipient of such payment shall, on demand by the Agent, repay to the Agent the amount so made available together with interest thereon in respect of each day during the period commencing on the date such amount was so made available by the Agent until the date the Agent recovers such amount at a rate per annum equal to the interest rate applicable to the relevant Loan.
- Section 2.19. **Replacement of Lender**. If (x) any Lender requests compensation under <u>Section 3.1</u>, or if the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to <u>Section 3.5</u> and, in each case, such Lender has declined or is unable to promptly designate a different Lending Installation in accordance with <u>Section 3.7</u> which would eliminate any further claims for such indemnity, compensation or payment, (y) any Lender is a Defaulting Lender or a Non-Consenting Lender or (z) any Lender's obligation to make or to convert or continue outstanding Loans or Advances as Eurodollar Loans or Eurodollar Advances has been suspended pursuant to <u>Section 3.3</u>, and, in each such case, such Lender has declined or is unable to promptly designate a different Lending Installation in accordance with <u>Section 3.7</u> which would eliminate any further suspension, then the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate (provided that the failure by any such Lender that is a Defaulting Lender to execute an Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall not render such assignment invalid), without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by, <u>Section 12.3</u>), all of its interests, rights (other than its existing rights to payments pursuant to <u>Section 3.1</u> or <u>3.5</u>) and obligations under this Agreement and the related Loan Documents to an Eligible Assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment); <u>provided</u> that:
- (a) the Borrower shall have received (i) the prior written consent of the Agent with respect to any assignee that is not already a Lender or an affiliate of a Lender hereunder, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld, conditioned or delayed, (ii) the consent of such assignee to the assignment and (iii) in the case of any assignment resulting from a Lender becoming a Non-Consenting Lender, the consent of the applicable assignee to the applicable amendment, waiver or consent;

- (b) the Agent shall have received the assignment fee specified in <u>Section 12.3(c)</u> unless (i) waived by the Agent or (ii) the assignee is another Lender;
- (c) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to its funded and outstanding principal balance of its Outstanding Credit Exposure, accrued interest thereon and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (including (other than with respect to any Defaulting Lender) any amounts under <u>Section 3.4</u>) from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts);
- (d) in the case of any such assignment resulting from (i) a claim for compensation under <u>Section 3.1</u> or payments required to be made pursuant to <u>Section 3.5</u>, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments thereafter or (ii) a suspension under <u>Section 3.3</u>, such assignment shall be made to a Lender or Eligible Assignee which is not subject to such a suspension; and
  - (e) such assignment does not conflict with Applicable Law.

A Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Borrower to require such assignment cease to apply.

- Section 2.20. [Intentionally Omitted].
- Section 2.21. [Intentionally Omitted].
- Section 2.22. [Intentionally Omitted].
- Section 2.23. [Intentionally Omitted].
- Section 2.24. **Defaulting Lenders**.
- (a) <u>Defaulting Lender Adjustments</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as such Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law:
  - (i) <u>Waivers and Amendments</u>. Such Defaulting Lender's right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent with respect to this Agreement shall be restricted as set forth in <u>Section 9.1(b)</u>.
  - (ii) <u>Defaulting Lender Waterfall</u>. Any payment of principal, interest or other amounts received by the Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to <u>Article VIII</u> or otherwise) or received by the Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>Section 11.1</u> will not be paid or distributed to such Defaulting Lender, but will instead be retained by the Agent in a segregated account until (subject to <u>Section 2.24(b)</u>) the termination of the Commitments and payment in full of all obligations of the Borrower hereunder and shall be applied at

such time or times as may be determined by the Agent as follows: first, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Agent hereunder; second, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default exists), to the funding of any Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Agent; third, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; fourth, so long as no Event of Default exists, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations to the Borrower under this Agreement; and fifth, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loans in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, and (y) such Loans were made at a time when the conditions set forth in Article IV were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Loans are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with the Aggregate Commitments as in effect on the Closing Date (after giving effect to all assignments effected thereafter). Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

(b) <u>Defaulting Lender Cure</u>. If the Borrower and the Agent agree in writing that a Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, the Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein, such Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Loans of the other Lenders and/or take such other actions as the Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Loans to be held by the Lenders in accordance with their respective Pro Rata Shares, whereupon such Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender (and the Pro Rata Shares of each Lender will automatically be adjusted on a prospective basis to reflect the foregoing); <u>provided</u> that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of the Borrower while that Lender was a Defaulting Lender; and <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Non-Defaulting Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.

# Section 2.25. Obligations of Lenders.

(a) <u>Funding by Lenders; Presumption by the Agent</u>. Unless the Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed time of any borrowing that such Lender will not make available to the Agent such Lender's share of such Advance, the Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with the

terms hereof and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable borrowing available to the Agent, then the applicable Lender and the Borrower severally agree to pay to the Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Agent, at (i) in the case of a payment to be made by such Lender, the greater of the daily average Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation and (ii) in the case of a payment to be made by the Borrower, the interest rate applicable to such Loans. If the Borrower and such Lender shall pay such interest to the Agent for the same or an overlapping period, the Agent shall promptly remit to the Borrower the amount of such interest paid by the Borrower for such period. If such Lender pays its share of the applicable Advance to the Agent, then the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such borrowing. Any payment by the Borrower shall be without prejudice to any claim the Borrower may have against a Lender that shall have failed to make such payment to the Agent.

(b) <u>Nature of Obligations of Lenders Regarding Extensions of Credit</u>. The obligations of the Lenders under this Agreement to make the Loans are several and are not joint or joint and several. The failure of any Lender to make available its Pro Rata Share of any Advance requested by the Borrower shall not relieve it or any other Lender of its obligation, if any, hereunder to make its Pro Rata Share of such Advance available on the Closing Date, but no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to make its Pro Rata Share of such Advance available on the Closing Date.

# ARTICLE III. YIELD PROTECTION; TAXES

## Section 3.1. Yield Protection.

- (a) Increased Costs Generally. If any Change in Law shall:
- (i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, any Lender;
- (ii) subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes, (B) Taxes described in  $\underline{\text{clauses}(\underline{b})}$  through  $\underline{(\underline{d})}$  of the definition of Excluded Taxes and (C) Other Connection Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto; or
- (iii) impose on any Lender or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense (other than Taxes) affecting this Agreement or Loans made by such Lender;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to the Agent or such other Recipient of making, converting into, continuing or maintaining any Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan), or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Recipient hereunder (whether of principal, interest or any other amount) then, upon written request of such Recipient, the Borrower shall promptly pay to such Recipient such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Recipient for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered; provided that the Borrower shall not be required to pay any such amounts to any Recipient under and pursuant to this Section which are owing as a result of any Specified Change if and to the extent such Recipient is not at such time generally assessing such costs in a similar manner to other similarly situated borrowers with similar credit facilities.

- (b) <u>Capital Requirements</u>. If any Lender determines that any Change in Law affecting such Lender or any Lending Installation of such Lender or such Lender's holding company, if any, regarding capital or liquidity requirements, has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's capital or on the capital of such Lender's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement, the Commitment of such Lender or the Loan made by such Lender, to a level below that which such Lender or such Lender's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's policies and the policies of such Lender's holding company with respect to capital adequacy and liquidity), then from time to time the Borrower will pay to such Lender such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or such Lender's holding company for any such reduction suffered; provided that the Borrower shall not be required to pay any such amounts to any Lender under and pursuant to this Section which are owing as a result of any Specified Change if and to the extent such Lender is not at such time generally assessing such costs in a similar manner to other similarly situated borrowers with similar credit facilities.
- (c) <u>Delay in Requests</u>. Failure or delay on the part of any Lender to demand compensation pursuant to this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's right to demand such compensation; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender pursuant to this Section for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than ninety (90) days prior to the date that such Lender notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions, and of such Lender's intention to claim compensation therefor (except that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the ninety-day period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).
- Section 3.2. Changed Circumstances Affecting Eurodollar Rate Availability. In connection with any request for a Eurodollar Advance or a Base Rate Advance or a conversion to or continuation thereof, if for any reason (a) the Agent shall determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that Dollar deposits are not being offered to banks in the London interbank Eurodollar market for the applicable amount and Interest Period of such Advance, (b) the Agent shall determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that reasonable and adequate means do not exist for ascertaining the Eurodollar Rate for such Advance or (c) the Required Lenders shall determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that the Eurodollar Rate does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of making or maintaining such Advance during such Interest Period, then the Agent shall promptly give notice thereof to the Borrower and the other Lenders. Thereafter, until the Agent notifies the Borrower and the

other Lenders that such circumstances no longer exist, (i) the obligation of the Lenders to make Eurodollar Advances and the right of the Borrower to convert any Advance to or continue any Advance as a Eurodollar Advance shall be suspended, and the Borrower shall, at the Borrower's option, either (A) repay in full (or cause to be repaid in full) the then outstanding principal amount of each such Eurodollar Advance together with accrued interest thereon (subject to Section 2.15), on the last day of the then current Interest Period applicable to such Eurodollar Advance; or (B) convert, without premium or penalty and without liability for any amounts payable pursuant to Section 3.4, the then outstanding principal amount of each such Eurodollar Advance to a Base Rate Advance as of the last day of such Interest Period; and (ii) the Alternate Base Rate shall be calculated without giving effect to clause (c) of such definition.

Section 3.3. Laws Affecting Eurodollar Rate Availability. If, after the date hereof, the introduction of, or any change in, any Applicable Law or any change in the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority, central bank or comparable agency charged with the interpretation or administration thereof, or compliance by any of the Lenders (or any of their respective Lending Installations) with any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any such Governmental Authority, central bank or comparable agency, shall make it unlawful or impossible for any of the Lenders (or any of their respective Lending Installations) to honor its obligations hereunder to make or maintain any Eurodollar Advance, such Lender shall promptly give notice thereof to the Agent and the Agent shall promptly give notice to the Borrower and the other Lenders. Thereafter, until the Agent notifies the Borrower and the other Lenders that such circumstances no longer exist, (i) the obligations of the Lenders to make Eurodollar Advances, and the right of the Borrower to convert any Advance or continue any Advance as a Eurodollar Advance, shall be suspended and thereafter the Borrower may select only Base Rate Loans, (ii) if any of the Lenders may not lawfully continue to maintain a Eurodollar Advance to the end of the then current Interest Period applicable thereto, the applicable Loan shall immediately be converted to a Base Rate Loan for the remainder of such Interest Period and (iii) the Alternate Base Rate shall be calculated without giving effect to clause (c) of such definition.

Section 3.4. Funding Indemnification. If (i) any payment of a Eurodollar Advance occurs on a date which is not the last day of the applicable Interest Period, whether because of acceleration, prepayment or otherwise, including pursuant to Section 9.19, (ii) a Eurodollar Advance is not made, continued or converted on the date specified by the Borrower in a Borrowing Notice or a Conversion/Continuation Notice for any reason other than default by the Lenders, (iii) a Eurodollar Advance is not prepaid on the date specified by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.6 for any reason, or (iv) a Eurodollar Loan is assigned on a date which is not the last day of the applicable Interest Period as a result of a request by the Borrower pursuant to Section 2.19, then, except (a) as otherwise provided in this Agreement or (b) if arising in connection with a Lender becoming a Defaulting Lender or the replacement of such Lender pursuant to Section 2.19, for any such amounts that would be owing to such Lender, the Borrower will indemnify each Lender for any loss or cost incurred by it resulting therefrom, including any loss or cost in liquidating or employing deposits acquired to fund or maintain such Eurodollar Advance but excluding the Applicable Margin expected to be received by such Lender during the remainder of such Interest Period.

### Section 3.5. Taxes.

- (a) [Intentionally Omitted].
- (b) <u>Payments Free of Taxes.</u> Any and all payments to a Recipient by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower or the Guarantor under any Loan Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by Applicable Law. If any Applicable Law (as determined in the good faith discretion of an applicable Withholding Agent) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by a Withholding Agent, then the applicable Withholding Agent shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding and shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with Applicable Law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the Borrower or the Guarantor (as the case may be) shall be increased as necessary so that after such deduction or withholding has been made (including such deductions and withholdings applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deduction or withholding for Indemnified Tax been made.
- (c) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower</u>. The Borrower shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with Applicable Law, or at the option of the Agent timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.
- (d) <u>Indemnification by the Borrower</u>. The Borrower shall indemnify each Recipient, within 30 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Recipient and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, the Borrower shall not be required to indemnify a Recipient pursuant to this <u>Section 3.5(d)</u> for any Indemnified Taxes unless such Recipient makes written demand on the Borrower for indemnification for such Indemnified Taxes no later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the earlier of (i) the date on which the relevant Governmental Authority makes written demand upon such Recipient for payment of such Indemnified Taxes, and (ii) the date on which such Recipient has made payment of such Indemnified Taxes. A certificate satisfying the requirements of <u>Section 3.6</u> as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by a Lender (with a copy to the Agent), or by the Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.
- (e) <u>Indemnification by the Lenders</u>. Each Lender shall severally indemnify the Agent, within 10 days after demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender (but only to the extent that the Borrower has not already indemnified the Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of Borrower to do so), (ii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of <u>Section 12.2</u> relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (iii) any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Agent in connection with any Loan Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes

were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under any Loan Document or otherwise payable by the Agent to the Lender from any other source against any amount due to the Agent under this <u>Section 3.5(e)</u>.

(f) Evidence of Payments. As soon as practicable after any payment of Taxes by the Borrower to a Governmental Authority pursuant to this Section 3.5, the Borrower shall deliver to the Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Agent.

#### (g) Status of Lenders.

- (i) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by Applicable Law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Sections 3.5(g)(ii)(A), (ii)(B) and (ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in such applicable Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.
  - (ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing,
  - (A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Agent), properly completed and executed originals of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding Tax;
  - (B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:

- (1) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income Tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, properly completed and executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such Tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Document, properly completed and executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such Tax treaty;
  - (2) properly completed and executed originals of IRS Form W-8ECI;
- (3) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit C-1 to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or a "controlled foreign corporation" described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code (a "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate") and (y) properly completed and executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN; or
- (4) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner, properly completed and executed originals of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit C-2 or C-3, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; provided that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit C-4 on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;
- (C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Agent), executed originals of any other form prescribed by Applicable Law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by Applicable Law to permit the Borrower or the Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and

(D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Agent at the time or times prescribed by Applicable Law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Agent such documentation prescribed by Applicable Law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Agent as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this clause (D), "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

(iii) To the extent the Agent is not acting as a Lender, the Agent shall comply with the requirements of this <u>Section 3.5(g)</u> to the same extent as if it were a Lender (whose obligations under this <u>Section 3.5(g)</u> shall be solely to the Borrower) since the date on which it became the Agent.

Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

(h) Treatment of Certain Refunds. If any party determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified pursuant to this Section 3.5 (including by the payment of additional amounts pursuant to this Section 3.5), it shall pay to the indemnifying party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made under this Section with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) of such indemnified party and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund). Such indemnifying party, upon the request of such indemnified party, shall repay to such indemnified party the amount paid over pursuant to this Section 3.5(h) (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) in the event that such indemnified party is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 3.5(h), in no event will the indemnified party be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this Section 3.5(h) the payment of which would place the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid. This paragraph shall not be construed to require any indemnified party to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the indemnifying party or any other Person.

- (i) <u>Survival</u>. Each party's obligations under this <u>Section 3.5</u> shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under any Loan Document.
  - (j) <u>Applicable Law</u>. For purposes of this <u>Section 3.5</u>, the term "Applicable Law" includes FATCA.

Section 3.6. **Lender Statements; Survival of Indemnity**. Each Lender shall deliver a written statement of such Lender to the Borrower (with a copy to the Agent) as to the amount due, if any, under Section 3.1, 3.2, 3.4 or 3.5. Such written statement shall set forth in reasonable detail the calculations upon which such Lender determined such amount and shall be final, conclusive and binding on the Borrower in the absence of manifest error. Determination of amounts payable under such Sections in connection with a Eurodollar Loan shall be calculated as though each Lender funded its Eurodollar Loan through the purchase of a deposit of the type and maturity corresponding to the deposit used as a reference in determining the Eurodollar Rate applicable to such Loan, whether in fact that is the case or not. Unless otherwise provided herein, the amount specified in the written statement of any Lender shall (unless the subject of a good faith dispute by the Borrower) be payable within fifteen (15) days after demand and receipt by the Borrower of such written statement. The obligations of the Borrower under Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.4 and 3.5 shall survive payment of the Obligations and termination of this Agreement.

Section 3.7. Alternative Lending Installation. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 3.1, or the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 3.5, or is unable to fund or maintain Eurodollar Advances or Eurodollar Loans, as applicable, as a result of the circumstances described in Section 3.3, then such Lender shall (at the request of the Borrower) use reasonable efforts to designate a different Lending Installation for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 3.1 or 3.5 or remedy the circumstances described in Section 3.3, as the case may be, in the future, and (ii) would not in the reasonable judgment of such Lender subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender. A Lender shall not be required to make any such designation or assignment if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances requiring such designation or assignment cease to apply. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment, if and to the extent such Lender is at such time generally assessing such costs and expenses in a similar manner to other similarly situated borrowers with similar credit facilities.

### ARTICLE IV.

#### CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

The effectiveness of this Agreement and the obligation of the Lenders to make the Credit Extension on the Closing Date hereunder shall be subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:

- Section 4.1. <u>Document Deliverables</u>. The Agent's (or its counsel's) receipt of the following, each of which shall be originals or electronic copies (followed promptly by originals) unless otherwise specified, each dated the Closing Date (or, in the case of certificates of governmental officials, a recent date before the Closing Date):
- (a) A counterpart of this Agreement duly executed by the Borrower, the Agent and the Lenders and a counterpart of the Guaranty duly executed by the Guarantor;
  - (b) Notes duly executed by the Borrower payable to each Lender requesting a Note pursuant to Section 2.13;
- (c) A certificate of the secretary or assistant secretary of the General Partner certifying (i) the names and true signatures of the officers of the General Partner authorized to sign each Loan Document to which the Borrower is a party and the notices and other documents to be delivered by the Borrower pursuant to any such Loan Document, (ii) the limited partnership agreement and charter of the Borrower, together with all amendments, as in effect on the date of such certification, and (iii) resolutions of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body of the General Partner approving and authorizing the execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of each Loan Document to which it is a party and authorizing the borrowings and other transactions contemplated hereunder, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Arrangers;
- (d) A certificate of the secretary or assistant secretary of the Guarantor certifying (i) the names and true signatures of the officers of the Guarantor authorized to sign the Guaranty, (ii) the bylaws and charter of the Guarantor, together with all amendments, as in effect on the date of such certification, and (iii) resolutions of the board of directors of the Guarantor approving and authorizing the execution, delivery and performance by the Guarantor of the Guaranty, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Arrangers;
- (e) Certificates of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as to the existence and good standing of the Borrower and the Guarantor in the State of Delaware;
- (f) A certificate of the Borrower in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Arrangers certifying the representations and warranties made by the Borrower in Sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.8, 5.11, 5.13 and 5.15 are true and correct in all material respects (other than those representations and warranties that are subject to a materiality qualifier in the text thereof, which shall be true and correct in all respects);

- (g) Fully executed or conformed copies of the Master Formation Agreement, the transition services agreements and each other material agreement related to the Initial JV Transaction (such agreements, collectively, the "Material JV Agreements") and a certificate of the Borrower certifying as to the completeness of each Material JV Agreement and the consummation of the Initial JV Transactions, which certificate will be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Arrangers.
- (h) Favorable legal opinions with respect to customary matters from the Borrower's counsel, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Arrangers and addressed to the Agent and the Lenders;
- (i) The Initial Financial Statements and the financial projections and forward looking statements of the Borrower for the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016, giving pro forma effect to the Initial JV Transaction;
- (j) Fully-executed copies of the amendments to the CenterPoint Energy Credit Facility and the CERC Credit Facility, effective in connection with the Initial JV Transaction;
- (k) A Borrowing Notice from the Borrower, together with a designation of the account or accounts to which the proceeds of the Credit Extension made on the Closing Date are to be disbursed; and
- (l) Five days prior to the Closing Date (or such later date as the Agent shall reasonably agree) all documentation and other information required by regulatory authorities with respect to the Borrower and the Guarantor under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including without limitation the Act, that has been reasonably requested by the Agent a reasonable period in advance of the date that is five days prior to the Closing Date.
- Section 4.2. **Representations and Warranties**. On the Closing Date, each of the representations and warranties made by the Borrower in Sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.8, 5.11, 5.13 and 5.15 shall be true and correct in all material respects (other than those representations and warranties that are subject to a materiality qualifier in the text thereof, which shall be true and correct in all respects) on and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly speak to an earlier date, in which case such representation or warranty shall have been true and correct in all material respects on and as of such earlier date).
- Section 4.3. <u>Initial JV Transaction</u>. The Initial JV Transaction shall have been consummated prior to, or shall be consummated substantially simultaneously with, the Closing Date.
- Section 4.4. <u>Closing Date Material Adverse Effect</u>. Since December 31, 2012, there shall not have occurred and be continuing a Closing Date Material Adverse Effect other than as disclosed (a) in the Commitment Date SEC Reports or (b) in writing to the Agent prior to March 14, 2013.

- Section 4.5. <u>Approvals</u>. All material governmental and third party approvals necessary in connection with the Transactions and the continuing operations of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall have been obtained or waived (if applicable) and be in full force and effect, and all applicable waiting periods and appeal periods shall have expired.
- Section 4.6. <u>Fees</u>. The Borrower shall have paid all fees required to be paid on or before the Closing Date, including the fees set forth in the Fee Letters to be paid on the Closing Date, and all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses required to be paid on or before the Closing Date for which invoices have been presented at least one Business Day prior to the Closing Date.
- Section 4.7. <u>Closing Date</u>. The Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the Closing Date, and such notice shall be conclusive and binding on all parties hereto.

### ARTICLE V.

### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Borrower represents and warrants to the Lenders that:

- Section 5.1. **Existence and Standing**. Each of the Borrower and its Material Subsidiaries is a corporation, partnership or limited liability company duly incorporated or organized, as the case may be, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation or organization and has all requisite authority to conduct its business in each jurisdiction where the conduct of its business would require such qualification, except where the failure to be in good standing or have such authority could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- Section 5.2. Authorization and Validity; Enforceability. The Borrower has the power and authority and legal right to execute and deliver the Loan Documents to which it is a party (as in effect on the date that this representation is made or deemed made) and to perform its obligations thereunder. This Agreement and each other Loan Document to which the Borrower is a party have been duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Borrower. The execution and delivery by the Borrower of the Loan Documents to which it is a party (as in effect on the date that this representation is made or deemed made) and the performance of its obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by proper limited partnership or other applicable actions, and the Loan Documents to which it is party constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Borrower enforceable against the Borrower in accordance with their terms, except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (whether enforcement is sought at equity or in law).
- Section 5.3. **No Conflict**. Neither the execution and delivery by the Borrower of the Loan Documents to which it is a party, nor the performance by the Borrower of its obligations thereunder, nor the consummation of the Transactions will (a) violate the Borrower's or any Material Subsidiary's articles or certificate of incorporation, partnership agreement, certificate of partnership, articles or certificate of organization, bylaws, or operating or other management

agreement, as the case may be, (b) violate any law, rule, regulation, order, writ, judgment, injunction, decree or award binding on the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries or (c) contravene the provisions of any indenture, instrument or agreement to which the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries is a party or is subject, or by which it, or its Property, is bound, or constitute a default thereunder, or result in, or require, the creation or imposition of any Lien in, of or on the Property of the Borrower or a Material Subsidiary pursuant to the terms of any such indenture, instrument or agreement, except, only in the case of this clause (c), for any such violations, contraventions or defaults which, individually and in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

- Section 5.4. **Government Consents**. No material order, consent, adjudication, approval, license, authorization, or validation of, or filing, recording or registration with, or exemption by, or other action in respect of any governmental or public body or authority, or any subdivision thereof, which has not been obtained by the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries, is required to be obtained by the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries in connection with the consummation of the Transactions, the execution and delivery by the Borrower of the Loan Documents, the borrowings by the Borrower under this Agreement, the payment and performance by the Borrower of the Obligations thereunder or the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability of any of the Loan Documents, except those relating to performance as would ordinarily be made or done in the ordinary course of business after the Closing Date.
- Section 5.5. <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The Borrower and each Material Subsidiary is in compliance with all Applicable Laws relating to it or any of its respective Properties except where the failure to comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

# Section 5.6. **Financial Statements**.

- (a) The Initial Financial Statements described in <u>clauses (a)</u> and <u>(b)</u> of the definition thereof, delivered to the Agent on or prior to the Closing Date were prepared in accordance with GAAP and fairly present in all material respects the financial conditions and operations of the companies subject to such Initial Financial Statements at the date of the respective Initial Financial Statements and the results of operations for such companies at such respective date.
- (b) The annual consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries delivered pursuant to Section 6.1(a) were prepared in accordance with GAAP and fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial condition and operations of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries at such date and the consolidated results of their operations for the year then ended.
- Section 5.7. <u>Material Adverse Change</u>. On and as of the Closing Date, since December 31, 2012, except as (a) disclosed in the Closing Date SEC Reports or (b) disclosed in writing to the Agent prior to the Closing Date and set forth on <u>Schedule 5.7</u>, there has been no Material Adverse Effect.

- Section 5.8. **OFAC**. None of the Borrower, any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any Affiliate of the Borrower is a Sanctioned Person or Sanctioned Entity. The proceeds of any Loan will not be used and have not been used to fund any operations in, finance any investments or activities in, or make any payments to, a Sanctioned Person or a Sanctioned Entity.
- Section 5.9. <u>Litigation</u>. On and as of the Closing Date, except as (a) disclosed in the Closing Date SEC Reports or (b) disclosed to the Agent prior to the Closing Date and set forth on <u>Schedule 5.9</u>, there is no litigation, arbitration or governmental investigation, proceeding or inquiry pending or, to the knowledge of any Authorized Officer or the general counsel of the General Partner (or, if at such time the Borrower has a general counsel, of the Borrower), threatened against or affecting the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or which seeks to prevent, enjoin or delay the making of the Credit Extension on the Closing Date.
- Section 5.10. <u>Subsidiaries</u>. <u>Schedule 5.10</u> contains an accurate list of all Subsidiaries of the Borrower as of the date of this Agreement, setting forth which Subsidiaries are Material Subsidiaries (and indicating that, as of such date, there are no Excluded Subsidiaries) and setting forth each Subsidiary's jurisdiction of organization and the percentage of its Capital Stock or other ownership interests owned by the Borrower or other Subsidiaries.
- Section 5.11. <u>Margin Stock</u>. Neither the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries is engaged principally or as one of its activities in the business of extending credit for the purpose of "purchasing" or "carrying" any "margin stock" (as each such term is defined or used, directly or indirectly, in Regulation U). No part of the proceeds of any of the Loans will be used for purchasing or carrying margin stock or for any purpose which violates the provisions of Regulation U or Regulation X.
- Section 5.12. **ERISA**. No ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur that, when taken together with all other such ERISA Events for which liability is reasonably expected to occur, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- Section 5.13. <u>Investment Company Act</u>. Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary is an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company", within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

## Section 5.14. Accuracy of Information.

(a) None of the documents or written information (excluding (x) estimates, financial projections and forecasts and (y) the balance sheet and income statement described in <a href="clause(c)">clause(c)</a> of the definition of "Initial Financial Statements") furnished to the Lenders by or on behalf of the Borrower in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement or the other Loan Documents (collectively, the "Information"), contained, as of the date such Information was furnished (or, if such Information expressly related to a specific date), any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state, as of the date such Information was furnished (or, if such Information expressly related to a specific date, as of such specific date), any material fact (other than industry-wide risks normally associated with the types of businesses conducted by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries) necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not materially misleading, as a whole.

(b) The (x) estimates, financial projections and forecasts and (y) the balance sheet and income statement described in <u>clause (c)</u> of the definition of "Initial Financial Statements" furnished to the Lenders by or on behalf of the Borrower with respect to the transactions contemplated under this Agreement were prepared in good faith and on the basis of information and assumptions that the Borrower believed to be reasonable as of the date such information was prepared (it being recognized by the Lenders that such estimates, financial projections and forecasts as they relate to future events are not to be viewed as fact and that actual results during the period or periods covered by such estimates, financial projections and forecasts may differ from the projected results set forth therein by a material amount).

Section 5.15. <u>Solvency</u>. On the Closing Date (after giving effect to the Transactions), the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, are Solvent.

Section 5.16. <u>Taxes</u>. Each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries has filed or caused to be filed all Federal and all other material tax returns that are required to be filed by it and has paid or caused to be paid all taxes shown to be due and payable by it on said returns or on any assessments made against it or any of its Property and all other taxes, fees or other charges imposed on it or any of its Property by any Governmental Authority and payable by it (other than, with respect to any of the foregoing, any such taxes, fees or other charges the amount or validity of which are currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which reserves in conformity with GAAP have been provided on the books of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries), except where the failure to do so could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.17. <u>Title to Properties</u>. The issued and outstanding Capital Stock owned by the Borrower of each of its Material Subsidiaries, whether such stock is owned directly or indirectly through one or more of its Subsidiaries, is owned free and clear of any Lien (other than any Lien permitted pursuant to <u>Section 7.4</u>). In addition, each of the Borrower and each Material Subsidiary has good title to, or valid leasehold interests in, all its Property material to its business, except for defects in title and exceptions to leasehold interests that either individually or in the aggregate would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, and all such Properties are free and clear of any Lien except Liens permitted under this Agreement.

Section 5.18. **No Violation**. The Borrower is not in violation of any order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or any order, regulation or demand of any Governmental Authority that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

### ARTICLE VI.

#### AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

During the term of this Agreement, unless the Required Lenders shall otherwise consent in writing:

Section 6.1. **Reporting**. The Borrower will maintain, for itself and each Subsidiary, a system of accounting established and administered in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles, and furnish to the Agent:

- (a) Within ninety (90) days after the end of each of its fiscal years, financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP on a consolidated basis for itself and its Subsidiaries, including balance sheets as of the end of such period, statements of income and statements of cash flows, setting forth in comparative form figures for the preceding fiscal year, accompanied by an audit report, consistent with the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants or other independent public accountants reasonably acceptable to the Required Lenders.
- (b) Within forty-five (45) days after the end of the first three quarterly periods of each of its fiscal years, financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP (other than with regard to the absence of footnotes and subject to changes resulting from audit and normal year-end audit adjustments to same) on a consolidated basis for itself and its Subsidiaries, including consolidated unaudited balance sheets as at the end of each such period and consolidated unaudited statements of income and a statement of cash flows for the period from the beginning of such fiscal year to the end of such quarter, in each case setting forth in comparative form figures for the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year, and accompanied by a certificate of a Financial Officer to the effect that such quarterly financial statements fairly present in all material respects the financial condition of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as of their respective dates and have been prepared in accordance with GAAP (other than with regard to the absence of footnotes and subject to changes resulting from audit and normal year-end audit adjustments to same).
- (c) Together with the financial statements required under Sections 6.1(a) and 6.1(b), (i) a compliance certificate in substantially the form of Exhibit D signed by a Financial Officer (A) showing the calculations necessary to determine compliance with Section 7.11 and, if applicable, Section 7.12 and (B) stating that no Default or Event of Default exists, or if any Default or Event of Default exists as of the date of such compliance certificate, stating the nature and status thereof, and (ii) such other financial information as may be reasonably requested by the Agent reasonably in advance of the delivery of such financial statements, including consolidating financial statements, as is necessary to account for Non-Recourse Indebtedness and Excluded EBITDA for purposes of determining the Consolidated Leverage Ratio.
- (d) Together with the financial statements required under <u>Sections 6.1(a)</u>, a certificate signed by a Financial Officer certifying an updated <u>Schedule 5.10</u> with respect to its Subsidiaries, Material Subsidiaries and Excluded Subsidiaries, if applicable.
- (e) If requested by the Agent, within 305 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, a copy of the actuarial report showing the Unfunded Liabilities of each Single Employer Plan as of the valuation date occurring in such fiscal year, certified by an actuary enrolled under ERISA.

- (f) As soon as possible and in any event within ten (10) days after an Authorized Officer knows that any ERISA Event has occurred with respect to any Plan that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, a statement, signed by an Authorized Officer, describing said ERISA Event and the action which the Borrower proposes to take with respect thereto.
- (g) From time to time, such additional information regarding the financial position or business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as the Agent, at the request of any Lender, may reasonably request, including support for any pro forma calculations hereunder.
- (h) Promptly upon the filing thereof, copies of all registration statements (other than any registration statement on Form S-8 and any registration statement in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, shareholder purchase plan or employee benefit plan) and reports on form 10-K, 10-Q or 8-K (or their equivalents) which the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries files with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
  - (i) Promptly upon obtaining knowledge thereof, notice of any change in any of the Borrower's Designated Ratings.
- (j) Promptly upon the request thereof, such other information and documentation required by bank regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations (including the Act), as from time to time reasonably requested by the Agent or any Lender.
- (k) Promptly upon the execution thereof, copies of all amendments to the Partnership Agreement and material amendments to the Material JV Agreements.

Information required to be delivered pursuant to these <u>Sections 6.1(a)</u>, <u>6.1(b)</u>, <u>6.1(b)</u>, <u>6.1(h)</u> and <u>6.1(k)</u> shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date on which the Borrower provides notice to the Agent that such information has been posted on the Securities and Exchange Commission website on the Internet at sec.gov, on the Borrower's DebtDomain site or at another website identified in such notice and accessible by the Lenders without charge; <u>provided</u> that (i) such notice may be included in a certificate delivered pursuant to <u>Section 6.1(c)</u> and such notice or certificate shall also be deemed to have been delivered upon being posted to the Borrower's DebtDomain site or such other website and (ii) the Borrower shall deliver paper copies of the information referred to in <u>Sections 6.1(a)</u>, <u>6.1(b)</u>, <u>6.1(b)</u> and <u>6.1(k)</u> to any Lender which requests such delivery.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, so long as each Lender is a "Lender" under and as defined in the 2013 Revolving Credit Facility, information delivered pursuant to Sections 6.1(a), 6.1(b), 6.1(h) and 6.1(k) of the 2013 Revolving Credit Facility shall be deemed delivered under Sections 6.1(a), 6.1(b), 6.1(b), 6.1(h) and 6.1(k) hereof, respectively; provided that, if any Lender shall cease to be a "Lender" under and as defined in the 2013 Revolving Credit Facility, the Borrower shall be required to separately deliver such information pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, which information may be posted on the Securities and Exchange Commission website on the Internet at sec.gov, on the Borrower's DebtDomain site or at another website identified in such notice and accessible by the Lenders without charge.

- Section 6.2. <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. The Borrower will use the proceeds of the Credit Extension on the Closing Date to refinance certain indebtedness owing to CERC as of the Closing Date and for general corporate purposes of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.
- Section 6.3. <u>Notice of Default</u>. Within five (5) days after any Authorized Officer with responsibility relating thereto obtains knowledge of any Default or Event of Default, the Borrower will deliver to the Agent a certificate of an Authorized Officer setting forth the details thereof and, if such Default or Event of Default is then continuing, the action which the Borrower is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.
- Section 6.4. <u>Maintenance of Existence</u>. The Borrower will preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect, its corporate or other legal existence and its rights, privileges and franchises material to the normal conduct of its businesses; <u>provided</u> that nothing in this <u>Section 6.4</u> shall prohibit (a) any transaction permitted pursuant to <u>Section 7.1</u>, (b) the IPO or (c) the termination of any right, privilege or franchise of the Borrower or any Material Subsidiary or of the corporate or other legal existence of any Material Subsidiary or the change in form of organization of the Borrower or any Material Subsidiary which could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- Section 6.5. <u>Taxes</u>. The Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, file all United States federal tax returns and all other material tax returns which are required to be filed by it, except to the extent the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, pay when due all taxes, assessments and governmental charges and levies upon it or its Property that are payable by it, except (a) where the failure to pay could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or (b) those which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which adequate reserves are maintained in accordance with GAAP.
- Section 6.6. <u>Insurance</u>. The Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, maintain with financially sound and reputable insurance companies, insurance on its Property in such amounts, subject to such deductibles and self-insurance retentions, and covering such risks as are consistent with reasonably prudent industry practice, and the Borrower will furnish to the Agent upon request full information as to the insurance carried.
- Section 6.7. **Compliance with Laws**. The Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, comply with all laws, statutes, rules, regulations, orders, writs, judgments, injunctions, restrictions, decrees or awards of any domestic or foreign government or any instrumentality or agency thereof having jurisdiction over the conduct of their respective businesses or the ownership of their respective Property to which it may be subject, including all Environmental Laws, ERISA and all Applicable Laws involving transactions with, investments in or payments to Sanctioned Persons or Sanctioned Entities, except (i) where failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) the necessity of compliance therewith is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings.

Section 6.8. <u>Maintenance of Properties</u>. Subject to <u>Section 7.1</u>, the Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, keep and maintain all of its Property that is necessary and material to the operation of the business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, taken as whole, in good repair, working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

# Section 6.9. Inspection; Keeping of Books and Records.

- (a) The Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, at the Borrower's expense, permit the Agent and the Lenders, by their respective representatives and agents, to inspect any of the Property (subject to such physical security requirements as the Borrower or the applicable Material Subsidiary may reasonably require), to examine and make copies of the books of accounts and other financial records of the Borrower and each Material Subsidiary (except to the extent that such access is restricted by law or by a bona fide non-disclosure agreement not entered into for the purpose of evading the requirements of this Section), and to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Borrower and each Material Subsidiary with, and to be advised as to the same by, their respective officers upon reasonable notice and at such reasonable times and intervals as the Agent or any Lender may designate; provided that the Borrower shall only be responsible for the expenses of one such visit, examination and/or inspection (in the aggregate among the Agent and the Lenders) in any twelve month period, unless such visit, examination and/or inspection is conducted during the continuance of an Event of Default.
- (b) The Borrower shall keep and maintain, and cause each of its Material Subsidiaries to keep and maintain, in all material respects, proper books of record and account in which entries shall be made of all dealings and transactions in relation to their respective businesses and activities in sufficient detail as may be required or as may be necessary to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

# ARTICLE VII. NEGATIVE COVENANTS

During the term of this Agreement, unless the Required Lenders shall otherwise consent in writing:

Section 7.1. <u>Fundamental Changes</u>. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Material Subsidiaries to, (a) enter into any transaction of merger or (b) consolidate, liquidate, wind up or dissolve itself (or suffer any liquidation or dissolution); <u>provided</u>, that as long as no Default or Event of Default exists and is continuing or would be caused thereby: (i) a Person (including a Subsidiary of the Borrower) may be merged or consolidated with or into the Borrower so long as (A) the Borrower shall be the continuing or surviving entity and (B) the Borrower remains liable for its obligations under this Agreement and all the rights and remedies hereunder remain in full force and effect, (ii) a Material Subsidiary may (A) merge or consolidate with or into another Subsidiary of the Borrower or (B) merge or consolidate with or

into any other Person (other than the Borrower, which shall be governed by <u>clause (i)</u> of this Section) so long as either (x) such Material Subsidiary shall be the surviving entity of such merger or consolidation or (y) upon such merger or consolidation, such other Person would become a Material Subsidiary of the Borrower after giving effect to such merger or consolidation (it being understood that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, for purposes of this <u>clause (y)</u> only, a Material Subsidiary shall mean, as at any time of determination, a Subsidiary whose total assets, as determined in accordance with GAAP, represent at least 10% of the total assets of the Borrower, on a consolidated basis, as determined in accordance with GAAP, at such time) and (iii) the Borrower or any Subsidiary may otherwise take such action to the extent permitted by <u>Section 7.2(b)</u>.

### Section 7.2. Asset Sales.

- (a) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, convey, sell, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.
- (b) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, convey, sell, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of assets (including interests in any Person), businesses or operations of any Person; provided, that, subject to Section 7.2(a) above, (i) the Borrower and its Subsidiaries may enter into sales and leases of inventory in the ordinary course of business, (ii) the Borrower and its Subsidiaries may enter into leases of transportation capacity, storage capacity, and/or processing capacity in the ordinary course of business, (iii) the Borrower and its Subsidiaries may enter into conveyances, sales, leases, transfers, or other dispositions of obsolete, surplus or unusable equipment in the ordinary course of its business and (iv) if no Default or Event of Default exists and is continuing or would be caused thereby, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries may convey sale, lease, transfer or dispose of other assets.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing <u>Sections 7.2(a)</u> and (b), nothing in this <u>Section 7.2</u> shall be deemed to prohibit (i) the IPO or (ii) the Borrower or any Subsidiary from conveying, selling, leasing, transferring, or otherwise disposing of any assets to any other Subsidiary or to the Borrower.
- Section 7.3. <u>Indebtedness</u>. The Borrower will not permit its Subsidiaries (other than Excluded Subsidiaries) to create, assume, incur or suffer to exist any Indebtedness, except for the following:
- (a) Indebtedness existing on the Closing Date and listed on <u>Schedule 7.3</u> and renewals, extensions and refinancings of such Indebtedness that do not violate <u>Section 7.10</u>.
  - (b) Indebtedness of any Subsidiary to the Borrower or any other Subsidiary.
- (c) Unsecured Indebtedness of a Person that becomes a Subsidiary (including by way of acquisition, merger or consolidation) after the Closing Date; provided that such Indebtedness was not incurred in contemplation of such Person becoming a Subsidiary, together with extensions, renewals and replacements of any such Indebtedness in a principal amount not in excess of that outstanding as of the date of such extension, renewal or replacement.

- (d) Guarantees of Indebtedness of any Subsidiary permitted hereunder by any other Subsidiary.
- (e) Indebtedness of any Subsidiary (or any Person that will become a Subsidiary (including by way of acquisition, merger or consolidation) after the Closing Date, provided that such Indebtedness is not incurred in contemplation of such entity becoming a Subsidiary) secured by a Lien permitted pursuant to Section 7.4(a), together with extensions, renewals and replacements of any such Indebtedness in a principal amount not in excess of that outstanding as of the date of such extension, renewal or replacement.
- (f) Indebtedness in respect of Swap Agreements or credit support in respect thereof entered into in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of directly mitigating risks associated with liabilities, commitments, investments, assets or property held or reasonably anticipated.
  - (g) Indebtedness in respect of a Permitted Receivables Financing.
- (h) Guarantees by any Subsidiary of Indebtedness of the Borrower to the extent such Subsidiary has guaranteed the Indebtedness of the Borrower under this Agreement on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Agent.
  - (i) Non-Recourse Indebtedness of Excluded Subsidiaries.
- (j) Indebtedness in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any one time outstanding the greater of (x) \$250,000,000 and (y) 5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets.
- Section 7.4. <u>Liens</u>. The Borrower will not, nor will it permit any Material Subsidiary (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) to, create, incur, or suffer to exist any Lien in, of or on the Property of the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries (other than Excluded Subsidiaries), except:
- (a) Any Lien securing Indebtedness, including a Capitalized Lease, incurred or assumed for the purpose of financing all or any part of the cost of acquiring, repairing, constructing or improving fixed or capital assets; provided that (i) such Lien shall be created substantially simultaneously with or within 12 months after the acquisition thereof or the completion of the repair, construction or improvement thereof, (ii) such Lien shall not apply to any other property or assets of the Borrower or of its Material Subsidiaries (other than repairs, renewals, replacements, additions, accessions, improvements and betterments thereto) and (iii) the Indebtedness secured thereby does not exceed the cost of acquiring, constructing, improving, altering or repairing such fixed or capital assets, as the case may be.
- (b) Any Lien on any asset of any Person existing at the time such Person is merged or consolidated with or into the Borrower or any Subsidiary, or otherwise becomes a Subsidiary; provided that (i) such Lien existed at the time such Person became a Subsidiary and

was not created in anticipation thereof, and (ii) such Lien does not encumber any other property or assets of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiary (other than additions thereto, proceeds thereof and property in replacement or substitution thereof).

- (c) Any Lien existing on any asset prior to the acquisition thereof by the Borrower or a Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that (i) such Lien existed at the time of such acquisition and was not created in anticipation thereof, and (ii) such Lien does not encumber any other property or assets (other than additions thereto, proceeds thereof and property in replacement or substitution thereof).
- (d) Any Lien arising out of the refinancing, extension, renewal or refunding of any debt secured by any Lien permitted by Section 7.4(a), 7.4(b), 7.4(c), 7.4(m), 7.4(m), 7.4(n), 7.4(
- (e) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or levies on its Property (i) not yet due or delinquent (after giving effect to any applicable grace period) or (ii) which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings if adequate reserves are maintained to the extent required by GAAP.
- (f) Liens imposed by law, such as landlords', carriers', warehousemen's, materialmen's, interest owner's of oil and gas production and mechanics' liens and other similar Liens arising in the ordinary course of business which secure payment of obligations not more than 60 days past due or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves are maintained in accordance with GAAP.
- (g) (i) Liens arising out of pledges or deposits, surety bonds or performance bonds, in each case relating to or under worker's compensation laws, unemployment insurance, old age pensions, or other social security or retirement benefits, or similar legislation or (ii) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts (other than for borrowed money), leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature or arising as a result of progress payments under government contracts, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business.
- (h) Easements (including reciprocal easement agreements and utility agreements), reservations, rights-of-way, covenants, consents, encroachments, variations, charges, restrictions, survey exceptions and other similar encumbrances as to real property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, which do not materially interfere with the conduct of the business of the Borrower or such Subsidiary conducted at the property subject thereto.
  - (i) Liens arising by reason of any judgment, decree or order of any court or other governmental authority which do not result in an Event of Default.
- (j) Liens on deposits required by any Person with whom the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries enters into Swap Agreements or any credit support therefor, in each case, in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of mitigating risks associated with liabilities (including interest rate liabilities), commitments, investments, assets or property held or reasonably anticipated.

- (k) Liens, including Liens imposed by Environmental Laws, that (i) do not secure Indebtedness, (ii) do not secure obligations in an aggregate amount exceeding \$50,000,000 at any time prior to the date that the Borrower achieves Investment Grade Status, (iii) do not in the aggregate materially detract from the value of its assets (other than to the extent of such Lien) or materially impair the use thereof in the operation of its business and (iv) in the case of all such Liens other than those imposed by Environmental Laws, are incurred in the ordinary course of business.
  - (l) Deposits securing liability to insurance carriers under insurance or self-insurance arrangements.
- (m) Liens created or assumed by the Borrower or a Subsidiary on any contract for the permitted sale of any product or service or any proceeds therefrom (including accounts and other receivables).
- (n) Liens created by the Borrower or a Subsidiary on advance payment obligations by such Person to secure indebtedness incurred to finance advances for oil, gas, hydrocarbon and other mineral exploration and development.
- (o) Liens securing obligations, neither assumed by the Borrower or any Subsidiary nor on account of which the Borrower or any Subsidiary customarily pays interest, upon real estate or under which the Borrower or any Subsidiary has a right-of-way, easement, franchise or other servitude or of which the Borrower or any Subsidiary is the lessee of the whole thereof or any interest therein for the purpose of locating pipe lines, substations, measuring stations, tanks, pumping or delivery equipment or similar equipment.
- (p) Liens arising by virtue of any statutory or common law provision relating to banker's liens, rights of setoff or similar rights as to deposit accounts or other funds maintained with a depository institution and Liens of a collecting bank arising in the ordinary course of business under Section 4-210 of the Uniform Commercial Code in effect in the relevant jurisdiction.
- (q) Liens granted to the administrative agent, for the benefit of the lenders, in the "Cash Collateral Account" under (and as defined in) the 2013 Revolving Credit Facility or pursuant to Section 2.20(j) of the 2013 Revolving Credit Facility.
  - (r) Liens existing on the Closing Date and listed on Schedule 7.4.
- (s) Liens on the Capital Stock or assets of any Receivables Entity, or Liens on Receivables Facility Assets sold, contributed, financed or otherwise conveyed or pledged in connection with a Permitted Receivables Financing.

- (t) Liens securing Indebtedness of a Subsidiary to the Borrower or to a Non-Excluded Subsidiary.
- (u) Leases and subleases of real property owned or leased by the Borrower or any Subsidiary and not materially interfering with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries.
- (v) Cash collateral and other Liens securing obligations incurred in the ordinary course of its energy marketing business (other than any obligations in respect of Swap Agreements or similar transactions, in each case that are not entered for the purpose of mitigating risks associated with liabilities (including interest rate liabilities), commitments, investments, assets or property held or reasonably anticipated).
- (w) Liens not described in or otherwise permitted by <u>Sections 7.4(a)</u> through <u>7.4(v)</u>, inclusive, securing indebtedness in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any one time outstanding the greater of (x) \$250,000,000 and (y) 5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets.

Section 7.5. **Affiliate Transactions**. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Material Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, enter into any transaction (including the purchase or sale of any Property or service) with, or make any payment or transfer to, any Affiliate (other than transactions between (i) the Borrower and any Non-Excluded Subsidiary, (ii) any Non-Excluded Subsidiary and another Non-Excluded Subsidiary or (iii) any Excluded Subsidiary and another Excluded Subsidiary) except upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the Borrower or such Subsidiary (all terms of a particular transaction taken as a whole) than the Borrower or such Subsidiary could obtain in a comparable arm's length transaction; provided, that this Section shall not prohibit (a) any Restricted Payment permitted under Section 7.7, (b) the provision by the Borrower or any such Material Subsidiary of credit support to its Subsidiaries in the form of a performance guaranty or similar undertaking (but excluding any guaranty of, joint and several obligations for, or assumption of, Indebtedness or payment obligations), (c) the provision of letters of credit, guaranties, sureties and similar forms of credit support in respect of performance obligations of an Affiliate (but excluding any such support for Indebtedness or payment obligations) on terms and conditions that the Borrower or such Material Subsidiary, as applicable, believes in good faith to be fair and reasonable to the Borrower or such Material Subsidiary as applicable, provided, however, that to the extent the amount of the obligations of such Affiliate supported thereby exceeds \$10,000,000, the provision of such letter of credit, guaranty, surety or similar form of credit support shall be approved by the board of directors or similar governing body of the General Partner and determined by such board of directors or similar governing body to be fair and reasonable to the Borrower or such Material Subsidiary, as applicable, (d) customary arrangements among Affiliates relating to the administrative or management services authorized by the Borrower's or such Subsidiary's organizational documents or board of directors or other governing body (or committee thereof), (e) equity investments by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries made after the Closing Date in any such Affiliates in an amount not to exceed \$250,000,000, in the aggregate, at any one time (after giving effect to all returns of capital), (f) any transaction subject to the jurisdiction, approval, consent or oversight of any regulatory body or compliance with any applicable regulation, rule or guideline of any such regulatory body, (g) the IPO, (h) the transfer of Receivables Facility Assets to a Receivables Entity in connection with any Permitted Receivables Financing and (i) the transactions set forth on Schedule 7.5.

Section 7.6. Excluded Subsidiaries. The Borrower shall take such action as is necessary (including, at the Borrower's option, subject to Section 9.17, designating a Subsidiary that was previously an Excluded Subsidiary as a Non-Excluded Subsidiary and/or transferring assets from an Excluded Subsidiary to a Non-Excluded Subsidiary) to ensure that the aggregate assets owned by all Excluded Subsidiaries does not exceed, at any one time, 15% of consolidated assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, as determined by the most recent balance sheet delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 6.1.

Section 7.7. Restricted Payments. Prior to the date that the Borrower first achieves Investment Grade Status, the Borrower shall not, and shall not permit its Subsidiaries to, make any Restricted Payments other than the following: (a) ratable distributions by Subsidiaries and joint ventures of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries, to the Borrower and/or to Subsidiaries of the Borrower and the other joint venturers therein, (b) ratable distributions paid only in common (non-preferential and non-redeemable) equity securities, (c) distributions in connection with stock option or other benefit plans for management and employees, (d) payment of management, marketing services, credit support and general and administrative fees and expenses in accordance with its governing documents and/or the other arrangements or agreements permitted by Section 7.5, and payment of or reimbursement for (or indemnification for) costs, fees and expenditures made or incurred for or on behalf of it or its Subsidiaries by any Person in connection with providing such services, and (e) if and to the extent that no Event of Default then exists or would result therefrom, the Borrower may make (i) distributions with respect to the partnership interests in the Borrower in an amount not to exceed (A) Distributable Cash (as defined in the Partnership Agreement) on and after the consummation of the IPO and (ii) distributions required by the Partnership Agreement in connection with any Bronco Arrearage Amount, CERC Arrearage Amount or OGE Arrearage Amount (each as defined in the Partnership Agreement).

Section 7.8. <u>Nature of Business</u>. The Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall not engage in any business other than such business that is substantially the same as conducted by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the Closing Date and other businesses in the energy industry reasonably related thereto (including, without limitation, the gathering, fractionation, distillation, marketing, processing, purchase, sale, storage, trading, treatment, and transportation of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, and their products).

Section 7.9. **Restrictive Agreements**. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Material Subsidiary to, enter into or permit to exist any agreement or other consensual arrangement that explicitly prohibits or restricts the ability of any Material Subsidiary to make any payment of any dividend or other distribution, direct or indirect, on account of any shares (or equivalent) of any class of Capital Stock of such Material Subsidiary, now or hereafter outstanding; provided that the foregoing shall not prohibit financial incurrence, maintenance and similar covenants that indirectly have the practical effect of prohibiting or restricting the ability of a Material Subsidiary to make such payments or provisions that require that a certain amount

of capital be maintained, or prohibit the return of capital to shareholders above certain dollar limits; provided further, that the foregoing shall not apply to (i) prohibitions and restrictions imposed by law or by this Agreement, (ii) prohibitions and restrictions contained in, or existing by reason of, any agreement or instrument (A) existing on the Closing Date, (B) relating to any Indebtedness of, or otherwise to, any Person at the time such Person first becomes a Material Subsidiary, so long as such prohibition or restriction was not created in contemplation of such Person becoming a Material Subsidiary, and (C) effecting a renewal, extension, refinancing, refund or replacement (or successive extensions, renewals, refinancings, refunds or replacements) of Indebtedness or other obligations issued or outstanding under an agreement or instrument referred to in clauses (ii)(A) and (ii)(B) above, so long as the prohibitions or restrictions contained in any such renewal, extension, refinancing, refund or replacement agreement, taken as a whole, are not materially more restrictive than the prohibitions and restrictions contained in the original agreement or instrument, as determined in good faith by an Authorized Officer, (iii) any prohibitions or restrictions with respect to a Material Subsidiary imposed pursuant to an agreement that has been entered into in connection with a disposition of all or substantially all of the Capital Stock or assets of such Subsidiary, (iv) restrictions contained in joint venture agreements, partnership agreements and other similar agreements with respect to a joint ownership arrangement restricting the disposition or distribution of assets or property of, or the activities of, such joint venture, partnership or other joint ownership entity, or any of such entity's subsidiaries, if such restrictions are not applicable to the property or assets of any other entity and (v) any prohibitions or restrictions on any Receivables Entity pursuant to a Permitted Receivables Financing.

Section 7.10. <u>Limitation on Amending Certain Documents</u>. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, modify or amend (a) the Existing Enogex Term Loan Agreement or the Existing Enogex Senior Notes, in each case, to the extent such amendment would increase the principal amount of, or extend the maturity of, the Indebtedness evidenced thereby, <u>provided</u> that this <u>clause (a)</u> shall not prohibit any amendment to the Existing Enogex Term Loan Agreement or the Existing Enogex Senior Notes, or refinancing of such Indebtedness, to the extent such amended or refinanced Indebtedness would otherwise be permitted by <u>Section 7.3</u> or (b) the Partnership Agreement or the Material JV Agreements, in each case described in this <u>clause (b)</u>, in a manner that is materially adverse to the Lenders.

## Section 7.11. Consolidated Leverage Ratio.

- (a) The Borrower will not permit, as of the last day of each fiscal quarter, the Consolidated Leverage Ratio as of such date to be (a) on any date of determination other than during an Acquisition Period, greater than 5.00:1.00 and (b) on any date of determination during an Acquisition Period, greater than 5.50:1.00.
- (b) For purposes of calculating compliance with the financial covenant set forth in <u>Section 7.11(a)</u>, Consolidated EBITDA may include, at Borrower's option, any Qualified Project EBITDA Adjustments as provided in the definition thereof.
- Section 7.12. <u>Interest Coverage Ratio</u>. The Borrower will not permit, as of the last day of each fiscal quarter occurring prior to the first date on which the Borrower achieves Investment Grade Status, the ratio of Consolidated EBITDA to Consolidated Interest Expense as of such date to be less than 3.00:1.00.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

### EVENTS OF DEFAULT, ACCELERATION AND REMEDIES

Section 8.1. Events of Default. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default":

- (a) Any representation or warranty made or deemed made by or on behalf of the Borrower under or in connection with this Agreement, the Credit Extension on the Closing Date, or any certificate or information delivered in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be incorrect or untrue in any material respect (other than a representation and warranty that is subject to a materiality qualifier in the text thereof, which shall be incorrect or untrue in any respect) when made or deemed made.
- (b) Nonpayment of (i) principal of any Loan when due, (ii) interest upon any Loan or of any fee under any of the Loan Documents within five (5) Business Days after the same becomes due or (iii) any other obligation or liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document within ten (10) Business Days after the Borrower's receipt of notice from the Agent of such nonpayment.
- (c) (i) The breach by the Borrower of any of the terms or provisions of Section 6.2, 6.3 (provided that such Event of Default shall be deemed automatically cured or waived upon the delivery of such notice or the cure or waiver of the related Default or Event of Default, as applicable), 6.4 (with respect to the Borrower's or any Material Subsidiary's existence), or Article VII or (ii) the breach by the Borrower of any of the terms or provisions of Section 6.1(a), 6.1(b), 6.1(c), or 6.1(i) which is not remedied within five (5) Business Days after written notice thereof is given by the Agent or a Lender to the Borrower.
- (d) The breach by the Borrower (other than a breach which constitutes an Event of Default under another Section of this Article VIII) of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any Note (but, for the avoidance of doubt, not the Guaranty) which is not remedied within thirty (30) days after written notice thereof is given by the Agent or a Lender to the Borrower.
- (e) (i) Failure of the Borrower or any Material Subsidiary to pay when due (after any applicable grace period) any Material Indebtedness; (ii) the Borrower or any Material Subsidiary shall default (after the expiration of any applicable grace period) in the observance or performance of any covenant or agreement relating to any Material Indebtedness and as a result thereof such Material Indebtedness shall be declared to be due and payable or required to be prepaid or repurchased (other than by a regularly scheduled payment) prior to the stated maturity thereof; provided that the foregoing shall not apply to any mandatory prepayment or optional redemption of any Indebtedness which would be required to be repaid in connection with the consummation of a transaction by the Borrower or any such Subsidiary not prohibited pursuant to this Agreement; or (iii) the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries shall not pay, or shall admit in writing its inability to pay, its debts generally as they become due.

- (f) The Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries shall (i) have an order for relief entered with respect to it under the Federal bankruptcy laws as now or hereafter in effect, (ii) make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, (iii) apply for, seek, consent to, or acquiesce in, the appointment of a receiver, custodian, trustee, examiner, liquidator or similar official for it or any Substantial Portion of its Property, (iv) institute any proceeding seeking an order for relief under the Federal bankruptcy laws as now or hereafter in effect or seeking to adjudicate it as bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking dissolution, winding up, liquidation, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of it or its debts under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors, (v) take any formal corporate or partnership action to authorize or effect any of the foregoing actions set forth in this Section 8.1(f), or (vi) fail to contest within the applicable time period any appointment or proceeding described in Section 8.1(g).
- (g) Without the application, approval or consent of the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries, a receiver, trustee, examiner, liquidator or similar official shall be appointed for the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries or any Substantial Portion of its Property, or a proceeding described in Section 8.1(f) shall be instituted against the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries and such appointment continues undischarged or such proceeding continues undismissed or unstayed for a period of ninety (90) consecutive days.
- (h) A judgment or other court order for the payment of money in excess of \$100,000,000 (net of any amounts paid or covered by independent third party insurance as to which the relevant insurance company does not dispute coverage) shall be rendered against the Borrower or any Material Subsidiary and such judgment or order shall continue without being vacated, discharged, satisfied or stayed or bonded pending appeal for a period of forty-five (45) days.
- (i) The Unfunded Liabilities of all Single Employer Plans could in the aggregate reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or any ERISA Event under <u>clauses (a)</u>, <u>(b)</u> and <u>(c)</u> of the definition thereof shall occur in connection with any Plan that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
  - (j) Any Change of Control shall occur.
- (k) The Borrower or any other member of the Controlled Group shall have been notified by the sponsor of a Multiemployer Plan that it has incurred, pursuant to Section 4201 of ERISA, withdrawal liability to such Multiemployer Plan in an amount which, when aggregated with all other amounts required to be paid to Multiemployer Plans by the Borrower or any other member of the Controlled Group as withdrawal liability (determined as of the date of such notification), exceeds \$100,000,000.
- (l) The Borrower or any other member of the Controlled Group shall have been notified by the sponsor of a Multiemployer Plan that such Multiemployer Plan is in reorganization or is being terminated, within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA, if as a result of

such reorganization or termination the aggregate annual contributions of the Borrower and the other members of the Controlled Group (taken as a whole) to all Multiemployer Plans which are then in reorganization or being terminated have been or will be increased, in the aggregate, over the amounts contributed to such Multiemployer Plans for the respective plan years of such Multiemployer Plans immediately preceding the plan year in which the reorganization or termination occurs by an amount exceeding \$100,000,000.

(m) Any material portion of this Agreement or any Note (but, for the avoidance of doubt, not the Guaranty) shall fail to remain in full force or effect or any action shall be taken by the Borrower to assert the invalidity or unenforceability of any such Loan Document.

### Section 8.2. Acceleration/Remedies.

- (a) Automatic Acceleration of Maturity. If any Event of Default described in Section 8.1(f) or (g) occurs with respect to the Borrower:
- (i) the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans hereunder shall automatically terminate and the Obligations shall immediately become due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Borrower; and
- (ii) the Agent shall at the request of, or may with the consent of, the Required Lenders proceed to enforce its rights and remedies under any Loan Document for the ratable benefit of the Lenders.
- (b) Optional Acceleration of Maturity. If any Event of Default occurs (other than an Event of Default described in Section 8.1(f) or (g)), the Agent, upon the request of the Required Lenders, shall, or with the consent of the Required Lenders, may:
  - (i) terminate or suspend the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans hereunder or declare the Obligations to be due and payable, or both, whereupon the Obligations shall become immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or notice of any kind, all of which the Borrower hereby expressly waives; and
    - (ii) proceed to enforce its rights and remedies under any Loan Document for the ratable benefit of the Lenders.
- (c) <u>Rescission of Acceleration</u>. If, after acceleration of the maturity of the Obligations or termination of the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans as a result of any Event of Default (other than any Event of Default as described in <u>Section 8.1(f)</u> or (g) with respect to the Borrower) and before any judgment or decree for the payment of the Obligations due shall have been obtained or entered, the Required Lenders (in their sole discretion) shall so direct, the Agent shall, by notice to the Borrower, rescind and annul such acceleration and/or termination.

(d) <u>Application of Payments</u>. In the event that the Obligations have been accelerated pursuant to <u>Section 8.2(a)(i)</u> or <u>Section 8.2(b)(i)</u>, all payments received by the Lenders upon the Obligations and all net proceeds from the enforcement of the Obligations shall be applied:

FIRST, to the payment of all costs, internal charges, and out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) of the Agent and the Lenders in connection with enforcing the rights of the Lenders under the Loan Documents, pro rata as set forth below;

SECOND, to the payment of all accrued interest payable to the Lenders hereunder, pro rata as set forth below;

THIRD, to the payment of the outstanding principal amount of the Loans, pro rata, as set forth below;

FOURTH, to all other Obligations which shall have become due and payable under the Loan Documents and not repaid pursuant to clauses "FIRST" through "THIRD" above; and

FIFTH, to the payment of the surplus, if any, to whomever may be lawfully entitled to receive such surplus, or as a court of competent jurisdiction may direct.

In carrying out the foregoing, (i) amounts received shall be applied in the numerical order provided until exhausted prior to application to the next succeeding category; and (ii) subject to Section 2.24(a)(ii), each of the Lenders shall receive an amount equal to its Pro Rata Share of amounts available to be applied.

Section 8.3. Preservation of Rights. The enumeration of the rights and remedies of the Agent and the Lenders set forth in this Agreement is not intended to be exhaustive and the exercise by the Agent and the Lenders of any right or remedy shall not preclude the exercise of any other rights or remedies, all of which shall be cumulative, and shall be in addition to any other right or remedy given hereunder or under the other Loan Documents or that may now or hereafter exist at law or in equity or by suit or otherwise. No delay or failure to take action on the part of the Agent or any Lender in exercising any right, power or privilege shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right, power or privilege preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege or shall be construed to be a waiver of any Event of Default. No course of dealing between the Borrower, the Agent and the Lenders or their respective agents or employees shall be effective to change, modify or discharge any provision of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents or to constitute a waiver of any Event of Default. No waiver, amendment or other variation of the terms, conditions or provisions of the Loan Documents whatsoever shall be valid unless in writing signed by the Lenders required pursuant to Section 9.1, and then only to the extent in such writing specifically set forth. All remedies contained in the Loan Documents or by law afforded shall be cumulative and all shall be available to the Agent and the Lenders until the Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations) have been paid in full.

### ARTICLE IX.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

### Section 9.1. Amendments.

- (a) <u>Amendments</u>. Subject to the provisions of this <u>Section 9.1</u>, neither this Agreement nor any other Loan Document (other than the Fee Letters), nor any provision hereof or thereof, may be waived, amended, supplemented or modified except pursuant to an instrument or instruments in writing entered into by the Borrower and the Required Lenders (or the Agent with the consent in writing of the Required Lenders); <u>provided</u> that no such waiver, amendment or modification shall:
  - (i) without the consent of all of the Lenders affected thereby:
  - (A) extend the final maturity of any Loan or forgive all or any portion of the principal amount thereof, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of any interest or fee payable hereunder (other than a waiver or rescission of the application of the Default Rate pursuant to Section 8.2(a)(i) or Section 8.2(b)(i));
    - (B) increase the amount of or extend the expiration date of any Lender's Commitment; or
    - (C) extend the Maturity Date; or
    - (ii) without the consent of all of the Lenders:
      - (A) Amend this Section 9.1 or Section 8.2(d) or 9.7 or Article XI;
  - (B) Reduce the percentage specified in the definition of Required Lenders or any other percentage of Lenders specified to be the applicable percentage in this Agreement to act on specified matters or amend the definition of "Pro Rata Share"; or
    - (C) permit the Borrower to assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement.

No amendment of any provision of this Agreement relating to the Agent shall be effective without the written consent of the Agent. The Agent may waive payment of the fee required under <u>Section 12.3(c)</u> without obtaining the consent of any other party to this Agreement. Any Fee Letter may be amended by an agreement entered into by each of the parties to such Fee Letter.

- (b) <u>Defaulting Lenders</u>. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, during such period as a Lender is a Defaulting Lender, to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, such Lender will not be entitled to vote in respect of amendments and waivers hereunder and the Commitment and the outstanding Loans or other extensions of credit of such Lender hereunder will not be taken into account in determining whether the Required Lenders or all of the Lenders, as required, have approved any such amendment or waiver (and the definition of "Required Lenders" will automatically be deemed modified accordingly for the duration of such period); <u>provided</u>, that any such amendment or waiver that would increase or extend the term of the Commitment of such Defaulting Lender, extend the date fixed for the payment of principal or interest owing to such Defaulting Lender hereunder, reduce the amount of any obligation owing to such Defaulting Lender, reduce the amount of or the rate or amount of interest on any amount owing to such Defaulting Lender or of any fee payable to such Defaulting Lender hereunder, or alter the terms of this proviso, will require the consent of such Defaulting Lender.
- Section 9.2. <u>Survival of Representations</u>. All representations and warranties of the Borrower contained in this Agreement shall survive the making of the Credit Extension on the Closing Date as herein contemplated.
- Section 9.3. **Governmental Regulation**. Anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, no Lender shall be obligated to extend credit to the Borrower in violation of any limitation or prohibition provided by any applicable statute or regulation.
- Section 9.4. **Headings**. Section headings in the Loan Documents are for convenience of reference only, and shall not govern the interpretation of any of the provisions of the Loan Documents.
- Section 9.5. <u>Entire Agreement</u>. The Loan Documents embody the entire agreement and understanding among the Borrower, the Agent and the Lenders and supersede all prior agreements and understandings among the Borrower, the Agent and the Lenders relating to the subject matter thereof.
- Section 9.6. <u>Several Obligations</u>; <u>Benefits of this Agreement</u>. The respective obligations of the Lenders hereunder are several and not joint and no Lender shall be the partner or agent of any other (except to the extent to which the Agent is authorized to act as such). The failure of any Lender to perform any of its obligations hereunder shall not relieve any other Lender from any of its obligations hereunder. This Agreement shall not be construed so as to confer any right or benefit upon any Person other than the parties to this Agreement and their respective successors and assigns; <u>provided</u>, that the parties hereto expressly agree that each Arranger shall enjoy the benefits of the provisions of <u>Sections 9.7</u>, <u>9.11</u> and <u>10.9</u> to the extent specifically set forth therein and shall have the right to enforce such provisions on its own behalf and in its own name to the same extent as if it were a party to this Agreement.

### Section 9.7. **Expenses**; **Indemnification**.

(a) <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. The Borrower shall reimburse the Agent and the Arrangers for all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including the reasonable fees and expenses of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, counsel to Citi in its capacity as Agent and an Arranger, and no other counsel of any other Lender or Arranger) paid or incurred by the Agent or the

Arrangers in connection with the investigation, preparation, negotiation, documentation, execution, delivery, syndication, distribution (including via the internet), review, amendment, modification and administration of the Loan Documents. The Borrower also agrees to reimburse the Agent, the Syndication Agent, the Co-Documentation Agents, the Arrangers and the Lenders (each such Person being called a "Reimbursed Party" and collectively, the "Reimbursed Parties") for all costs and out-of-pocket expenses (including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel, which shall be limited to a single firm of counsel for the Reimbursed Parties, taken as a whole, and, if reasonably necessary, a single firm of local or regulatory counsel in each appropriate jurisdiction and a single firm of special counsel for each relevant specialty, in each case for the Reimbursed Parties, taken as a whole and, solely in the case of an actual or perceived conflict of interest (as reasonably identified by a Reimbursed Party), where the Reimbursed Party affected by such conflict informs the Borrower of such conflict, one additional firm of counsel in each relevant jurisdiction for the affected Reimbursed Parties similarly situated, taken as a whole) paid or incurred by any Reimbursed Party in connection with the enforcement of any of their respective rights and remedies under the Loan Documents.

(b) Indemnification. The Borrower hereby further agrees to indemnify the Agent, the Syndication Agent, the Co-Documentation Agents, each Arranger, each Lender and each of their respective Related Parties (each such Person being called an "Indemnitee") from and against all losses, claims, damages, penalties, judgments, liabilities and expenses (including, without limitation, all expenses of litigation or preparation therefor whether or not such Indemnitee is a party thereto, and all reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel, which shall be limited to a single firm of counsel for all Indemnitees, taken as a whole, and, if reasonably necessary, a single firm of local or regulatory counsel in each appropriate jurisdiction and a single firm of special counsel for each relevant specialty, in each case for all Indemnitees, taken as a whole and, solely in the case of an actual or perceived conflict of interest (as reasonably identified by an Indemnitee) where the Indemnitee affected by such conflict informs the Borrower of such conflict, one additional firm of counsel in each relevant jurisdiction for the affected Indemnitees similarly situated, taken as a whole) which any of them may pay or incur arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the other Loan Documents, the transactions contemplated hereby or the direct or indirect application or proposed application of the proceeds of the Credit Extension hereunder except to the extent such losses, claims, damages, penalties, judgments, liabilities or expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from (1) the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee, (2) a material breach by such Indemnitee of its obligations under this Agreement or (3) claims of one or more Indemnitees against another Indemnitee (other than claims against the Agent or the Arrangers in their capacities as such) and not involving any act or omission of the Borrower or any of its Related Parties. In the case of an investigation, litigation or other proceeding to which the indemnity in this <u>Section 9.7(b)</u> applies, such indemnity will be effective whether or not such investigation, litigation or proceeding is brought by the Borrower, any of its directors, security holders or creditors, an Indemnitee or any other person or an Indemnitee is otherwise a party thereto and whether or not the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are consummated. The obligations of the Borrower under this Section 9.7(b) shall survive the termination of this Agreement. In no event shall this <u>clause (b)</u> operate to expand the obligations of the Borrower under the first sentence of <u>clause (a)</u> above to require the Borrower to reimburse or indemnify the Lenders, the Syndication Agent or the Co-Documentation Agents for any amounts of the type described therein. This Section 9.7(b) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, etc. arising from any non-Tax claim.

- Section 9.8. <u>Numbers of Documents</u>. All statements, notices, closing documents, and requests hereunder shall be furnished to the Agent with sufficient counterparts so that the Agent may furnish one to each of the Lenders, to the extent that the Agent deems necessary.
- Section 9.9. <u>Accounting</u>. Except as provided to the contrary herein, all accounting terms used in the calculation of any financial covenant or test shall be interpreted and all accounting determinations hereunder in the calculation of any financial covenant or test shall be made in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.
- Section 9.10. <u>Severability of Provisions</u>. Any provision in any Loan Document that is held to be inoperative, unenforceable, or invalid in any jurisdiction shall, as to that jurisdiction, be inoperative, unenforceable, or invalid without affecting the remaining provisions in that jurisdiction or the operation, enforceability, or validity of that provision in any other jurisdiction, and to this end the provisions of all Loan Documents are declared to be severable.
- Section 9.11. Nonliability; Waiver of Consequential Damages. The relationship between the Borrower on the one hand and the Lenders and the Agent on the other hand shall be solely that of borrower and lender. None of the Agent, the Arrangers nor the Lenders shall have any fiduciary responsibilities to the Borrower. None of the Agent, the Arrangers nor the Lenders undertakes any responsibility to the Borrower to review or inform the Borrower of any matter in connection with any phase of the Borrower's business or operations. The Borrower agrees that none of the Agent, the Arrangers nor the Lenders shall have liability (whether direct or indirect, in contract, tort or otherwise) to the Borrower or any of its Affiliates or any of their respective security holders or creditors for losses suffered in connection with, arising out of, or in any way related to, the transactions contemplated and the relationship established by the Loan Documents, or any act, omission or event occurring in connection therewith, except to the extent such liability is determined in a final non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from (i) the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of the party from which recovery is sought or (ii) a material breach by the party from which recovery is sought of its obligations under this Agreement. Each party hereto agrees that no other party hereto nor any of its Related Parties shall have any liability to any other party hereto (or its Related Parties) on any theory of liability for any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (including without limitation, any loss of profits, business or anticipated savings) in connection with, arising out of, or in any way related to the Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby; provided that this waiver shall in no way limit the Borrower's indemnification obligations in Section 9.7(b) to the extent of any third-party claim for any of the foregoing, including the Borrower's obligation to indemnif

Section 9.12. <u>Confidentiality</u>. Each of the Agent and the Lenders agrees that any Information (as defined below) delivered or made available to it shall (i) be kept confidential, (ii) be used solely in connection with evaluating, approving, structuring, administering or enforcing

the credit facility contemplated hereby and (iii) not be provided to any other Person; provided that nothing in clauses (i) and (iii) above shall prevent the Agent or any Lender from disclosing such information (a) to its Related Parties (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent requested by, or required to be disclosed to, any rating agency, or regulatory or similar authority purporting to have jurisdiction over it (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) in response to any order of any court or other governmental authority having jurisdiction over it or as may otherwise be required pursuant to any requirement of law or as requested by any self-regulatory body (in which case it shall (i) promptly notify the Borrower in advance of disclosure, to the extent permitted by law and to the extent practicable, and (ii) so furnish only that portion of such Information which it is legally required to disclose), (d) if legally compelled to do so in connection with any litigation or similar proceeding (in which case it shall (i) promptly notify the Borrower in advance of disclosure, to the extent permitted by law and to the extent practicable, and (ii) so furnish only that portion of such Information which it is legally required to disclose), (e) to any other party hereto, (f) in connection with the exercise of any remedies under this Agreement or under any other Loan Document or any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder, (g) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement, or (ii) any actual or prospective party (or its managers, administrators, trustees, partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, advisors and other representatives) to any swap, derivative or other transaction under which payments are to be made by reference to the Borrower and its obligations, this Agreement or payments hereunder, (h) with the consent of the Borrower, (i) to Gold Sheets and other similar bank trade publications, such information to consist of deal terms and other information customarily found in such publications, or (j) to the extent such Information (x) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (y) becomes available to the Agent, any Lender or any of their respective Affiliates on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than the Borrower or its Related Parties and which is not known to be subject to a duty of confidentiality to the Borrower or its Affiliates (unless and until such Person is made aware of the confidential nature of such information, if any) or (k) to governmental regulatory authorities in connection with any regulatory examination of the Agent or any Lender or in accordance with the Agent's or any Lender's regulatory compliance policy if the Agent or such Lender deems necessary for the mitigation of claims by those authorities against the Agent or such Lender or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. For purposes of this Section, "Information" means all information received from the Borrower or any of its Related Parties relating to the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof or any of their respective businesses, assets, properties, operations, products, results or condition (financial or otherwise) other than (i) any such information that is received by the Agent or any Lender from a source other than the Borrower and which is not known to be subject to a duty of confidentiality to the Borrower or its Affiliates (unless and until such Person is made aware of the confidential nature of such information, if any), (ii) information that is publicly available other than as a result of the breach of a duty of confidentiality by such Person or its Related Parties or by another Person known by any of the foregoing to be subject to such a duty of confidentiality, (iii) information already known to or, other than information described in clause (i) above, in the possession of the Agent

or any Lender prior to its disclosure by the Borrower, or (iv) information that is independently developed, discovered or arrived at by the Agent or any Lender. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

- Section 9.13. <u>Lenders Not Utilizing Plan Assets</u>. Each Lender represents and warrants that none of the consideration used by such Lender to make its Loans constitutes for any purpose of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code assets of any "plan" as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code and the rights and interests of such Lender in and under the Loan Documents shall not constitute such "plan assets" under ERISA.
- Section 9.14. <u>Nonreliance</u>. Each Lender hereby represents that it is not relying on or looking to any margin stock (as defined in Regulation U) for the repayment of the Credit Extension provided for herein.
- Section 9.15. <u>Disclosure</u>. The Borrower and each Lender hereby acknowledge and agree that Citibank and/or its Affiliates from time to time may hold investments in, make other loans to or have other relationships with the Borrower and its Affiliates.
- Section 9.16. **USA Patriot Act**. The Agent and each Lender hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the Act, it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and other information that will allow such Lender to identify the Borrower in accordance with the Act.
- Section 9.17. Excluded Subsidiaries. The Borrower shall have the right, at any time with prior written notice to the Agent, to (i) designate any Subsidiary as an Excluded Subsidiary in accordance with the requirements of such definition or (ii) remove any Subsidiary from being an Excluded Subsidiary; provided that with respect to any Subsidiary, after the second designation of such Subsidiary as a Non-Excluded Subsidiary from an Excluded Subsidiary, such Subsidiary may not be re-designated as an Excluded Subsidiary at a later date.
- Section 9.18. **Counterparts**. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one agreement, and any of the parties hereto may execute this Agreement by signing any such counterpart. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic method of transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed original counterpart of this Agreement.
- Section 9.19. **Removal of Lender**. Notwithstanding anything herein or in any other Loan Document to the contrary, the Borrower may, at any time in its sole discretion, remove any Lender upon 15 Business Days' written notice to such Lender and the Agent (the contents of which notice shall be promptly communicated by the Agent to the Lenders), such removal to be effective at the expiration of such 15-day notice period; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no Lender may be removed hereunder at a time when an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

Each notice by the Borrower under this Section 9.19 shall constitute a representation by the Borrower that the removal described in such notice is permitted under this Section 9.19. Concurrently with such removal and as a condition thereof, the Borrower shall pay to such removed Lender (or, if such Lender is a Defaulting Lender, to Agent) all amounts owing to such Lender hereunder (including any amounts arising under Section 3.4 as a consequence of such removal) and under any other Loan Document in immediately available funds. Upon full and final payment hereunder of all amounts owing to such removed Lender, such Lender shall make appropriate entries in its accounts evidencing payment of all Loans hereunder and releasing the Borrower from all obligations owing to the removed Lender in respect of the Loans hereunder and surrender to the Agent for return to the Borrower any Notes of the Borrower then held by it. Effective immediately upon such full and final payment, such removed Lender will not be considered to be a "Lender" for purposes of this Agreement, except for the purposes of any provision hereof that by its terms survives the termination of this Agreement and the payment of the amounts payable hereunder. Effective immediately upon such removal, the Commitment of such removed Lender shall immediately terminate. Such removal will not, however, affect the Commitments of any other Lenders hereunder.

## Section 9.20. Notices.

- (a) Notices. Except as otherwise permitted by Section 2.14, all notices, requests and other communications to any party hereunder shall be in writing (including electronic transmission, facsimile transmission or similar writing) and shall be given to such party: (x) in the case of the Borrower, the Lenders or the Agent, at its address or facsimile number set forth on the signature pages hereof or, (y) in the case of any party, at such other address or facsimile number as such party may hereafter specify for the purpose by notice to the Agent and the Borrower in accordance with the provisions of this Section 9.20. Each such notice, request or other communication shall be effective (i) if given by facsimile transmission, when transmitted to the facsimile number specified in this Section and confirmation of receipt is received, (ii) if given by mail, three (3) Business Days after such communication is deposited in the mail with first class postage prepaid, addressed as aforesaid, or (iii) if given by any other means, when delivered (or, in the case of electronic transmission, received) at the address specified in this Section; provided that, subject to Section 2.14, notices to the Agent under Article II shall not be effective until received.
- (b) <u>Electronic Communications</u>. Notices and other communications to the Lenders hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Agent, <u>provided</u> that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender pursuant to <u>Section 2.16</u> if such Lender has notified the Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Section by electronic communication. The Agent or the Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; <u>provided</u> that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.
- (c) <u>Change of Address</u>. The Borrower, the Agent and any Lender may each change the address for service of notice upon it by a notice in writing to the other parties hereto.

# ARTICLE X. THE AGENT

Section 10.1. Appointment and Authority. Each of the Lenders hereby irrevocably designates and appoints Citibank to act on its behalf as the Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and authorizes the Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Agent by the terms hereof or thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Article are solely for the benefit of the Agent and the Lenders, and neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary thereof shall have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions. It is understood and agreed that the use of the term "agent" herein or in any other Loan Documents (or any other similar term) with reference to the Agent is not intended to connote any fiduciary or other implied (or express) obligations arising under agency doctrine of any applicable law. Instead such term is used as a matter of market custom, and is intended to create or reflect only an administrative relationship between contracting parties.

Section 10.2. **Rights as a Lender**. The Person serving as the Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Agent and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as the Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, own securities of, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for, and generally engage in any kind of business with, the Borrower or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not the Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders.

Section 10.3. <u>Exculpatory Provisions</u>. The Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, and its duties hereunder shall be administrative in nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Agent:

- (a) shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;
- (b) shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other Loan Documents that the Agent is required to exercise as directed in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be expressly provided for herein or in the other Loan Documents); provided that the Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose the Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or Applicable Law, including for the avoidance of doubt, any action that may be in violation of the automatic stay under any Debtor Relief Law or that may effect a forfeiture, modification or termination of property of a Defaulting Lender in violation of any Debtor Relief Law; and

(c) shall not, except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Borrower or any of its Affiliates that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as the Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity.

The Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as the Agent shall believe in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in Section 9.1) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by a final and nonappealable judgment. The Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default or Event of Default unless and until notice describing such Default or Event of Default is given to the Agent in writing by the Borrower or a Lender.

The Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or thereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein or the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article IV or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Agent.

Section 10.4. Reliance by the Agent. The Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. The Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and reasonably believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender, the Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender unless the Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender prior to the making of such Loan. The Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

Section 10.5. <u>Delegation of Duties</u>. The Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or through any one or more sub-agents selected and appointed by the Agent. The Agent and any such sub-agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of the Agent and any such sub agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facility evidenced hereby as

well as activities as Agent. The Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any sub-agents except to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction determines in a final and nonappealable judgment that the Agent acted with gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct in the selection of such sub-agents.

#### Section 10.6. Resignation of Agent.

(a) The Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders and the Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with the Borrower (and so long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, subject to the approval of the Borrower, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), to appoint a successor from among the Lenders, which shall be a bank with an office in the United States having capital and retained earnings of at least \$100,000,000, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Agent gives notice of its resignation (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "Resignation Effective Date"), then the retiring Agent may (but shall not be obligated to), on behalf of the Lenders, appoint a successor Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above; provided that if the Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Lenders that no qualifying Person has accepted such appointment, then all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender directly, until such time as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Agent as provided for above in this paragraph (with the approval of the Borrower to the extent required above). Whether or not a successor has been appointed, such resignation of the retiring Agent shall become effective in accordance with such notice on the Resignation Effective Date.

(b) With effect from the Resignation Effective Date (1) the retiring Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and (2) except for any indemnity payments owed to the retiring Agent, all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender directly, until such time, if any, as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Agent as provided for above. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Agent hereunder, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring or retired Agent (other than any rights to indemnity payments owed to the retiring Agent), and the retiring Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents. The fees payable by the Borrower to a successor Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and such successor. After the retiring Agent's resignation hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, the provisions of this Article X and Section 9.7 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while the retiring Agent was acting as Agent. In the event that there is a successor to the Agent by merger, or the Agent assigns its duties and obligations to an Affiliate pursuant to this Section 10.6, then the term "Prime Rate" as used in this Agreement shall mean the prime rate, base rate or other analogous rate of the new Agent.

Section 10.7. Non-Reliance on Agent and Other Lenders. Each Lender acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

Section 10.8. <u>No Other Duties, etc.</u> Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, none of the Syndication Agent, the Co-Documentation Agents, or the Arrangers listed on the cover page or signature pages hereof shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as the Agent or a Lender hereunder.

Section 10.9. <u>Agent, Arrangers and Co-Documentation Agent Fees</u>. The Borrower agrees to pay to the Agent, each Arranger and each Co-Documentation Agent, for their respective accounts, the fees agreed to by the Borrower pursuant to the applicable Fee Letters.

Section 10.10. Agent's Reimbursement and Indemnification. The Lenders agree to reimburse and indemnify the Agent, the Syndication Agent, the Arrangers and the Co-Documentation Agents ratably in proportion to the Lenders' Pro Rata Shares of the Aggregate Commitment (or, if the Aggregate Commitment has been terminated, of the Outstanding Credit Exposure) for any amounts not reimbursed by the Borrower (a) for which the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger or any Co-Documentation Agent is entitled to reimbursement by the Borrower under the Loan Documents, (b) for any other expenses incurred by the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger or any Co-Documentation Agent on behalf of the Lenders, in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, administration and enforcement of the Loan Documents and (b) for any liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind and nature whatsoever which may be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger or any Co-Documentation Agent in any way relating to or arising out of the Loan Documents or any other document delivered in connection therewith or the transactions contemplated thereby (including for any such amounts incurred by or asserted against the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger or any Co-Documentation Agent in connection with any dispute between the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger any Co-Documentation Agent and any Lender or between two or more of the Lenders), or the enforcement of any of the terms of the Loan Documents or of any such other documents (collectively, the "Indemnified Costs"); provided that (i) no Lender shall be liable for any portion of the Indemnified Costs that are found in a final nonappealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of the party seeking indemnification and (ii) any indemnification required pursuant to Section 3.4 shall, notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 10.9, be paid by the relevant Lender in accordance with the provisions thereof. The failure of any Lender to reimburse the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger or any Co-Documentation Agent, as the case may be, promptly upon demand for its Pro Rata Share of any

amount required to be paid by the Lenders as provided herein shall not relieve any other Lender of its obligation hereunder to reimburse the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger or any Co-Documentation Agent, as the case may be, for its Pro Rata Share of such amount, but no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to reimburse such Agent, Syndication Agent, Arranger or Co-Documentation Agent, as the case may be, for such other Lender's Pro Rata Share of such amount. The obligations of the Lenders under this Section 10.9 shall survive payment of the Obligations and termination of this Agreement.

Section 10.11. <u>Agent May File Proofs of Claim</u>. In case of the pendency of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, the Lenders hereby agree that the Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Agent shall have made any demand on the Borrower) shall be entitled and empowered (but not obligated) by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise for and on behalf of the Lenders:

- (a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans and all other Obligations that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Lenders and the Agent (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Lenders and the Agent and their respective agents and counsel and all other amounts due the Lenders and the Agent under Section 9.7) allowed in such judicial proceeding; and
  - (b) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Lender to make such payments to the Agent and, in the event that the Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Lenders, to pay to the Agent any amount due for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Agent and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Agent under Section 9.7.

Section 10.12. <u>Trust Indenture Act</u>. In the event that Citibank or any of its Affiliates shall be or become an indenture trustee under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (as amended, the "<u>Trust Indenture Act</u>") in respect of any securities issued or guaranteed by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, the parties hereto acknowledge and agree that any payment or property received in satisfaction of or in respect of any Obligation of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or on behalf of Citibank in its capacity as the Agent for the benefit of any Lender under any Loan Document (other than Citibank or an Affiliate of Citibank) and which is applied in accordance with the Loan Documents shall be deemed to be exempt from the requirements of Section 311 of the Trust Indenture Act pursuant to Section 311(b)(3) of the Trust Indenture Act.

#### ARTICLE XI.

#### SETOFF; RATABLE PAYMENTS

Section 11.1. Setoff. In addition to, and without limitation of, any rights of the Lenders under Applicable Law, from and after the date that the Obligations have been accelerated pursuant to Section 8.2(a) or Section 8.2(b) (and for so long as such acceleration has not been rescinded by the Required Lenders), each Lender and each of its Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, to set-off and apply any and all deposits (including all account balances, whether general or special, time or demand, provisional or final and whether or not collected or available) at any time held, and any other Indebtedness or obligations (in whatever currency) at any time held or owing, by such Lender or any such Affiliate, to or for the credit or account of the Borrower against any and all of the Obligations of the Borrower now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to such Lender or its Affiliates, irrespective of whether or not such Lender or Affiliate shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such Obligations of the Borrower may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch, office or Affiliate of such Lender different from the branch, office or Affiliate holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness; provided that in the event that any Defaulting Lender exercises any such right of setoff, (x) all amounts so set off shall be paid over immediately to the Agent for further application in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.24 and, pending such payment, shall be segregated by such Defaulting Lender from its other funds and deemed held in trust for the benefit of the Agent and the Lenders, and (y) the Defaulting Lender shall provide promptly to the Agent a statement describing in reasonable detail the Obligations owing to such Defaulting Lender as to which it exercised such right of setoff. The rights of each Lender and its Affiliates under this Section are in

Section 11.2. **Ratable Payments**. If any Lender, whether by setoff or otherwise, has payment made to it upon its Outstanding Credit Exposure (other than payments received pursuant to Section 3.1, 3.2, 3.4 or 3.5) in a greater proportion than that received by any other Lender, such Lender agrees, promptly upon demand, to purchase a portion of the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure held by the other Lenders so that after such purchase each Lender will hold its Pro Rata Share of the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure. If any Lender, whether in connection with setoff or amounts which might be subject to setoff or otherwise, receives collateral or other protection for its Obligations or such amounts which may be subject to setoff, such Lender agrees, promptly upon demand, to take such action necessary such that all Lenders share in the benefits of such collateral ratably in proportion to their respective Pro Rata Shares of the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure. In case any such payment is disturbed by legal process, or otherwise, appropriate further adjustments shall be made.

#### ARTICLE XII.

#### BENEFIT OF AGREEMENT; ASSIGNMENTS; PARTICIPATIONS

Section 12.1. Successors and Assigns. The terms and provisions of the Loan Documents shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Borrower, the Agent and the Lenders and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that (a) the Borrower shall not have the right to assign its rights or obligations under the Loan Documents without the prior written consent of each Lender, (b) any assignment by any Lender must be made in compliance with Section 12.3, and (c) any transfer by participation must be made in compliance with Section 12.2. Any attempted assignment or transfer by any party not made in compliance with this Section 12.1 shall be null and void, unless such attempted assignment or transfer is treated as a participation in accordance with Section 12.3(c). The parties to this Agreement acknowledge that clause (b) of this Section 12.1 relates only to absolute assignments and this Section 12.1 does not prohibit assignments creating security interests, including any pledge or assignment by any Lender of all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement and any Note to a Federal Reserve Bank or any central bank having jurisdiction over such Lender; provided that no such pledge or assignment creating a security interest shall release the transferor Lender from its obligations hereunder unless and until the parties thereto have complied with the provisions of Section 12.3. The Agent may treat each Lender which made the Credit Extension hereunder or which holds any Note as the owner thereof for all purposes hereof unless and until such Lender complies with Section 12.3; provided that the Agent may in its discretion (but shall not be required to) follow instructions from the Lender which made the Credit Extension hereunder or which holds any Note to direct payments relating to such Credit Extension or Note to another Person. Any assignee of the rights to the Credit Extension or any Note agrees by acceptance of such assignment to be bound by all the terms and provisions of the Loan Documents. Any request, authority or consent of any Lender, who at the time of making such request or giving such authority or consent is the owner of the rights to the Credit Extension (whether or not a Note has been issued in evidence thereof), shall be conclusive and binding on any subsequent holder or assignee of the rights to such Credit Extension.

#### Section 12.2. Participations.

(a) <u>Permitted Participants</u>; <u>Effect</u>. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower or the Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural Person, the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries or, unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (x) any competitor of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or (y) any other company engaged in the business of selling or distributing energy products; <u>provided</u> that this <u>clause (y)</u> shall not apply to any financial institution solely as a result of such Person trading in commodity products) (each, a "<u>Participant</u>") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and/or the Loans owing to it); <u>provided</u> that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, if any, shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, (iii) such Lender shall remain the owner of its Outstanding Credit Exposure and the holder of any Note issued to it in evidence thereof for all purposes under the Loan Documents and all amounts

payable by the Borrower under this Agreement shall be determined as if such Lender had not sold such participating interest and (iv) the Borrower, the Agent and Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, each Lender shall be responsible for the indemnity under <u>Section 10.10</u> with respect to any payments made by such Lender to its Participant(s).

- (b) <u>Voting Rights</u>. Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve, without the consent of any Participant, any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement other than any amendment, modification or waiver with respect to the Credit Extension or Commitment in which such Participant has an interest which would require consent of all of the Lenders or all of the affected Lenders pursuant to the terms of <u>Section 9.1</u>.
- (c) <u>Benefit of Certain Provisions</u>. The Borrower further agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.4</u> and <u>3.5</u> (subject to the requirements and limitations therein, including the requirements under <u>Section 3.5(g)</u> (it being understood that the documentation required under <u>Section 3.5(g)</u> shall be delivered to the participating Lender)) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to <u>Section 12.3</u>; <u>provided</u> that such Participant (i) agrees to be subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 2.19</u> and <u>3.7</u> as if it were an assignee under <u>Section 12.3</u>; and (ii) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under <u>Section 3.1</u> or <u>3.5</u>, with respect to any participation, than its participating Lender would have been entitled to receive, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a Change in Law that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation. Each Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Borrower's request and expense, to use commercially reasonable efforts to require such Participant comply with the provisions of <u>Sections 2.19</u> and <u>3.7</u> as if it were a Lender and to cooperate with the Borrower in enforcing such provisions against such Participant. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Section 11.1</u> as though it were a Lender; <u>provided</u> that such Participant agrees to be subject to <u>Section 11.2</u> as though it were a Lender.
- (d) <u>Participant Register</u>. Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the "<u>Participant Register</u>"); <u>provided</u> that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Agent (in its capacity as Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

#### Section 12.3. Assignments.

- (a) <u>Permitted Assignments</u>. Any Lender may at any time assign to one or more Eligible Assignees (such an assignee, a "<u>Purchaser</u>") all or any part of its rights and obligations under the Loan Documents. The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Agent an Assignment and Assumption Agreement. Each such assignment with respect to an Eligible Assignee which is not a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund shall either be in an amount equal to the entire applicable Commitment and Outstanding Credit Exposure of the assigning Lender or (unless each of the Borrower and the Agent otherwise consents) be in an aggregate amount not less than \$5,000,000. The amount of the assignment shall be based on the Commitment or Outstanding Credit Exposure (if the Commitment has been terminated) subject to the assignment, determined as of the date of such assignment or as of the "Trade Date," if the "Trade Date" is specified in the assignment. Each partial assignment made by a Lender shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all of such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Loans and Commitments assigned.
- (b) <u>Consents</u>. The consent of the Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required prior to an assignment becoming effective; <u>provided</u> that the consent of the Agent shall not be required for any assignment to a Person that is a Lender, an Affiliate of such Lender or an Approved Fund with respect to such Lender. The consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required prior to an assignment becoming effective unless (i) such assignment is to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund or (ii) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Agent within fifteen (15) days after having received notice thereof. Any consent required under this <u>Section 12.3(b)</u> shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- (c) <u>Effective Date</u>. Subject to acceptance and recording of the assignment by the Agent pursuant to <u>Section 12.3(d)</u>, upon (i) delivery to the Agent of an Assignment and Assumption Agreement pursuant to Section <u>12.3(a)</u>, together with any consents required by <u>Section 12.3(b)</u>, (ii) payment by the parties to the Assignment and Assumption Agreement (other than the Borrower) of a \$3,500 fee to the Agent for processing such assignment (unless such fee is waived by the Agent) and (iii) delivery to the Borrower and the Agent of the documents required by <u>Section 3.5</u>, such Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall become effective on the effective date specified in such Assignment and Assumption Agreement. The Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall contain a representation and warranty by the Purchaser to the effect that none of the funds, money, assets or other consideration used to make the purchase and assumption of the Commitment and Outstanding Credit Exposure under the applicable assignment agreement constitutes "plan assets" as defined under ERISA and that the rights, benefits and interests of the Purchaser in and under the Loan Documents will not be "plan assets" under ERISA. On and after the effective date of such assignment, such Purchaser shall for all purposes be a Lender party to this Agreement and any

other Loan Document executed by or on behalf of the Lenders and shall have all the rights, benefits and obligations of a Lender under the Loan Documents, to the same extent as if it were an original party thereto, and the transferor Lender shall be released with respect to the Commitment and Outstanding Credit Exposure assigned to such Purchaser without any further consent or action by the Borrower, the Lenders or the Agent. In the case of an assignment covering all of the assigning Lender's rights, benefits and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a Lender hereunder but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of, and subject to, those provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents which survive payment of the Obligations and termination of the Loan Documents with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment; provided that no assignment by a Defaulting Lender will constitute or effect a waiver or release of any claim of any party arising from such Lender being a Defaulting Lender. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this Section 12.3 shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with Section 12.2. Upon the consummation of any assignment to a Purchaser pursuant to this Section 12.3(c), the transferor Lender, the Agent and the Borrower shall, if the transferor Lender or the Purchaser desires that its Loans be evidenced by Notes, make appropriate arrangements so that, upon cancellation and surrender to the Borrower of the Notes (if any) held by the transferor Lender, new Notes or, as appropriate, replacement Notes, are issued to such Purchaser, in each case in principal amounts reflecting their respective Commitments (or if the Aggregate Commitment has been terminated, their respective Outstanding Credit Exposure), as adjusted pursuant to such assignment.

- (d) Register. The Agent, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower (and the Borrower hereby designates the Agent to act in such capacity), shall maintain at one of its offices in the United States a copy of each Assignment and Assumption Agreement delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amounts (and stated interest) of the Loans owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "Register"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Agent and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.
- (e) <u>No Assignment to Certain Persons</u>. No such assignment shall be made to (i) the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries, (ii) any Defaulting Lender or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Person who, upon becoming a Lender hereunder, would constitute any of the foregoing Persons described in this <u>clause (ii)</u> or (iii) unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (x) any competitor of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or (y) any other company engaged in the business of selling or distributing energy products; <u>provided</u> that this <u>clause (y)</u> shall not apply to any financial institution solely as a result of such Person trading in commodity products.

- (f) No Assignment to Natural Persons. No such assignment shall be made to a natural Person.
- (g) <u>Certain Additional Payments</u>. In connection with any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder, no such assignment shall be effective unless and until, in addition to the other conditions thereto set forth herein, the parties to the assignment make such additional payments to the Agent in an aggregate amount sufficient, upon distribution thereof as appropriate (which may be outright payment, purchases by the assignee of participations or subparticipations, or other compensating actions, including funding, with the consent of the Borrower and the Agent, the applicable Pro Rata Share of Loans previously requested but not funded by the Defaulting Lender, to each of which the applicable assignee and assignor hereby irrevocably consent), to (x) pay and satisfy in full all payment liabilities then owed by such Defaulting Lender to the Agent and each Lender hereunder (and interest accrued thereon), and (y) acquire (and fund as appropriate) its full pro rata share of all Loans in accordance with its Pro Rata Share. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder becomes effective under Applicable Law without compliance with the provisions of this paragraph, then the assignee of such interest shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender for all purposes of this Agreement until such compliance occurs.
- Section 12.4. <u>Dissemination of Information</u>. The Borrower authorizes each Lender to disclose to any Participant or Purchaser or any other Person acquiring an interest in the Loan Documents by operation of law (each a "<u>Transferee</u>") and any prospective Transferee any and all information in such Lender's possession concerning the creditworthiness of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries; <u>provided</u> that each Transferee and prospective Transferee agrees to be bound by <u>Section 9.12</u>.
- Section 12.5. <u>Tax Certifications</u>. If any interest in any Loan Document is transferred to any Transferee which is not incorporated under the laws of the United States or any State thereof, the transferor Lender shall cause such Transferee, concurrently with the effectiveness of such transfer, to comply with the provisions of <u>Section 3.5</u>.
- Section 12.6. **No Liability of General Partner**. It is hereby understood and agreed that the General Partner shall have no personal liability, as general partner or otherwise, for the payment of any amount owing or to be owing hereunder or under the other Loan Documents. The Agent and the Lenders agree for themselves and their respective successors and assigns that no claim arising against the Borrower or the Guarantor under any Loan Document with respect to the Obligations shall be asserted against the General Partner (in its individual capacity).

#### ARTICLE XIII.

CHOICE OF LAW; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL

Section 13.1. CHOICE OF LAW. UNLESS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH THEREIN, THE LOAN DOCUMENTS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Section 13.2. CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. THE BORROWER, THE AGENT AND EACH LENDER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO ANY LOAN DOCUMENTS AND THE BORROWER, THE AGENT AND EACH LENDER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN ANY SUCH COURT AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE AS TO THE VENUE OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN SUCH A COURT OR THAT SUCH COURT IS AN INCONVENIENT FORUM. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL LIMIT THE RIGHT OF THE AGENT OR ANY LENDER TO BRING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE BORROWER IN THE COURTS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING BY THE BORROWER AGAINST THE AGENT OR ANY LENDER INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH ANY LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL BE BROUGHT ONLY IN A COURT IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

Section 13.3. <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. THE BORROWER, THE AGENT AND EACH LENDER HEREBY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER (WHETHER SOUNDING IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH ANY LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED THEREUNDER.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borrower, the Lenders and the Agent have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

BORROWER:

# CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP

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Title:

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Name:
Title:

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# COMMITMENT SCHEDULE

LENDER	(	COMMITMENT		
Citibank, N.A.	\$	56,571,428.00		
UBS Loan Finance LLC	\$	56,571,429.00		
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$	56,571,429.00		
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association	\$	56,571,429.00		
Bank of America, N.A.	\$	54,000,000.00		
Barclays Bank PLC	\$	54,000,000.00		
The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.	\$	54,000,000.00		
Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch	\$	54,000,000.00		
Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch	\$	54,000,000.00		
Goldman Sachs Bank USA	\$	54,000,000.00		
Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.	\$	54,000,000.00		
Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A.	\$	54,000,000.00		
Royal Bank of Canada	\$	54,000,000.00		
The Royal Bank of Scotland Finance (Ireland)	\$	54,000,000.00		
SunTrust Bank	\$	54,000,000.00		
U.S. Bank National Association	\$	54,000,000.00		
Compass Bank	\$	42,857,143.00		
PNC Bank, National Association	\$	42,857,143.00		
The Bank of New York Mellon	\$	21,428,571.00		
KeyBank National Association	\$	21,428,571.00		
The Northern Trust Company	\$	21,428,571.00		
BOKF, NA dba Bank of Oklahoma	\$	12,857,143.00		
UMB Bank, NA	\$	12,857,143.00		
AGGREGATE COMMITMENT	<b>\$1</b> ,	\$1,050,000,000.00		

#### PRICING SCHEDULE

LEVEL

0.25%

LEVEL

II

0.375%

LEVEL

III

0.625%

LEVEL

IV

0.75%

1.00%

#### Leverage-Based Pricing Grid:

Base Rate

APPLICABLE MARGIN	STATUS	STATUS	STATUS	STATUS	STATUS
Eurodollar Rate	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.75%	3.00%
Base Rate	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.75%	2.00%
Ratings-Based Pricing Grid:					
	LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III	LEVEL IV	LEVEL V
APPLICABLE MARGIN	STATUS	STATUS	STATUS	STATUS	STATUS
Eurodollar Rate	1.25%	1.375%	1.625%	1.75%	2.00%

"Designated Rating" means, with respect to S&P, Moody's and Fitch (collectively, the "Rating Agencies" and each a "Rating Agency"), (i) the rating assigned by such Rating Agency to the 2013 Revolving Credit Facility at any time such a rating is in effect, (ii) if and only if such Rating Agency does not have in effect a rating described in the preceding clause (i), the rating assigned by such Rating Agency to the Loans at any time such a rating is in effect, (iii) if and only if such Rating Agency does not have in effect a rating described in the preceding clauses (i) or (ii), the Borrower's long-term senior unsecured non-credit enhanced debt rating, or (iv) if and only if such Rating Agency does not have in effect a rating described in the preceding clauses (i), (ii) or (iii), the Borrower's "company" or "corporate credit" rating (or its equivalent) assigned by such Rating Agency.

"Fitch Rating" means, at any time, the Designated Rating issued by Fitch and then in effect.

"Level I Status" exists at any date if, (a) with respect to the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, the Borrower's Consolidated Leverage Ratio is less than 2.5:1.0 and (b) with respect to the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, the Borrower has the following Designated Ratings: a Moody's Rating of Baa1 or better, a Fitch Rating of BBB+ or better and an S&P Rating of BBB+ or better, subject to the last paragraph of this Pricing Schedule.

"Level II Status" exists at any date if, (a) with respect to the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, (i) the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status and (ii) the Borrower's Consolidated Leverage Ratio is greater than or equal to 2.5:1.0 but less than 3.0 to 1.0 and (b) with respect to the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, (i) the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status and (ii) the Borrower has the following Designated Ratings: a Moody's Rating of Baa2 or better, a Fitch Rating of BBB or better and an S&P Rating of BBB or better, subject to the last paragraph of this Pricing Schedule.

"Level III Status" exists at any date if, (a) with respect to the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, (i) the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status or Level II Status and (ii) the Borrower's Consolidated Leverage Ratio is greater than or equal to 3.0:1.0 but less than 3.5 to 1.0 and (b) with respect to the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, (i) the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status or Level II Status and (ii) the Borrower has the following Designated Ratings: a Moody's Rating of Baa3 or better, a Fitch Rating of BBB- or better and an S&P Rating of BBB- or better, subject to the last paragraph of this Pricing Schedule.

"Level IV Status" exists at any date if, (a) with respect to the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, (i) the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status, Level II Status or Level III Status and (ii) the Borrower's Consolidated Leverage Ratio is greater than or equal to 3.5:1.0 but less than 4.0 to 1.0 and (b) with respect to the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, (i) the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status, Level II Status or Level III Status and (ii) the Borrower has the following Designated Ratings: a Moody's Rating of Ba1 or better, a Fitch Rating of BB+ or better and an S&P Rating of BB+ or better, subject to the last paragraph of this Pricing Schedule.

"Level V Status" exists at any date if, with respect to the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid and the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status, Level II Status or Level IV Status.

"Moody's Rating" means, at any time, the Designated Rating issued by Moody's and then in effect.

"S&P Rating" means, at any time, the Designated Rating issued by S&P, and then in effect.

"Status" means Level I Status, Level II Status, Level III Status, Level IV Status or Level V Status.

The Applicable Margin shall be determined in accordance with the foregoing table based on the Borrower's Status as determined from its then-current Moody's Rating, Fitch Rating and S&P Rating. The credit rating in effect on any date for the purposes of this Pricing Schedule is that in effect at the close of business on such date. The Borrower shall at all times maintain a Designated Rating from at least one of Moody's, Fitch and S&P. If at any time the Borrower does not have a Designated Rating from any of Moody's, Fitch or S&P, Level V Status shall exist.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) if the Designated Ratings are split and all three ratings fall in different levels, the Applicable Margin shall be based upon the level indicated by the middle rating; (ii) if the Designated Ratings are split and two of the ratings fall in the same level (the "Majority Level") and the third rating is in a different level, the Applicable Margin shall be based

upon the Majority Level; (iii) if only two of the three Rating Agencies issue a Designated Rating, the higher of such ratings shall apply, provided that if the higher rating is two or more levels above the lower rating, the rating next below the higher of the two shall apply; (iv) if only one of the three Rating Agencies issues a Designated Rating, such rating shall apply; and (v) if the Designated Rating established by S&P, Moody's or Fitch shall be changed (other than as a result of a change in the rating system of S&P, Moody's or Fitch), such change shall be effective as of the date on which it is first announced by the applicable Rating Agency. If the rating system of S&P, Moody's or Fitch shall change, or if any of S&P, Moody's or Fitch shall cease to be in the business of rating corporate debt obligations, the Borrower and the Agent shall negotiate in good faith if necessary to amend this provision to reflect such changed rating system or the unavailability of Designated Ratings from such Rating Agencies and, pending the effectiveness of any such amendment, the Applicable Margin for Eurodollar Rate Advances and the Applicable Margin for Base Rate Advances shall be determined by reference to the Designated Rating of such Rating Agency most recently in effect prior to such change or cessation.

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## REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT

DATED AS OF MAY 1, 2013

BY AND AMONG

# CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP,

THE LENDERS

**AND** 

CITIBANK, N.A. AS ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

AND

UBS SECURITIES LLC AS SYNDICATION AGENT

AND

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A. AND WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS CO-DOCUMENTATION AGENTS

CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC., UBS SECURITIES LLC, J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC AND WELLS FARGO SECURITIES, LLC AS JOINT LEAD ARRANGERS AND JOINT BOOKRUNNERS

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### REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT

This REVOLVING CREDIT AGREEMENT, dated as of May 1, 2013, is by and among CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "Borrower"), the lenders from time to time party hereto (the "Lenders"), the LC Issuers (as defined below) from time to time party hereto, Citibank, N.A., a national banking association, as Agent, UBS Securities LLC, as Syndication Agent, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Co-Documentation Agents.

### PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested, and, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Lenders have agreed, to extend certain credit facilities to the Borrower on the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the parties hereto, such parties hereby agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I.

### **DEFINITIONS**

Section 1.1. **Certain Defined Terms.** As used in this Agreement:

"2013 Term Loan Facility" means that certain Term Loan Agreement dated as of May 1, 2013 by and among the Borrower, the lenders party thereto and Citibank, N.A., as agent.

"Accounting Changes" is defined in the term "GAAP".

"Acquisition Period" means a period commencing with the date on which payment of the purchase price for a Specified Acquisition is made and ending on the earlier of (a) the last day of the second fiscal quarter following the fiscal quarter in which such payment is made, and (b) the date on which the Borrower notifies the Agent that it desires to end the Acquisition Period for such Specified Acquisition; provided, that, (i) once any Acquisition Period is in effect, the next Acquisition Period may not commence until the termination of such Acquisition Period then in effect and (ii) after giving effect to the termination of such Acquisition Period in effect (and before giving effect to any subsequent Acquisition Period), the Borrower must be in compliance with Section 7.11 and, if applicable, Section 7.12 and no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

"Act" means the USA Patriot Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)), as amended.

"Advance" means a borrowing consisting of Loans of the same Type made, converted or continued on the same date and, in the case of Eurodollar Loans, as to which the same Interest Period is in effect. The term "Advance" shall include Swing Line Loans unless otherwise expressly provided.

- "Affiliate" of any Person means any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by or under common control with such Person. A Person shall be deemed to control another Person if the controlling Person possesses, directly or indirectly, the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of the controlled Person, whether through ownership of stock, by contract or otherwise; <u>provided</u> that no Person shall be deemed to be an Affiliate of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries solely as a result of such Person being an Affiliate of ArcLight Capital Partners, LLC or any of its Affiliates.
- "Agent" means Citibank in its capacity as contractual representative of the Lenders pursuant to Article X, and not in its individual capacity as a Lender, and any successor Agent appointed pursuant to Article X.
- "Aggregate Commitment" means the aggregate of the Commitments of all the Lenders, as it may be increased or reduced from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof. The initial Aggregate Commitment on the Closing Date is One Billion Four Hundred Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,400,000,000).
  - "Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure" means, at any time, the aggregate of the Outstanding Credit Exposures of all the Lenders at such time.
  - "Agreement" means this Revolving Credit Agreement, as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time.
- "Agreement Accounting Principles" means GAAP applied in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the financial statements referred to in Section 5.6, as may be modified in connection with any Accounting Changes.
- "Alternate Base Rate" means, for any day, a rate per annum equal to the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate in effect on such day, (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect on such day plus ½ of 1% and (c) the Eurodollar Rate (as determined without reference to clause (b) of the definition thereof) for a one month Interest Period on such day (or if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day) plus 1%. Any change in the Alternate Base Rate due to a change in the Prime Rate, the Federal Funds Effective Rate or the Eurodollar Rate shall be effective from and including the effective date of such change in the Prime Rate, the Federal Funds Effective Rate or the Eurodollar Rate, respectively.
- "Applicable Fee Rate" means, at any time, with respect to the Commitment Fee, (a) until the time that the Borrower first obtains a Designated Rating from any Rating Agency, the percentage rate per annum which is applicable at such time to the Commitment Fee as set forth in the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid on the Pricing Schedule, and (b) at any time from and after the date when the Borrower first obtains a Designated Rating from any Rating Agency, the percentage rate per annum which is applicable at such time to the Commitment Fee as set forth in the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid on the Pricing Schedule.
- "Applicable Law" means all applicable provisions of constitutions, laws, statutes, ordinances, rules, treaties, regulations, permits, licenses, approvals, interpretations and orders of Governmental Authorities.

"Applicable Margin" means, (a) until the time that the Borrower first obtains a Designated Rating from any Rating Agency, with respect to Advances of any Type at any time, the percentage rate per annum which is applicable at such time with respect to Advances of such Type as set forth in the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid set forth in the Pricing Schedule and (b) at any time from and after the date when the Borrower first obtains a Designated Rating from any Rating Agency, with respect to Advances of any Type at any time, the percentage rate per annum which is applicable at such time with respect to Advances of such Type as set forth in the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid set forth in the Pricing Schedule.

"Approved Fund" means any Fund that is administered or managed by (a) a Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Lender.

"ArcLight" means, collectively, Bronco Midstream Holdings, LLC and Bronco Midstream Holdings II, LLC, each a Delaware limited liability company.

"Arrangers" means each of CGMI, UBS Securities, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC, and each of their respective successors, each in its capacity as a Joint Lead Arranger and Joint Bookrunner.

"<u>Assignment and Assumption Agreement</u>" means an assignment agreement in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> or in such other form as may be agreed to by the Agent and the other parties thereto.

"<u>Authorized Officer</u>" means any of the president, chief executive officer, chief financial officer, treasurer, an assistant treasurer, or the controller of the General Partner (or, if at such time the Borrower has any such officers, of the Borrower) and, other than with respect to determining whether such Person has knowledge of any event for purposes hereof, such other representatives of the Borrower as may be designated by any one of the foregoing Persons with the consent of the Agent.

"Base Rate" means, for any day, a rate per annum equal to (a) the Alternate Base Rate for such day plus (b) the Applicable Margin.

"Base Rate Advance" means an Advance which bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the Base Rate.

"Base Rate Loan" means a Loan which bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the Base Rate.

"Board" means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States of America.

"Borrower" has the meaning assigned thereto in the introductory paragraph hereto.

"Borrowing Date" means a date on which an Advance is made hereunder.

"Borrowing Notice" is defined in Section 2.8.

"Business Day" means (a) for all purposes other than as set forth in <u>clause (b)</u> below, any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday on which banks in New York, New York, are open for the conduct of their commercial banking business, and (b) with respect to all notices and determinations in connection with, and payments of principal and interest on, any Eurodollar Loan, or for purposes of determining the interest rate for any Base Rate Loan as to which the interest rate is determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate, any day that is a Business Day described in <u>clause (a)</u> and that is also a day for trading by and between banks in Dollar deposits in the London interbank market.

"Capital Stock" means (a) in the case of a corporation, all classes of capital stock of such corporation, (b) in the case of a partnership interests (whether general or limited), (c) in the case of a limited liability company, membership interests and (d) any other interest or participation that confers on a Person similar rights with respect to the issuing Person.

"Capitalized Lease" of a Person means any lease of Property by such Person as lessee which would be capitalized on a balance sheet of such Person prepared in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

"<u>Capitalized Lease Obligations</u>" of a Person means the amount of the obligations of such Person under Capitalized Leases which would be shown as a liability on a balance sheet of such Person prepared in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

"<u>Cash Collateral Account</u>" means a deposit account in which the Agent has a valid and perfected first priority security interest pursuant to documentation in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent, established or utilized for the purpose of holding Cash Collateral of the Borrower.

"Cash Collateralize" means to pledge in favor of, and deposit with or deliver to, the Agent (in the case of the Borrower, to the Cash Collateral Account), for the benefit of one or more of the LC Issuers or Lenders, as collateral for LC Obligations or obligations of the Lenders to fund participations in respect of LC Obligations, cash or deposit account balances or, if the Agent and the applicable LC Issuer shall agree, in their sole discretion, other credit support, in each case pursuant to documentation in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and the applicable LC Issuer. "Cash Collateral", in such context, shall have a meaning correlative to the foregoing and shall include the proceeds of such Cash Collateral and other credit support.

"CEFS LLC" means CenterPoint Energy Field Services, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"CenterPoint Energy" means CenterPoint Energy, Inc., a Texas corporation.

"CenterPoint Energy Credit Facility." means that certain Credit Agreement dated as of September 9, 2011 among CenterPoint Energy, the banks and other financial institutions from time to time parties thereto, Bank of America, N.A. and The Royal Bank of Scotland PLC, as co-syndication agents, Barclays Bank PLC, Citibank, N.A., Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as co-documentation agents, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent.

"CERC" means CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp., a Delaware corporation.

"CERC Credit Facility" means that certain Credit Agreement dated as of September 9, 2011 among CERC, the banks and other financial institutions from time to time parties thereto, Bank of America, N.A. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and The Royal Bank of Scotland plc, as co-syndication agents, Barclays Bank PLC, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as co-documentation agents, and Citibank, N.A., as administrative agent.

"CGMI" means Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

"Change of Control" means the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

- (a) OGE and CenterPoint Energy cease to collectively own, directly or indirectly, at least 51% of the outstanding Voting Stock of the General Partner in the aggregate,
  - (b) the General Partner shall cease to be the general partner of the Borrower,
- (c) the acquisition by any Person or "group" (within the meaning of Rule 13d-5 of the Exchange Act) (other than OGE or CenterPoint Energy) of beneficial ownership (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 of the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of Voting Stock (or other Capital Stock convertible into such Voting Stock) representing 49% or more of the combined voting power of all Voting Stock of the General Partner in the aggregate, or
- (d) during any period of twelve consecutive months, a majority of the members of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body of the General Partner cease to be individuals who are Continuing Directors.

"Change in Law" means the occurrence, after the date of this Agreement, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation, implementation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of any request, rule, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority; provided that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (y) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States or any applicable foreign regulatory authority, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case be deemed to be a "Change in Law", regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued and shall be referred to herein as a "Specified Change".

"Citibank" means Citibank, N.A. and its successors.

"Closing Date" means May 1, 2013.

"Closing Date SEC Reports" means, collectively, (i) the Annual Report on Form 10-K of OGE, the Annual Report on Form 10-K of CenterPoint Energy and the Annual Report on Form 10-K of CERC, in each case, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 and (ii) any Current

Reports on Form 8-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Annual Reports on Form 10-K filed by any of OGE, CenterPoint Energy and CERC, in each case, after the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 for such company and prior to the Closing Date.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, reformed or otherwise modified from time to time, and any rule or regulation issued thereunder.

- "Co-Documentation Agent" means each of JPMCB and Wells Fargo, in their capacity as Co-Documentation Agents hereunder.
- "Commercial Operation Date" means the date on which a Qualified Project is substantially complete and commercially operable.
- "Collateral Shortfall Amount" is defined in Section 8.2(a).
- "Commitment" means, for each Lender, such Lender's obligation to make Revolving Loans to, and participate in Swing Line Loans and Facility LCs issued upon the application of, the Borrower in an aggregate amount not exceeding the amount set forth on the Commitment Schedule opposite such Lender's name, as modified from time to time pursuant to the terms hereof.
- "Commitment Date SEC Reports" means, collectively, (a) the Annual Report on Form 10-K of OGE, the Annual Report on Form 10-K of CenterPoint Energy and the Annual Report on Form 10-K of CERC, in each case, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, and (b) the Current Reports on Form 8-K filed by OGE, the Current Reports on Form 8-K filed by CERC, in each case, after the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 for such company and prior to March 14, 2013.
  - "Commitment Fee" is defined in Section 2.5(a).
  - "Commitment Increase" is defined in Section 2.22(a).
  - "Commitment Increase Agreement" means a Commitment Increase Agreement in substantially the form of Exhibit B attached hereto.
  - "Commitment Schedule" means the Schedule identifying each Lender's Commitment as of the Closing Date attached hereto and identified as such.
- "Consolidated EBITDA" means, for any period, without duplication, with respect to the Borrower and its consolidated Subsidiaries (a) Consolidated Net Income for such period *plus* (b) without duplication, the sum of the following to the extent deducted in calculating Consolidated Net Income for such period: (i) Consolidated Interest Expense for such period, (ii) tax expense (including any federal, state, local and foreign income and similar taxes) of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such period, (iii) depreciation and amortization expense of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such period, (iv) any non-recurring non-cash expenses or losses of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, including, in any event, non-cash asset write-downs and

unrealized losses in connection with Swap Agreements, for such period, (v) Transaction Costs incurred by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries during such period in an aggregate amount (during all such periods) not to exceed \$50,000,000 and (vi) any non-recurring cash losses during such period *minus* (c) the sum of the following (i) any non-recurring non-cash gains during such period, (ii) any non-recurring cash gains during such period and (iii) any unrealized gains in connection with Swap Agreements for such period, in each case to the extent included in calculating Consolidated Net Income for such period. Additionally, for purposes of calculating Consolidated EBITDA for any period, if during such period the Borrower or any Subsidiary acquired (or sold) any Person (or any interest in any Person) or all or substantially all of the assets of any Person or a division, line of business or other business unit of another Person, the Consolidated EBITDA attributable to such assets or an amount equal to the percentage of ownership of the Borrower or such Subsidiary, as the case may be, in such Person times the Consolidated EBITDA of such Person for such period determined on a pro forma basis shall be included (or excluded, as applicable) as Consolidated EBITDA for such period as if such acquisition (or sale) occurred on the first day of such period. Further, in connection with any Qualified Project, Consolidated EBITDA, as used in determining the Consolidated Leverage Ratio, may be modified so as to include Qualified Material Project EBITDA Adjustments, as provided in Section 7.11(b). Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed that Consolidated EBITDA shall not include Excluded EBITDA.

"Consolidated Funded Indebtedness" means, as of any date of determination, for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, the sum of the following (without duplication): (a) all Indebtedness (excluding contingent obligations in respect of undrawn Letters of Credit, bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments), including Capitalized Lease Obligations and Off Balance Sheet Indebtedness, which is classified as "long-term indebtedness" on the consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP and any current maturities and other principal amount in respect of such Indebtedness due within one year but which was classified as "long-term indebtedness" at the creation thereof, including, but not limited to, any applicable Consolidated Hedging Exposure; it being understood that Consolidated Hedging Exposure cannot be negative for the purposes of determining Consolidated Funded Indebtedness, (b) Indebtedness for borrowed money of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries outstanding under a revolving credit (including this Agreement) or similar agreement, notwithstanding the fact that any such borrowing is made within one year of the expiration of such agreement, (c) all drawn and owing reimbursement obligations outstanding under Letters of Credit, bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments, (d) all Capitalized Lease Obligations and Off Balance Sheet Indebtedness, (e) without duplication, all guarantees with respect to outstanding Indebtedness of the types specified in clauses (a) through (d) above of Persons other than the Borrower or any Subsidiary and (f) all Indebtedness of the types referred to in clauses (a) through (d) above of any partnership or joint venture (other than a joint venture that is itself a corporation or limited liability company) in which the Borrower or a Subsidiary is a general partner or a joint venture partner, in each case to the extent such Person is legally liable therefor by contract, by application of applicable laws, or as a result of such Person's ownership interest in or other relationship with such entity, unless such Indebtedness is expressly made non-recourse to the Borrower or such Subsidiary. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed that (i) "Consolidated Funded Indebtedness" shall not include the obligations of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries under any Hybrid Equity Securities, Mandatorily Convertible Securities or Equity

Preferred Securities but only to the extent the aggregate amount of such Hybrid Equity Securities, Mandatorily Convertible Securities and Equity Preferred Securities are less than or equal to 20% of total consolidated capitalization of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, as determined in accordance with GAAP (and then only to the extent in excess of such amount), (ii) for the purpose of determining "Consolidated Funded Indebtedness," any particular Indebtedness will be excluded if and to the extent that the necessary funds for the payment, redemption or satisfaction of that Indebtedness (including, to the extent applicable, any associated prepayment penalties, fees or payments and such other amounts required in connection therewith) have been irrevocably deposited with the proper depositary in trust and (iii) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness shall not include Non-Recourse Indebtedness of Excluded Subsidiaries.

"Consolidated Hedging Exposure" means, at any time with respect to all applicable Swap Agreements to which the Borrower and its Subsidiaries are counterparties, the aggregate consolidated net exposure of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries under all such agreements on a marked to market basis in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Interest Expense" means, for any period with respect to the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, all interest (including the interest component, if any, of any Capitalized Lease, the commitment fee and the LC fronting fees and other interest, fees and expenses paid pursuant hereto and pursuant to the 2013 Term Loan Facility) paid or accrued during such period in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Leverage Ratio" shall mean, as of the last day of any fiscal quarter of the Borrower, for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis,

- (a) for the fiscal quarter ending June 30, 2013, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness on such date to (ii) Initial Fiscal Quarter Consolidated EBITDA multiplied by four, where "Initial Fiscal Quarter Consolidated EBITDA" means Consolidated EBITDA for the period from the Closing Date through June 30, 2013, multiplied by 1.5,
- (b) for the fiscal quarter ending September 30, 2013, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness on such date to (ii) (A) the sum of (x) the Initial Fiscal Quarter Consolidated EBITDA plus (y) Consolidated EBITDA for such fiscal quarter, multiplied by (B) two,
- (c) for the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2013, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness on such date to (ii) (A) the sum of (x) the Initial Fiscal Quarter Consolidated EBITDA plus (y) Consolidated EBITDA for the two consecutive fiscal quarters ending on such date, multiplied by (B) 4/3, and
- (d) for any fiscal quarter ending after December 31, 2013, the ratio of (i) Consolidated Funded Indebtedness on such date to (ii) Consolidated EBITDA for the period of four consecutive fiscal quarters ending on such date.

"Consolidated Net Income" means, for any period, for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis, the net income of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (excluding extraordinary gains and extraordinary losses) for that period, as determined in accordance with GAAP.

"Consolidated Subsidiary" means, for any Person, at any date any Subsidiary or other entity the accounts of which would be consolidated with those of such Person in its consolidated financial statements if such statements were prepared as of such date; unless otherwise specified "Consolidated Subsidiary" means a Consolidated Subsidiary of the Borrower.

"Consolidated Tangible Assets" means, as of any date of determination, the total amount of consolidated assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (other than Excluded Subsidiaries) minus: the value (net of any applicable reserves and accumulated amortization) of all goodwill, trade names, trademarks, patents and other like intangible assets, all as set forth, or on a pro forma basis would be set forth, on the consolidated balance sheet of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries (other than Excluded Subsidiaries) for the most recently completed fiscal quarter or year, as applicable, prepared in accordance with GAAP.

"Continuing Director" shall mean, with respect to any period, and with respect to any Person, (a) any individual who was a member of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body (a "director") of such Person on the first day of such period and (b) each other director if such director's nomination or appointment as a director is recommended by (x) a majority of the then Continuing Directors or (y) OGE or CenterPoint Energy, directly or indirectly (excluding, in the case of clause (b)(x), any director whose initial nomination for, or assumption of office as, a member of that board or equivalent governing body occurs as a result of an actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents for the election or removal of one or more directors by any person or group other than a solicitation for the election of one or more directors by or on behalf of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body).

"Controlled Group" means all members of a controlled group of corporations or other business entities and all trades or businesses (whether or not incorporated) under common control which, together with the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, are treated as a single employer under Section 414 of the Code.

"Conversion/Continuation Notice" is defined in Section 2.9.

"Credit Extension" means the making of an Advance or the issuance or Modification of a Facility LC hereunder.

"Credit Extension Date" means the Borrowing Date for an Advance or the issuance or Modification date for a Facility LC.

"<u>Debtor Relief Laws</u>" means the Bankruptcy Code of the United States of America, and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief laws of the United States or other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect.

"Default" means an event which but for the lapse of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute an Event of Default.

"<u>Default Rate</u>" means, with respect to any overdue amount owed hereunder, a rate per annum equal to (a) in the case of overdue principal with respect to any Loan, the sum of the interest rate in effect at such time with respect to such Loan under <u>Section 2.15</u>, plus 2%;

<u>provided</u> that in the case of overdue principal with respect to any Eurodollar Rate Loan, after the end of the Interest Period with respect to such Loan, the Default Rate shall equal the rate set forth in <u>clause (b)</u> below and (b) in the case of overdue interest with respect to any Loan, fees or other amounts payable hereunder, the sum of the interest rate per annum in effect at such time with respect to Base Rate Loans, plus 2%.

"Defaulting Lender" means, subject to Section 2.24(b), (a) any Lender that has failed to (i) fund all or any portion of its Loans within two Business Days of the date such Loans were required to be funded hereunder, unless such Lender notifies the Agent and the Borrower in writing that such failure is the result of such Lender's determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding (each of which conditions precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing) has not been satisfied, or (ii) pay to the Agent, any LC Issuer, the Swing Line Lender or any other Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder (including in respect of its participation in Facility LCs or Swing Line Loans) within two Business Days of the date when due, (b) any Lender that has notified the Borrower, the Agent or any LC Issuer or the Swing Line Lender in writing that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations hereunder, or has made a public statement to that effect (unless such writing or public statement relates to such Lender's obligation to fund a Loan hereunder and states that such position is based on such Lender's determination that a condition precedent to funding (which condition precedent, together with any applicable default, shall be specifically identified in such writing or public statement) cannot be satisfied), (c) any Lender that has failed, within three (3) Business Days after written request by the Agent or the Borrower, to confirm in writing to the Agent and the Borrower that it will comply with its prospective funding obligations hereunder (provided that such Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (c) upon receipt of such written confirmation by the Agent and the Borrower), or (d) any Lender with respect to which a Lender Insolvency Event has occurred and is continuing with respect to such Lender or its Parent Company; provided that a Lender shall not be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any equity interest in that Lender or any direct or indirect parent company thereof by a Governmental Authority so long as such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Lender with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Lender (or such Governmental Authority) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made with such Lender. Any determination by the Agent that a Lender is a Defaulting Lender under any one or more of <u>clauses (a)</u> through (<u>d)</u> above shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error, and such Lender shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender (subject to Section 2.24(b)) upon delivery of written notice from the Agent of such determination to the Borrower, each LC Issuer, the Swing Line Lender and each Lender.

"Designated Rating" is defined on the Pricing Schedule.

"Dollar" and "\$" means dollars in the lawful currency of the United States of America.

"<u>Eligible Assignee</u>" means any Person that meets the requirements to be an assignee under <u>Sections 12.3(e)</u> and <u>12.3(f)</u> (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under <u>Section 12.3(b)</u>).

"Enogex" means Enogex LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Environmental Laws" means any and all Applicable Laws relating to (a) the protection of the environment, (b) the effect of the environment on human health, (c) emissions, discharges or releases of pollutants, contaminants, hazardous substances or wastes into surface water, ground water or land, or (d) the manufacture, processing, distribution, use, treatment, storage, disposal, transport or handling of pollutants, contaminants, hazardous substances or wastes or the clean-up or other remediation thereof.

"<u>Equity Preferred Securities</u>" means any securities, however denominated, (a) issued by the Borrower or any Consolidated Subsidiary of the Borrower, (b) that are not, or the underlying securities, if any, of which are not, subject to mandatory redemption or maturity prior to 91 days after the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date, and (c) the terms of which permit the deferral of interest or distributions thereon to a date occurring after the 91st day after the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time, and any rules or regulations issued thereunder.

"ERISA Event" means (a) any Reportable Event with respect to a Plan; (b) the incurrence by the Borrower or member of the Controlled Group of any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the termination of any Plan; (c) the receipt by the Borrower or member of the Controlled Group from the PBGC or a plan administrator of any notice relating to an intention to terminate any Plan or to appoint a trustee to administer any Plan; (d) the Borrower or member of the Controlled Group incurring any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to the withdrawal or partial withdrawal from any Plan or Multiemployer Plan; or (e) the receipt by the Borrower or member of the Controlled Group of any notice concerning the imposition of Withdrawal Liability or a determination that a Multiemployer Plan is, or is expected to be, insolvent within the meaning of Section 4245 of ERISA or in reorganization, within the meaning of Section 4241 of ERISA.

"<u>Eurodollar Advance</u>" means an Advance (other than a Base Rate Advance as to which the interest rate is determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate) which bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate.

"<u>Eurodollar Loan</u>" means a Loan (other than a Base Rate Loan as to which the interest rate is determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate) which bears interest at a rate determined by reference to the Eurodollar Rate.

"Eurodollar Rate" means, with respect to any Eurodollar Advance for any Interest Period, the sum of (a) the rate appearing on the Reuters Reference LIBOR01 Page (or on any successor or substitute page of such service, or any successor to or substitute for such service, providing rate quotations comparable to those currently provided on such page of such service, as determined by the Agent from time to time for purposes of providing quotations of interest rates applicable to deposits in Dollars in the London interbank market) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on the second Business Day next preceding the first day of such Interest Period, as the rate for deposits in Dollars with a maturity comparable to such Interest Period. In the event

that such rate is not available at such time for any reason, then the "Eurodollar Rate" for such Interest Period shall be the rate at which deposits in Dollars in an amount equal to \$5,000,000 and for a maturity comparable to such Interest Period are offered by the principal London office of the Agent in immediately available funds in the London interbank market at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, on the second Business Day next preceding the first day of such Interest Period <u>plus</u> (b) the Applicable Margin.

"Event of Default" is defined in Section 8.1.

"Excess" is defined in Section 2.7(b).

"Exchange Act" shall mean the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and in effect from time to time.

"Excluded EBITDA" means any portion of Consolidated EBITDA attributable to an Excluded Subsidiary.

"Excluded Subsidiary" means any future Subsidiary formed or acquired by the Borrower that is designated by the Borrower as an "Excluded Subsidiary" in accordance with Section 9.17 as long as (a) such Excluded Subsidiary has no Indebtedness that is recourse to the Borrower or any Non-Excluded Subsidiary and (b) any Indebtedness for borrowed money incurred by such Excluded Subsidiary is used solely to acquire, construct, develop or operate assets and related businesses; provided that the aggregate amount of assets owned by all Excluded Subsidiaries cannot exceed 15% of the total consolidated assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, as determined by the most recent balance sheet delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 6.1.

"Excluded Taxes" means any of the following Taxes imposed on or with respect to a Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to a Recipient, (a) Taxes imposed on or measured by net income (however denominated), franchise Taxes, Taxes measured by the overall capital or net worth of such Recipient and branch profits Taxes, in each case, (i) imposed as a result of such Recipient being organized under the laws of, or having its principal office or, in the case of any Lender, its applicable Lending Installation located in, the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (or any political subdivision thereof) or (ii) that are Other Connection Taxes, (b) in the case of a Lender, U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed on amounts payable to or for the account of such Lender with respect to an applicable interest in a Loan or Commitment pursuant to a law in effect on the date on which (i) such Lender acquires such interest in the Loan or Commitment or becomes a party to this Agreement (other than pursuant to an assignment request by the Borrower under Section 2.19) or (ii) such Lender changes its applicable Lending Installation, except in each case to the extent that, pursuant to Section 3.5, amounts with respect to such Taxes were payable either to such Lender's assignor immediately before such Lender became a party hereto or to such Lender immediately before it changed its applicable Lending Installation, (c) Taxes attributable to such Recipient's failure to comply with Section 3.5(g) and (d) any U.S. federal withholding Taxes imposed under FATCA.

"Existing Enogex Revolving Credit Agreement" means that certain Credit Agreement dated as of December 13, 2011 by and among Enogex, the lenders from time to time party thereto and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as agent for the lenders.

"Existing Enogex Intercompany Agreement" means that certain Second Amended and Restated Revolving Credit and Investment Agreement dated as of April 1, 2008 between OGE and Enogex.

"Existing Enogex Senior Notes" means (a) the 6.875% Senior Notes due 2014 issued by Enogex pursuant to the Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement dated as of June 15, 2009 between Enogex and UMB Bank, N.A. and (b) the 6.25% Senior Notes due 2020 issued by Enogex pursuant to the Issuing and Paying Agency Agreement dated as of November 15, 2009 between Enogex and UMB Bank, N.A.

"Existing Enogex Term Loan Agreement" means that certain Term Loan Agreement dated as of August 2, 2012 by and among Enogex, the lenders from time to time party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as agent for the lenders.

"Extending Lender" is defined in Section 2.21.

"Extension Request" is defined in Section 2.21.

"Facility LC" is defined in Section 2.20(a).

"FATCA" means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof and any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code.

"<u>Federal Funds Effective Rate</u>" means, for any day, the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers, as published on the next succeeding Business Day by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or, if such rate is not so published for any day that is a Business Day, the average of the quotations for such day for such transactions received by the Agent from three Federal funds brokers of recognized standing selected by the Agent.

"Fee Letters" means (a) the letter dated March 14, 2013 addressed to Enogex and CenterPoint Energy from CGMI, UBS Securities and UBS Loan Finance LLC and accepted and agreed to by Enogex and CenterPoint Energy on March 14, 2013, (b) the letter dated March 14, 2013 addressed to Enogex and CenterPoint Energy from CGMI and Citibank and accepted and agreed to by Enogex and CenterPoint Energy on March 14, 2013, (c) the letter dated March 29, 2013 addressed to Enogex and CenterPoint Energy from Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and accepted and agreed to by Enogex and CenterPoint Energy on March 29, 2013, in each case referring to the \$1,400,000,000 5-year revolving credit facility for the Borrower.

"<u>Financial Officer</u>" means the chief financial officer, treasurer, an assistant treasurer or the controller of the General Partner (or, if at such time the Borrower has any such officers, of the Borrower).

"Fitch" means Fitch Ratings and any successor thereto.

"Foreign Lender" means a Lender which is not a U.S. Person.

"Fronting Exposure" means, at any time there is a Defaulting Lender, (a) with respect to any LC Issuer, such Defaulting Lender's Pro Rata Share of the outstanding LC Obligations with respect to Facility LCs issued by such LC Issuer other than LC Obligations as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof, and (b) with respect to the Swing Line Lender, such Defaulting Lender's Pro Rata Share of outstanding Swing Line Loans made by the Swing Line Lender other than Swing Line Loans as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Lenders.

"Fund" means any Person (other than a natural person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its business.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in effect from time to time; provided that in the event that any "Accounting Change" (as defined below) shall occur and such change would otherwise result in a change in the method of calculation of financial covenants, standards or terms in this Agreement, then unless and until the Borrower, the Agent and the Required Lenders mutually agree to adjustments to the terms hereof to reflect any such Accounting Change, all financial covenants (including such covenants contained in Section 7.11 and, if applicable, Section 7.12), standards and terms in this Agreement shall continue to be calculated or construed as if such Accounting Changes had not occurred. "Accounting Changes" refers to changes in accounting principles required or permitted by the promulgation of any rule, regulation, pronouncement or opinion by the Financial Accounting Standards Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants or, if applicable, the SEC and shall include the adoption or implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards or changes in lease accounting.

"General Partner" means CNP OGE GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Governmental Authority" means the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

"Hybrid Equity Securities" means any securities issued by the Borrower, any Subsidiary or a financing vehicle of the Borrower or any Subsidiary that (a) are classified as possessing a minimum of "minimal equity content" by S&P, Basket B equity credit by Moody's, and 25% equity credit by Fitch and (b) require no repayments or prepayments and no mandatory redemptions or repurchases, in each case, prior to the date that is 91 days after the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date.

"Increase Date" is defined in Section 2.22(a).

"Increasing Lender" is defined in Section 2.22(a).

"Indebtedness" of any Person means at any date, without duplication, (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money, (b) all indebtedness of such Person for the deferred purchase price of property or services purchased (excluding current accounts payable and trade payables incurred in the ordinary course of business), (c) all indebtedness created or arising under any conditional sale or other title retention agreement with respect to property acquired, (d) all Capitalized Lease Obligations in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles, (e) all reimbursement obligations, contingent or otherwise, outstanding under Letters of Credit, bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments, (f) unless otherwise cash collateralized, Consolidated Hedging Exposure, (g) indebtedness of the type described in clauses (a) through (f) above secured by any Lien on property or assets of such Person, whether or not assumed (but in any event if such indebtedness is not assumed or guaranteed, the amount constituting Indebtedness under this clause shall not exceed the fair market value of the property or asset subject to such security interest), (h) all direct guarantees of Indebtedness referred to in clauses (a) through (f) above of another Person, (i) all amounts payable in connection with mandatory redemptions or repurchases of Capital Stock (other than Hybrid Equity Securities, Mandatorily Convertible Securities and Equity Preferred Securities) and (j) all Off Balance Sheet Indebtedness of such Person. For the purpose of determining "Indebtedness," any particular Indebtedness will be excluded if and to the extent that the necessary funds for the payment, redemption or satisfaction of that Indebtedness (including, to the extent applicable, any associated prepayment penalties, fees or payments and such other amounts required in connection therewith) have been irrevocably deposited with the proper depositary in trust.

"Indemnified Costs" is defined in Section 10.10.

"Indemnified Taxes" means (a) Taxes, other than Excluded Taxes, imposed on or with respect to any payment made by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower under any Loan Document and (b) to the extent not otherwise described in <a href="clause(a)">clause(a)</a>, Other Taxes.

"Indemnitee" is defined in Section 9.7(b).

"Information" is defined in Section 5.14.

"Initial Financial Statements" means (a) the audited financial statements of Enogex Holdings LLC as of December 31, 2012 for the fiscal year ending on such date, (b) the audited financial statements of the business and assets of CEFS LLC and the CenterPoint Energy business and assets to be contributed to the Borrower as of December 31, 2012 for the fiscal year ending on such date and (c) the unaudited pro forma balance sheet as of December 31, 2012 and unaudited pro forma income statement for the year ending December 31, 2012, combining (i) CEFS LLC, (ii) the CenterPoint Energy business and assets to be contributed to the Borrower and (iii) Enogex.

"<u>Initial JV Transaction</u>" means the consummation on the Closing Date of the series of transactions to be consummated pursuant to Section 2.1 of the Master Formation Agreement on the terms and conditions set forth in the Master Formation Agreement.

"Interest Period" means, with respect to a Eurodollar Advance, a period of one, two, three or six months (or nine or twelve months if requested by the Borrower and agreed to by each of the Lenders), commencing on a Business Day selected by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement and ending on (but excluding) the day which corresponds numerically to such date in the calendar month that is one, two, three or six months (or such other period as shall be agreed upon by all of the Lenders) thereafter; provided that (a) if there is no such numerically corresponding day in such first, second, third or sixth succeeding month or such other succeeding period, such Interest Period shall end on the last Business Day of such first, second, third or sixth succeeding month or such other succeeding period and (b) no Interest Period shall extend beyond the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date. If an Interest Period would otherwise end on a day which is not a Business Day, such Interest Period shall end on the next succeeding Business Day; provided, that if said next succeeding Business Day falls in a new calendar month, such Interest Period shall end on the immediately preceding Business Day.

"Investment Grade Status" exists at any date if, on such date, the Borrower has or is deemed to have pursuant to the last paragraph of the Pricing Schedule (as in effect on the Closing Date) at least two of the following Designated Ratings: a Moody's Rating (as defined in the Pricing Schedule as in effect on the Closing Date) of BaB- or better, a S&P Rating (as defined in the Pricing Schedule as in effect on the Closing Date) of BBB- or better or a Fitch Rating (as defined in the Pricing Schedule as in effect on the Closing Date) of BBB- or better.

"IPO" means an initial public offering of the Capital Stock of the Borrower, registered with the Securities Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act.

"JPMCB" means JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and its successors.

"<u>LC Application</u>" means (a) with respect to Citibank, UBSAG, Wells Fargo and JPMCB, an application, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C-2</u>, <u>Exhibit C-3</u> or <u>Exhibit C-4</u>, respectively, and (b) with respect to each other LC Issuer, an application relating to the Facility LCs issued by such LC Issuer, which such application is in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to such LC Issuer and the Borrower.

"LC Commitment" means the lesser of (a) \$400,000,000 and (b) the Aggregate Commitment.

"LC Fee" is defined in Section 2.20(e).

"LC Issuer Sublimit" means, (a) with respect to each LC Issuer, the amount set forth opposite such LC Issuer's name below:

LC Issuer	LC Issuer Sublimit
Citibank, N.A.	\$ 100,000,000
UBSAG	\$ 100,000,000
Wells Fargo	\$ 100,000,000
IPMCB	\$ 100,000,000

or (b) in the case of any other LC Issuer, such amount as may be agreed among such LC Issuer, the Borrower and the Agent; <u>provided</u> that the aggregate LC Issuer Sublimits for all LC Issuers shall not exceed the LC Commitment.

"LC Issuers" means (a) Citibank, UBSAG, Wells Fargo and JPMCB, each in their separate capacity as an issuer of Facility LCs pursuant to Section 2.20 with respect to each Facility LC issued or deemed issued by Citibank, UBSAG, Wells Fargo or JPMCB, upon the Borrower's request, (b) Bank of America, N.A. solely in its capacity as the issuer of the letter of credit described on Schedule 1.1, in accordance with Section 2.20(a), and (c) each other financial institution designated by the Borrower and reasonably acceptable to the Agent that agrees to issue a Facility LC pursuant to Section 2.20 in its sole discretion upon the Borrower's request.

"LC Obligations" means, at any time, the sum, without duplication, of (a) the aggregate undrawn face amount of all Facility LCs outstanding at such time plus (b) the aggregate unpaid amount at such time of all Reimbursement Obligations.

"LC Participation Fee" is defined in Section 2.20(e)

"LC Payment Date" is defined in Section 2.20(f).

"Lenders" has the meaning assigned thereto in the introductory paragraph hereto. Unless otherwise specified, the term "Lenders" includes the LC Issuers and the Swing Line Lender.

"Lender Insolvency Event" means that (a) a Lender or its Parent Company is insolvent, or is generally unable to pay its debts as they become due, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they become due, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, or (b) such Lender or its Parent Company is the subject of a bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, liquidation or similar proceeding, or a receiver, trustee, conservator, intervenor or sequestrator or the like has been appointed for such Lender or its Parent Company, or such Lender or its Parent Company has taken any action in furtherance of or indicating its consent to or acquiescence in any such proceeding or appointment.

"<u>Lending Installation</u>" means, with respect to a Lender or the Agent, the office, branch, subsidiary or affiliate of such Lender or the Agent listed on the signature pages hereof or on the administrative information sheets provided to the Agent in connection herewith or otherwise selected by such Lender or the Agent pursuant to <u>Section 2.17</u>.

"<u>Lien</u>" means any lien (statutory or other), mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance or preference, priority or other security agreement or preferential arrangement of any kind or nature whatsoever (including the interest of a vendor or lessor under any conditional sale, Capitalized Lease or other title retention agreement).

"Loan" means, with respect to a Lender, each loan made by such Lender pursuant to <u>Article II</u> (or any conversion or continuation thereof), including a Revolving Loan and a Swing Line Loan.

"<u>Loan Documents</u>" means this Agreement, the LC Applications, the Notes, the Fee Letters and all other documents, instruments, notes and agreements executed and delivered in connection therewith or contemplated thereby which the Agent and the Borrower designate in writing as a "Loan Document".

"Mandatorily Convertible Securities" means mandatorily convertible equity-linked securities issued by the Borrower or any Subsidiary, so long as the terms of such securities require no repayments or prepayments of principal and no mandatory redemptions or repurchases, in each case, prior to at least 91 days after the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date.

"Master Formation Agreement" means that certain Master Formation Agreement dated as of March 14, 2013 by and among CenterPoint Energy, OGE, and ArcLight.

"Material Adverse Effect" means a material adverse effect on (a) the business, condition (financial or otherwise), or operations of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, (b) the ability of the Borrower to perform its obligations under the Loan Documents, or (c) the validity or enforceability of any of the Loan Documents or the rights or remedies of the Agent or the Lenders thereunder.

"<u>Material Indebtedness</u>" means Indebtedness of the Borrower and/or its Material Subsidiaries (other than Indebtedness among the Borrower and/or its Subsidiaries) in an outstanding principal amount of \$100,000,000 or more in the aggregate (or the equivalent thereof in any currency other than U.S. dollars).

"Material JV Agreements" is defined in Section 4.1(a)(vi).

"Material Subsidiary" means (a) for the purposes of determining what constitutes an "Event of Default" under Sections 8.1(e), (f), (g), (h), (i), (k) and (l) a Subsidiary of the Borrower (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) whose total assets, as of any date of determination, as determined in accordance with GAAP, represent at least 10% of the total assets of the Borrower, as of such date of determination, on a consolidated basis as determined in accordance with GAAP, and (b) for all other purposes the "Material Subsidiaries" shall be those Subsidiaries of the Borrower whose total assets, as determined in accordance with GAAP, represent at least 10% of the total assets of the Borrower on a consolidated basis, as determined in accordance with GAAP for the Borrower's most recently completed fiscal year and identified in the certificate most recently delivered pursuant to Section 6.1(d).

"Modify" and "Modification" are defined in Section 2.20(a), but, for purposes of Article IV hereof, such term shall not include the decrease or termination of a Facility LC.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and any successor thereto.

"<u>Multiemployer Plan</u>" means a multiemployer plan, as defined in Section 3(37) or Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA, which is covered by Title IV of ERISA and to which the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group is obligated to make contributions or has been obligated to make contributions during the last six years.

"New Lenders" is defined in Section 2.22(a).

"Non-Consenting Lender" means any Lender that does not approve any consent, waiver or amendment that (a) requires the approval of all affected Lenders or all Lenders and (b) has been approved by the Required Lenders.

"Non-Defaulting Lender" means, at any time, each Lender that is not a Defaulting Lender at such time.

"Non-Extending Lender" is defined in Section 2.21.

"Non-Excluded Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary that is not an Excluded Subsidiary.

"Non-Recourse Indebtedness" means Indebtedness of any Excluded Subsidiary as to which (a) neither the Borrower nor any Non-Excluded Subsidiary provides credit support of any kind (including any undertaking, agreement or instrument that would constitute Indebtedness), (b) neither the Borrower nor any Non-Excluded Subsidiary is directly or indirectly liable as a guarantor or otherwise, (c) neither the Borrower nor any Non-Excluded Subsidiary is the lender or other type of creditor, or (d) the relevant legal documents do not provide that the lenders or other type of creditors with respect thereto will have any recourse to the stock or assets of the Borrower or any Non-Excluded Subsidiary.

"Note" is defined in Section 2.13(d).

"Obligations" means all Loans, all Reimbursement Obligations, advances, debts, liabilities and obligations owing by the Borrower to the Agent, any Lender, any LC Issuer, the Swing Line Lender, any Arranger, or any Indemnitee under the provisions of Section 9.7 or any other provisions of the Loan Documents, in each case of any kind or nature, arising under this Agreement or any other Loan Document, whether or not evidenced by any note, guaranty or other instrument, whether or not for the payment of money, whether arising by reason of an extension of credit, loan, indemnification, or in any other manner, whether direct or indirect (including those acquired by assignment), absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and however acquired. The term includes all principal, interest (including interest accruing after the filing of any bankruptcy or similar petition), charges, indemnities, expenses, fees, attorneys' fees and disbursements, and any other sum chargeable to the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries under this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

"OFAC" means the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control.

"Off Balance Sheet Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person, (a) any repurchase obligation or repurchase liability of such Person with respect to accounts or notes receivable sold by such Person, (b) any liability of such Person under any sale and leaseback transactions that do not create a liability on the balance sheet of such Person, (c) any obligations under Synthetic Leases or (d) any obligation arising with respect to any other transaction which is the functional equivalent of borrowing but which does not constitute a liability on the balance sheet of such Person. As used herein, "Synthetic Lease" means a lease transaction under which the parties intend that (i) the lease will be treated as an "operating lease" by the lessee pursuant to Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 13, as amended and (ii) the lessee will be entitled to various tax and other benefits ordinarily available to owners (as opposed to lessees) of like property.

"OGE" means OGE Energy Corp., an Oklahoma corporation.

"Other Connection Taxes" means, with respect to any Recipient, Taxes imposed as a result of a present or former connection between such Recipient and the jurisdiction imposing such Tax (other than connections arising from such Recipient having executed, delivered, become a party to, performed its obligations under, received payments under, received or perfected a security interest under, engaged in any other transaction pursuant to or enforced any Loan Document, or sold or assigned an interest in any Loan or Loan Document).

"Other Taxes" means all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes that arise from any payment made under, from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, any Loan Document, except any such Taxes that are Other Connection Taxes imposed with respect to an assignment (other than an assignment made pursuant to Section 2.19).

"<u>Outstanding Credit Exposure</u>" means, as to any Lender at any time, the sum of (a) the aggregate principal amount of its Revolving Loans outstanding at such time, plus (b) an amount equal to its ratable obligation to purchase participations in the LC Obligations and Swing Line Loans at such time.

"<u>Parent Company</u>" means, with respect to a Lender, the bank holding company (as defined in Federal Reserve Board Regulation Y), if any, of such Lender, and/or any Person owning, beneficially or of record, directly or indirectly, a majority of the shares of such Lender.

"Participant" is defined in Section 12.2(a).

"Participant Register" is defined in Section 12.2(d).

"Partnership Agreement" means the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Borrower dated as of May 1, 2013 among the General Partner, CERC, OGE Enogex Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and Enogex Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as modified from time to time.

"Payment Date" means the last day of each March, June, September and December and the Revolving Credit Maturity Date.

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, or any successor thereto.

"Permitted Receivables Financing" means any financing transaction or series of financing transactions (including factoring arrangements), the obligations under which are non-recourse to the Borrower and its Non-Excluded Subsidiaries (other than through recourse for breaches of representations and warranties made by the Borrower or any of the Non-Excluded Subsidiaries and such indemnities and/or credit recourse as are consistent with a true sale or absolute transfer characterization under current legal and accounting standards (it being assumed that such

standards are met by delivery of a legal opinion to such effect)), in connection with which the Borrower or any Affiliate of the Borrower may sell, convey or otherwise transfer, or grant a Lien on, accounts, payments, receivables, accounts receivable, rights to future credits, reimbursements, lease payments or other payments or residuals or similar rights to payment and in each case any related assets (collectively, "Receivables Facility Assets") to a Person that is not the Borrower or a Non-Excluded Subsidiary (including a Receivables Entity); provided that the aggregate principal or similar amount of all Permitted Receivables Financings shall not exceed at any one time outstanding 5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets.

"<u>Person</u>" means any natural person, corporation, firm, joint venture, partnership, limited liability company, association, enterprise, trust or other entity or organization, or any government or political subdivision or any agency, department or instrumentality thereof.

"<u>Plan</u>" means an employee pension benefit plan, excluding any Multiemployer Plan, which is covered by Title IV of ERISA or subject to the minimum funding standards under Section 412 of the Code as to which the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group may have any liability.

"Pricing Schedule" means the Schedule identifying the Applicable Margin and Applicable Fee Rate attached hereto and identified as such.

"Prime Rate" means the rate of interest per annum publicly announced from time to time by Citibank as its prime rate in effect at its principal office in New York City; each change in the Prime Rate shall be effective from and including the date such change is publicly announced as being effective.

"Property" of a Person means any and all right, title and interest of such Person in or to property, whether real, personal, tangible, intangible, or mixed.

"<u>Pro Rata Share</u>" means, with respect to a Lender, (a) a fraction, the numerator of which is such Lender's Commitment at such time (in each case, as adjusted from time to time in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement) and the denominator of which is the Aggregate Commitment at such time, or (b) if the Aggregate Commitment has been terminated, a fraction, the numerator of which is such Lender's Outstanding Credit Exposure at such time and the denominator of which is the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure at such time.

"Purchaser" is defined in Section 12.3(a).

"Qualified Project" means the construction or expansion of any capital project of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, the aggregate actual or budgeted capital cost of which (in each case, including capital costs expended by the Borrower or any such Subsidiaries prior to the acquisition or construction of such project) exceeds \$50,000,000.

"Qualified Project EBITDA Adjustments" means, with respect to each Qualified Project:

(a) prior to the Commercial Operation Date of a Qualified Project (but including the fiscal quarter in which such Commercial Operation Date occurs), a percentage (based on the then-current completion percentage of such Qualified Project) of an amount to be approved by

the Agent (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) as the projected Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project for the first 12-month period following the scheduled Commercial Operation Date of such Qualified Project (such amount to be determined based on customer contracts relating to such Qualified Project, the creditworthiness of the other parties to such contracts, and projected revenues from such contracts, capital costs and expenses, scheduled Commercial Operation Date, oil and gas reserve and production estimates, commodity price assumptions and other reasonable factors deemed appropriate by the Agent), which may, at the Borrower's option, be added to actual Consolidated EBITDA for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for the fiscal quarter in which construction of such Qualified Project commences and for each fiscal quarter thereafter until the Commercial Operation Date of such Qualified Project (including the fiscal quarter in which such Commercial Operation Date occurs, but net of any actual Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project following such Commercial Operation Date); provided that if the actual Commercial Operation Date does not occur by the scheduled Commercial Operation Date, then the foregoing amount shall be reduced, for quarters ending after the scheduled Commercial Operation Date to (but excluding) the first full quarter after its actual Commercial Operation Date, by the following percentage amounts depending on the period of delay (based on the period of actual delay or then-estimated delay, whichever is longer): (i) 90 days or less, 0%, (ii) longer than 90 days, but not more than 180 days, 25%, (iii) longer than 180 days but not more than 270 days, 50%, (iv) longer than 270 days but not more than 365 days, 75% and (v) longer than 365 days, 100%; and

(b) thereafter, actual Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project for each full fiscal quarter after the Commercial Operation Date, plus the amount approved by the Agent pursuant to <a href="clause (a)">clause (a)</a> above as the projected Consolidated EBITDA of Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project for the fiscal quarters constituting the balance of the four full fiscal quarter period following such Commercial Operation Date; <a href="provided">provided</a> that in the event the actual Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project for any full fiscal quarter after the Commercial Operation Date shall materially differ from the projected Consolidated EBITDA approved by the Agent pursuant to <a href="clause (a)">clause</a> (a) above for such fiscal quarter, the projected Consolidated EBITDA of Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project for any remaining fiscal quarters included in the foregoing calculation shall be redetermined in the same manner as set forth in <a href="clause (a)">clause (a)</a> above, such amount to be approved by the Agent (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), which may, at the Borrower's option, be added to actual Consolidated EBITDA for the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such fiscal quarters.

Notwithstanding the foregoing:

- (A) no such additions shall be allowed with respect to any Qualified Project unless:
- (1) not later than 30 days prior to the delivery of any certificate required by the terms and provisions of Section 6.1(c) to the extent Qualified Project EBITDA Adjustments are requested be made to Consolidated EBITDA in determining compliance with Section 7.11, the Borrower shall have delivered to the Agent (i) written pro forma projections of Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries attributable to such Qualified Project and (ii) a

certificate of the Borrower certifying that all written information provided to the Agent for purposes of approving such pro forma projections (including information relating to customer contracts relating to such Qualified Project, the creditworthiness of the other parties to such contracts, and projected revenues from such contracts, capital costs and expenses, scheduled Commercial Operation Date, oil and gas reserve and production estimates, commodity price assumptions) was prepared in good faith based upon assumptions that were reasonable at the time they were made; and

- (2) prior to the date such certificate is required to be delivered, the Agent shall have approved (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld) such projections and shall have received such other information and documentation as the Agent may reasonably request, all in form and substance satisfactory to the Agent; and
- (B) the aggregate amount of all Qualified Project EBITDA Adjustments during any period shall be limited to 20% of the total actual Consolidated EBITDA of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries for such period (which total actual Consolidated EBITDA shall be determined without including any Qualified Project EBITDA Adjustments).
  - "Rating Agency" is defined on the Pricing Schedule.
  - "Recipient" means (a) the Agent, (b) any Lender, (c) any LC Issuer, and (d) the Swing Line Lender, as applicable.
- "Receivables Entity" means any Excluded Subsidiary formed or utilized for the special purpose of (a) effecting a Permitted Receivables Financing and (b) engaging in activities reasonably related or incidental thereto.
  - "Receivables Facility Assets" is defined in the definition of "Permitted Receivables Financing".
- "Regulation U" means Regulation U of the Board as from time to time in effect and any successor or other regulation or official interpretation of the Board relating to the extension of credit by banks for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock (as defined therein) applicable to member banks of the Federal Reserve System.
- "Regulation X" means Regulation X of the Board as from time to time in effect and any successor or other regulation or official interpretation of the Board relating to the extension of credit by foreign lenders for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock (as defined therein).
  - "Reimbursed Party" is defined in Section 9.7(a).
- "Reimbursement Obligations" means, at any time, the aggregate of all obligations of the Borrower then outstanding under <u>Section 2.20</u> to reimburse each LC Issuer for amounts paid by such LC Issuer in respect of any one or more drawings under Facility LCs.

"Related Parties" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, representatives, agents, managers, administrators, trustees, and advisors of such Person and of such Person's Affiliates.

"Reportable Event" means a reportable event as defined in Section 4043 of ERISA and the regulations issued under such section, with respect to a Plan subject to Title IV of ERISA, excluding, however, such events as to which the PBGC has by regulation waived the requirement of Section 4043(a) of ERISA that it be notified within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of such event; provided that a failure to meet the minimum funding standard of Section 412 or 430 of the Code and of Section 302 of ERISA shall be a Reportable Event regardless of the issuance of any such waiver of the notice requirement in accordance with either Section 4043(a) of ERISA or Section 412(c) of the Code.

"Required Lenders" means Lenders in the aggregate having Commitments of greater than fifty percent (50%) of the Aggregate Commitment or, if the Aggregate Commitment has been terminated, Lenders in the aggregate holding greater than fifty percent (50%) of the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure, subject to Section 9.1(b).

"Restricted Payments" means, with respect to any Person, (a) any dividend or other distribution, direct or indirect, on account of any shares (or equivalent) of any class of Capital Stock of such Person, now or hereafter outstanding, (b) any redemption, retirement, sinking fund or similar payment, purchase or other acquisition for value, direct or indirect, of any shares (or equivalent) of any class of Capital Stock of any such Person, now or hereafter outstanding, (c) any payment made to retire, or to obtain the surrender of, any outstanding warrants, options or other rights to acquire shares of any class of Capital Stock of such Person, now or hereafter outstanding, and (d) the payment by such Person of any management, advisory or consulting fee to any other Person who is directly or indirectly a significant partner, shareholder, owner or executive officer of such Person; provided that this clause (d) shall not include the payment, in the ordinary course, of any brokers, finders or similar fees as determined appropriate by their respective governing bodies in their reasonable discretion.

"Revolving Credit Maturity Date" means the earlier of (a) the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date and (b) the date of termination in whole of the Aggregate Commitment pursuant to Section 2.5(b) or the Commitments pursuant to Section 8.2.

"Revolving Loan" means, with respect to a Lender, each loan made by such Lender pursuant to its commitment to lend set forth in Section 2.1 (or any conversion or continuation thereof).

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a subsidiary of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc, and any successor thereto.

"Sanctioned Entity" shall mean (a) an agency of the government of, (b) an organization directly or indirectly owned or controlled by, or (c) an individual that acts on behalf of, a country that is subject to a sanctions program identified on the list maintained by OFAC and available at <a href="http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/programs">http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/programs</a>, or as otherwise published from time to time, to the extent that such program administered by OFAC is applicable to any such agency, organization or person.

"Sanctioned Person" shall mean a person named on the list of Specially Designated Nationals or Blocked Persons maintained by OFAC available at <a href="http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/sdn/index.html">http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/sdn/index.html</a>, or as otherwise published from time to time.

"Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date" means May 1, 2018, as it may be extended pursuant to Section 2.21.

"Single Employer Plan" means a Plan maintained by the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group for employees of the Borrower or any member of the Controlled Group.

"Solvent" and "Solvency" mean, with respect to any Person on any date of determination, that on such date (a) the fair value of the property of such Person is greater than the total amount of liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of such Person, (b) the present fair saleable value of the assets of such Person is not less than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liability of such Person on its debts as they become absolute and matured, (c) such Person does not intend to, and does not believe that it will, incur debts or liabilities beyond such Person's ability to pay such debts and liabilities as they mature, (d) such Person is not engaged in business or a transaction, and is not about to engage in business or a transaction, for which such Person's property would constitute an unreasonably small capital, and (e) such Person is able to pay its debts and liabilities, contingent obligations and other commitments as they mature in the ordinary course of business. The amount of contingent liabilities at any time shall be computed as the amount that, in the light of all the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability.

"Specified Acquisition" means any one or more related transactions (a) pursuant to which the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) acquires for an aggregate principal purchase price of not less than \$50,000,000 (i) more than 50% of the Capital Stock in any other Person or (ii) other Property or assets (other than acquisitions of Capital Stock of a Person, capital expenditures and acquisitions of inventory or supplies in the ordinary course of business) of, or of an operating division or business unit of, any other Person, and (b) which is designated by the Borrower (by written notice to the Agent) as a "Specified Acquisition".

"Specified Change" is defined in the term "Change in Law".

"Subsidiary" means, as to any Person, any corporation or other entity of which securities or other ownership interests having ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or other Persons performing similar functions are at the time directly or indirectly owned by such Person; unless otherwise specified, "Subsidiary" means a Subsidiary of the Borrower.

"Substantial Portion" means, with respect to the Property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, Property which represents more than 25% of the consolidated assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries or property which is responsible for more than 25% of the Consolidated Net Income of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, in each case, as would be shown

in the consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as at the end of the four fiscal quarter period ending with the fiscal quarter immediately prior to the fiscal quarter in which such determination is made (or if financial statements have not been delivered hereunder for that fiscal quarter which ends such four fiscal quarter period, then the financial statements delivered hereunder for the quarter ending immediately prior to that quarter).

"Swap Agreements" means any agreement with respect to any swap, forward, future or other derivative transaction or option or similar agreement entered into by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in order to provide protection to the Borrower and/or its Subsidiaries against fluctuations in future interest rates, currency exchange rates or commodity prices.

"Swing Line Borrowing Notice" is defined in Section 2.23(b).

"Swing Line Lender" means Citibank or such other Lender which may succeed to its rights and obligations as Swing Line Lender pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.

"Swing Line Limit" means a maximum principal amount of \$100,000,000 at any one time outstanding.

"Swing Line Loan" means a Loan made available to the Borrower by the Swing Line Lender pursuant to Section 2.23.

"Swing Line Rate" means, for any day, the sum of (i) the Eurodollar Rate for a one-month Interest Period that begins on such day <u>plus</u> (ii) the Applicable Margin with respect to Eurodollar Advances.

"Syndication Agent" means UBS Securities, in its capacity as Syndication Agent hereunder.

"Taxes" means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

"<u>Transaction Costs</u>" means all fees, costs and expenses incurred or payable by the Borrower or any Subsidiary in connection with the negotiation, execution and consummation of (a) this Agreement and the other Loan Documents (including the commitment letters and all fees payable hereunder or pursuant to any Fee Letter on the Closing Date pursuant to <u>Section 10.9</u>) and (b) the 2013 Term Loan Agreement and the other "Loan Documents" related thereto and as defined therein (including the commitment letters and all fees payable on the "Closing Date" thereunder and as defined therein).

"Transactions" means, collectively, (a) the Initial JV Transaction, (b) the effectiveness of this Agreement and (c) the effectiveness and funding of the 2013 Term Loan Facility on the Closing Date.

"Transferee" is defined in Section 12.4.

"Type" means, with respect to any Advance, its nature as a Base Rate Advance or a Eurodollar Advance and with respect to any Loan, its nature as a Base Rate Loan or a Eurodollar Loan.

"UBSAG" means UBS AG, Stamford Branch and its successors.

"UBS Securities" means UBS Securities LLC.

"<u>Unfunded Liabilities</u>" means the amount (if any) by which the present value of all vested and unvested accrued benefits under each Single Employer Plan subject to Title IV of ERISA exceeds the fair market value of all such Plan's assets allocable to such benefits, all determined as of the then most recent valuation date for such Plan for which a valuation report is available, using actuarial assumptions for funding purposes as set forth in such report.

"U.S. Person" means any Person that is a "United States person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

"<u>Voting Stock</u>" means all classes of the Capital Stock (or other voting interests) of such Person then outstanding and normally entitled to vote in the election of directors or other governing body of such Person.

"Wells Fargo" means Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, a national banking association, and its successors.

"<u>Withdrawal Liability</u>" means liability to a Multiemployer Plan as a result of a complete or partial withdrawal from such Multiemployer Plan, as such terms are defined in Part I of Subtitle E of Title IV of ERISA.

"Withholding Agent" means the Borrower and the Agent.

Section 1.2. Other Definitions and Provisions. With reference to this Agreement and each other Loan Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Loan Document: (a) the definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined, (b) whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms, (c) the words "include", "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation", (d) the word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall", (e) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's successors and assigns, (f) the words "herein", "hereof" and "hereunder", and words of similar import, shall be construed to refer to this Agreement in its entirety and not to any particular provision hereof, (g) all references herein to Articles, Sections, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Exhibits and Schedules to, this Agreement, (h) the words "asset" and "property" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights, and (i) in the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including;" the words "to" and "until" each mean "to but excluding;" and the word "through" means "to and including".

- Section 1.3. **Rounding.** Any financial ratios required to be maintained by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio or percentage is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number (with a rounding-up if there is no nearest number).
- Section 1.4. References to Agreement and Laws. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, (a) references to formation documents, governing documents, agreements (including the Loan Documents) and other contractual instruments shall be deemed to include all amendments, restatements, extensions, supplements and other modifications thereto, but only to the extent that such amendments, restatements, extensions, supplements and other modifications are not prohibited by the Loan Documents; and (b) references to any Applicable Law shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing, supplementing or interpreting such Applicable Law.
  - Section 1.5. Times of Day. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to New York City time.
- Section 1.6. <u>Facility LC Amounts</u>. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to the amount of a Facility LC at any time shall be deemed to mean the maximum face amount of such Facility LC after giving effect to all increases thereof contemplated by such Facility LC, the LC Application therefor or the notice regarding the Modification thereof (at the time specified therefor in such applicable Facility LC, LC Application or such notice, and as such amount may be reduced by (a) any permanent reduction of such Facility LC or (b) any amount which is drawn, reimbursed and no longer available under such Facility LC).

### ARTICLE II.

#### THE CREDITS

Section 2.1. **Commitment.** Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in Sections 4.1 and 4.2, as applicable, from and including the Closing Date and prior to the Revolving Credit Maturity Date, each Lender severally agrees, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement to (a) make Revolving Loans to the Borrower from time to time and (b) participate in Facility LCs and Swing Line Loans issued or made, respectively, from time to time upon the request of the Borrower, in an aggregate outstanding amount not to exceed such Lender's Commitment; provided that at no time shall the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure hereunder exceed the Aggregate Commitment. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Borrower may borrow, repay and reborrow Loans at any time prior to the Revolving Credit Maturity Date. The commitment of each Lender to lend hereunder and to participate in Facility LCs and Swing Line Loans shall expire on the Revolving Credit Maturity Date applicable to it. The LC Issuers hereby agree to issue Facility LCs hereunder on the terms and conditions set forth in Section 2.20. The Swing Line Lender hereby agrees to make Swing Line Loans to the Borrower on the terms and conditions set forth in Section 2.23.

- Section 2.2. **Repayment; Termination**. Any outstanding Loans and other outstanding Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations and LC Obligations that have been Cash Collateralized in accordance with Section 2.20(b)) shall be repaid in full by the Borrower on the Revolving Credit Maturity Date. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement on the Revolving Credit Maturity Date, until all of the Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations and LC Obligations that have been Cash Collateralized in accordance with Section 2.20(b)) shall have been fully paid and satisfied, all of the rights and remedies under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall survive. In addition, the Borrower shall make all payments required under Section 2.21 to each Lender that does not consent to the extension of the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date.
- Section 2.3. <u>Ratable Loans</u>. Each Advance hereunder (other than any Swing Line Loan) shall consist of Loans made from the several Lenders in accordance with their Pro Rata Share.
- Section 2.4. <u>Types of Advances</u>. The Advances (other than any Swing Line Loan) may be Base Rate Advances or Eurodollar Advances, or a combination thereof, selected by the Borrower in accordance with <u>Sections 2.8</u> and <u>2.9</u>. The Borrower may request Swing Line Loans in accordance with <u>Section 2.23</u>.

## Section 2.5. Commitment Fee; Reductions in Aggregate Commitment.

- (a) Commitment Fee. The Borrower agrees to pay to the Agent for the account of each Lender (subject, with respect to any Defaulting Lender, to the limitations set forth in Section 2.24(a)(iii) a commitment fee (the "Commitment Fee") at a per annum rate equal to the Applicable Fee Rate on such Lender's unused Commitment (it being understood that Swing Line Loans (to the extent participations therein have not been funded by the Lenders pursuant to Section 2.23(d)(ii)) will not be deemed a utilization of the Commitments solely for purposes of this Section) from the Closing Date to the Revolving Credit Maturity Date applicable thereto, payable on each Payment Date and the Revolving Credit Maturity Date; provided that, if any Lender continues to have Loans outstanding hereunder after the Revolving Credit Maturity Date, then the Commitment Fee shall continue to accrue on the aggregate principal amount of the Loans owed to such Lender until the date on which such Loans are repaid in full.
- (b) <u>Reductions in Aggregate Commitment</u>. The Borrower may without premium or penalty permanently reduce the Aggregate Commitment in whole, or in part, ratably among the Lenders in a minimum amount of \$10,000,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof, upon at least three (3) Business Days' written notice to the Agent, which notice shall specify the amount of any such reduction; <u>provided</u> that the amount of the Aggregate Commitment may not be reduced below the aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Advances, after taking into account any prepayments to be made on or before such date.
- Section 2.6. <u>Minimum Amount of Each Advance</u>. Each Eurodollar Advance shall be in the minimum amount of \$5,000,000 (and in multiples of \$1,000,000 if in excess thereof), and each Base Rate Advance (other than an Advance to repay Swing Line Loans) shall be in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 (and in multiples of \$500,000 if in excess thereof); <u>provided</u>, that any Base Rate Advance may be in the amount of the unused Aggregate Commitment.

#### Section 2.7. Prepayments.

- (a) <u>Optional Prepayments</u>. The Borrower may from time to time prepay, without penalty or premium, all outstanding Base Rate Advances, or any portion thereof in a minimum aggregate amount of \$1,000,000 or any integral multiple of \$500,000 in excess thereof, on any Business Day upon notice to the Agent by no later than 11:00 a.m. on the date of such prepayment. The Borrower may at any time prepay, without penalty or premium, all outstanding Swing Line Loans, or any portion thereof, on any Business Day upon notice to the Agent and the Swing Line Lender by 11:00 a.m. on the date of such repayment. The Borrower may from time to time prepay, subject to the payment of any amounts required by <u>Section 3.4</u> but without penalty or premium, all outstanding Eurodollar Advances, or any portion thereof in a minimum aggregate amount of \$5,000,000 or any integral multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof upon at least two (2) Business Days' prior notice to the Agent (or such shorter period as may be acceptable to the Agent). Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower may borrow, repay and reborrow Revolving Loans and Swing Line Loans hereunder until the Revolving Credit Maturity Date. Each prepayment of the Loans under this <u>Section 2.7</u> shall be applied as specified by the Borrower; and each such prepayment shall be paid to the Lenders in accordance with their respective Pro Rata Shares or, in the case of Swing Line Loans, to the Swing Line Lender.
- (b) <u>Mandatory Prepayments</u>. If, on any Business Day, the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposures exceed the Aggregate Commitment (an "<u>Excess</u>"), then the Borrower shall, within two (2) Business Days after the earlier of (i) the Borrower's receipt of written notice of an Excess from the Agent and (ii) the date any Authorized Officer has actual knowledge of such Excess, solely to the extent of such Excess: *first*, prepay to the Swing Line Lender the outstanding principal amount of the Swing Line Loans; *second*, if any Excess shall remain, prepay to the Agent, for the ratable account of each of the Lenders, in whole or in part, a principal amount of Revolving Loans comprising part of the same Borrowing(s) selected by the Borrower; and *third*, if any Excess shall remain, Cash Collateralize the Facility LCs in an amount that will eliminate such Excess.
- Section 2.8. Method of Selecting Types and Interest Periods for New Advances (other than Swing Line Loans). The Borrower shall select the Type of Advance (other than any Swing Line Loan which is subject to Section 2.23) and, in the case of each Eurodollar Advance, the Interest Period applicable thereto from time to time. The Borrower shall give the Agent irrevocable notice (a "Borrowing Notice") in accordance with Section 2.14, which, when in writing, shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit G, not later than 11:00 a.m. on the Borrowing Date of each Base Rate Advance and by 11:00 a.m. three (3) Business Days before the Borrowing Date for each Eurodollar Advance to be made on such Borrowing Date (or, in the case of any Eurodollar Advance to be made on the Closing Date, by 11:00 a.m. two (2) Business Days before the Closing Date), in each case, specifying:
  - (a) the Borrowing Date, which shall be a Business Day, of such Advance;
  - (b) the aggregate amount of such Advance;
  - (c) the Type of Advance selected; and
  - (d) in the case of a Eurodollar Advance, the Interest Period applicable thereto.

Not later than 1:00 p.m. on each Borrowing Date, each Lender (subject to the satisfaction of the applicable conditions precedent set forth in Article IV) shall make available its Revolving Loan or Revolving Loans in funds immediately available to the Agent at its address specified pursuant to Section 9.20. The Agent will promptly make the funds so received from the Lenders available to the Borrower at the Agent's aforesaid address. If the Borrower requests a Eurodollar Advance but fails to specify an Interest Period therefor, such Eurodollar Advance will be deemed to have an Interest Period of one month.

Section 2.9. Conversion and Continuation of Outstanding Advances. Base Rate Advances shall continue as Base Rate Advances unless and until such Base Rate Advances are converted into Eurodollar Advances pursuant to this Section 2.9 or are repaid in accordance with Section 2.7. Each Eurodollar Advance shall continue as a Eurodollar Advance until the end of the then applicable Interest Period therefor, at which time such Eurodollar Advance shall be automatically converted into a Base Rate Advance unless (x) such Eurodollar Advance is or was repaid in accordance with Section 2.7 or (y) the Borrower shall have given the Agent a Conversion/Continuation Notice requesting that, at the end of such Interest Period, such Eurodollar Advance continue as a Eurodollar Advance for the same or another Interest Period. Subject to the terms of Section 2.6, the Borrower may elect from time to time to convert all or any part of a Base Rate Advance into a Eurodollar Advance. The Borrower shall give the Agent irrevocable notice (a "Conversion/Continuation Notice") in accordance with Section 2.14, which, when in writing, shall be in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit H, of each conversion of a Base Rate Advance into a Eurodollar Advance or continuation of a Eurodollar Advance not later than 11:00 a.m. on the third Business Day prior to the date of the requested conversion or continuation, specifying:

- (a) the requested date, which shall be a Business Day, of such conversion or continuation;
- (b) the aggregate amount and Type of the Advance which is to be converted or continued; and
- (c) the duration of the Interest Period applicable thereto.

If the Borrower requests a conversion to, or continuation of a Eurodollar Advance but fails to specify an Interest Period therefor, such Eurodollar Advance will be deemed to have an Interest Period of one month. After giving effect to all Advances, all conversions of Advances from one Type to the other, and all continuations of Advances as the same Type, there shall not be more than ten Interest Periods in effect.

Section 2.10. <u>Changes in Interest Rate, etc.</u> Each Base Rate Advance shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof, for each day from and including the date such Advance is made or is automatically converted from a Eurodollar Advance into a Base Rate Advance pursuant to <u>Section 2.9</u>, to but excluding the date it is paid or is converted into a Eurodollar Advance pursuant to <u>Section 2.9</u>, at a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate for such day. Each Swing Line Loan shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof, for each day from and including the day such Swing Line Loan is made to but excluding the date it is paid, at a rate per annum equal to the Swing Line Rate for such day. Changes in the rate of

interest on that portion of any Advance maintained as a Base Rate Advance or on a Swing Line Loan will take effect simultaneously with each change in the Alternate Base Rate or Eurodollar Rate, respectively. Each Eurodollar Advance shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof from and including the first day of the Interest Period applicable thereto to (but not including) the last day of such Interest Period at the Eurodollar Rate for such Interest Period, as determined by the Agent. No Interest Period may end after the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date. The Borrower shall select Interest Periods so that it is not necessary to repay any portion of a Eurodollar Advance prior to the last day of the applicable Interest Period in order to make a mandatory prepayment required pursuant to the last sentence of Section 2.2.

- Section 2.11. Rates Applicable After Event of Default. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in Section 2.8, 2.9 or 2.10, upon the occurrence and during the continuance of an Event of Default, the Required Lenders may, at their option, by notice to the Borrower, declare that no Advance may be made as, converted into or continued as a Eurodollar Advance. If all or a portion of (a) the principal amount of any Loan or any Reimbursement Obligation, (b) any interest payable thereon, or (c) any fee or other amount payable hereunder shall not be paid when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise), such overdue amount shall bear interest, payable from time to time on demand, at a rate per annum equal to the Default Rate, in each case from the date of such non-payment until such amount is paid in full.
- Section 2.12. Method of Payment. All payments of the Obligations hereunder shall be made, without setoff or counterclaim, in immediately available funds to the Agent at the Agent's address specified pursuant to Section 9.20, or at any other Lending Installation of the Agent specified in writing by the Agent to the Borrower, by noon on the date when due and shall be applied ratably (except in the case of (a) Reimbursement Obligations for which an LC Issuer has not been fully indemnified by the Lenders, (b) Swing Line Loans or (c) as otherwise specifically required hereunder) by the Agent among the Lenders. Each payment delivered to the Agent for the account of any Lender shall be delivered promptly by the Agent to such Lender in the same type of funds that the Agent received at such Lender's address specified pursuant to Section 9.20 or at any Lending Installation specified in a notice received by the Agent from such Lender.

# Section 2.13. Noteless Agreement; Evidence of Indebtedness.

- (a) Each Lender shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice an account or accounts evidencing the indebtedness of the Borrower to such Lender resulting from each Loan made by such Lender from time to time, including the amounts of principal and interest payable and paid to such Lender from time to time hereunder.
- (b) The Agent shall also maintain accounts in which it will record (i) the amount of each Loan made hereunder, the Type thereof and the Interest Period (in the case of a Eurodollar Advance) with respect thereto, (ii) the amount of any principal or interest due and payable or to become due and payable from the Borrower to each Lender hereunder, (iii) the original face amount of each Facility LC and the amount of LC Obligations outstanding at any time, and (iv) the amount of any sum received by the Agent hereunder from the Borrower and each Lender's share thereof.

- (c) The entries maintained in the accounts maintained pursuant to <u>paragraphs (a)</u> and (<u>b)</u> above shall be *prima facie* evidence of the existence and amounts of the Obligations therein recorded absent manifest error; <u>provided</u>, that the failure of the Agent or any Lender to maintain such accounts or any error therein shall not in any manner affect the obligation of the Borrower to repay the Obligations in accordance with their terms.
- (d) Any Lender may request that its Loans be evidenced by a promissory note, or in the case of the Swing Line Lender, promissory notes representing its Revolving Loans and Swing Line Loans, respectively, in substantially the form of Exhibit D with applicable changes for notes evidencing Swing Line Loans (a "Note"). In such event, the Borrower shall prepare, execute and deliver to such Lender such Note payable to such Lender. Thereafter, the Loans evidenced by such Note and interest thereon shall at all times (prior to any assignment pursuant to Section 12.3) be represented by one or more Notes payable to the payee named therein, except to the extent that any such Lender subsequently returns any such Note for cancellation and requests that such Loans once again be evidenced as described in paragraphs (a) and (b) above.
- Section 2.14. <u>Telephonic Notices</u>. The Borrower hereby authorizes the Lenders and the Agent to extend, convert or continue Advances, effect selections of Types of Advances and to transfer funds based on telephonic notices (confirmed promptly in writing) made by any person or persons the Agent or any Lender in good faith believes to be acting on behalf of the Borrower. The Borrower agrees to deliver promptly to the Agent a written confirmation of each telephonic notice, signed by an Authorized Officer. If the written confirmation differs in any material respect from the action taken by the Agent and the Lenders, the records of the Agent and the Lenders shall govern absent manifest error.

Section 2.15. Interest Payment Dates; Interest and Fee Basis. Interest accrued on each Base Rate Advance and Swing Line Loan shall be payable in arrears on each Payment Date, commencing with the first such date to occur after the Closing Date, on any date on which the Base Rate Advance or Swing Line Loan is prepaid, whether due to acceleration or otherwise, and at maturity. Interest accrued on each Eurodollar Advance shall be payable on the last day of its applicable Interest Period, on any date on which the Eurodollar Advance is prepaid, whether by acceleration or otherwise, and at maturity. Interest accrued on each Eurodollar Advance having an Interest Period longer than three months shall also be payable on the last day of each three-month interval during such Interest Period. Interest on Base Rate Advances when the Alternate Base Rate is determined by the Prime Rate shall be calculated for actual days elapsed on the basis of a 365, or when appropriate 366, day year. All other computations of interest, LC Fees and all other fees shall be calculated for actual days elapsed on the basis of a 360-day year. Interest shall be payable for the day an Advance is made but not for the day of any payment on the amount paid if payment is received prior to noon at the place of payment. If any payment of principal of or interest on an Advance, any fees or any other amounts payable to the Agent or any Lender hereunder shall become due on a day which is not a Business Day, such payment shall be made on the next succeeding Business Day and, in the case of a principal payment, such extension of time shall be included in computing interest and fees in connection with such payment.

Section 2.16. Notification of Advances, Interest Rates, Prepayments and Commitment Reductions. Promptly after receipt thereof, the Agent will notify each Lender of the contents of each Aggregate Commitment reduction notice, Borrowing Notice, Swing Line Borrowing Notice, Conversion/Continuation Notice, and prepayment notice received by it hereunder. The applicable LC Issuer shall notify the Agent promptly after the issuance of a Facility LC, and the Agent will notify each Lender of such issuance. The Agent will notify the Borrower and each Lender of the interest rate applicable to each Eurodollar Advance promptly upon determination of such interest rate and will give the Borrower and each Lender prompt notice of each change in the Alternate Base Rate.

Section 2.17. Lending Installations. Each Lender may book its Loans and its participation in any LC Obligations and Swing Line Loans, and each LC Issuer may book its Facility LCs, at any Lending Installation selected by such Lender or LC Issuer, as applicable, and may change its Lending Installation from time to time. All terms of this Agreement shall apply to any such Lending Installation and the Loans, Facility LCs, participations in LC Obligations and Swing Line Loans and any Notes issued hereunder shall be deemed held by each Lender or LC Issuer, as applicable, for the benefit of any such Lending Installation. Each Lender and LC Issuer may, by written notice to the Agent and the Borrower in accordance with Section 9.20, designate replacement or additional Lending Installations through which Loans will be made by it or Facility LCs will be issued by it and for whose account Loan payments or payments with respect to Facility LCs are to be made.

Section 2.18. Non-Receipt of Funds by the Agent. Unless the Borrower notifies the Agent prior to the time which it is scheduled to make payment to the Agent of a payment of principal, interest or fees to the Agent for the account of the Lenders, that it does not intend to make such payment, the Agent may assume that such payment has been made. The Agent may, but shall not be obligated to, make the amount of such payment available to the intended recipient in reliance upon such assumption. If the Borrower has not in fact made such payment to the Agent, the recipient of such payment shall, on demand by the Agent, repay to the Agent the amount so made available together with interest thereon in respect of each day during the period commencing on the date such amount was so made available by the Agent until the date the Agent recovers such amount at a rate per annum equal to the interest rate applicable to the relevant Loan.

Section 2.19. **Replacement of Lender**. If (w) any Lender requests compensation under <u>Section 3.1</u>, or if the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to <u>Section 3.5</u> and, in each case, such Lender has declined or is unable to promptly designate a different Lending Installation in accordance with <u>Section 3.7</u> which would eliminate any further claims for such indemnity, compensation or payment, (x) any Lender is a Defaulting Lender or a Non-Consenting Lender, (y) any Lender's obligation to make or to convert or continue outstanding Loans or Advances as Eurodollar Loans or Eurodollar Advances has been suspended pursuant to <u>Section 3.3</u>, and, in each such case, such Lender has declined or is unable to promptly designate a different Lending Installation in accordance with <u>Section 3.7</u> which would eliminate any further suspension or (z) in addition to the rights of the Borrower under <u>Section 2.21</u>, any Lender is a Non-Extending Lender and the Required Lenders have approved the related Extension Request, then the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Lender and the Agent, require such Lender to assign and delegate (provided that the failure by any such Lender that is a Defaulting Lender to execute an Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall

not render such assignment invalid), without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by, Section 12.3), all of its interests, rights (other than its existing rights to payments pursuant to Section 3.1 or 3.5) and obligations under this Agreement and the related Loan Documents (other than, if such Lender is an LC Issuer that has issued any outstanding Facility LCs at such time, its rights and obligations as an LC Issuer with respect to such Facility LCs) to an Eligible Assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Lender, if a Lender accepts such assignment); provided that:

- (a) the Borrower shall have received (i) the prior written consent of the Agent, the Swing Line Lender, and each LC Issuer with respect to any assignee that is not already a Lender or an affiliate of a Lender hereunder, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld, conditioned or delayed, (ii) the consent of such assignee to the assignment, (iii) in the case of any assignment resulting from a Lender becoming a Non-Consenting Lender, the consent of the applicable assignee to the applicable amendment, waiver or consent and (iv) in the case of an assignment resulting from a Lender becoming a Non-Extending Lender, the consent of the applicable assignee to the applicable Extension Request;
- (b) the Agent shall have received the assignment fee specified in <u>Section 12.3(c)</u> unless (i) waived by the Agent or (ii) the assignee is another Lender;
- (c) such Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to its funded and outstanding principal balance of its Outstanding Credit Exposure, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (including (other than with respect to any Defaulting Lender) any amounts under Section 3.4) from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts);
- (d) in the case of any such assignment resulting from (i) a claim for compensation under <u>Section 3.1</u> or payments required to be made pursuant to <u>Section 3.5</u>, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments thereafter or (ii) a suspension under <u>Section 3.3</u>, such assignment shall be made to a Lender or Eligible Assignee which is not subject to such a suspension; and
  - (e) such assignment does not conflict with Applicable Law.

A Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Borrower to require such assignment cease to apply.

## Section 2.20. Facility LCs.

(a) <u>Issuance</u>. Each LC Issuer hereby agrees, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, to issue standby letters of credit for any lawful purpose (each such letter of credit, a "<u>Facility LC</u>") denominated in Dollars and to renew, extend, increase, decrease or otherwise modify each Facility LC ("<u>Modify</u>," and each such action, a "<u>Modification</u>"), from time to time from and including the Closing Date and prior to the Revolving Credit Maturity Date upon the request of the Borrower; <u>provided</u> that immediately after each such Facility LC is issued or Modified, (i) the LC Obligations shall not exceed the LC Commitment, (ii) the

Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure shall not exceed the Aggregate Commitment and (iii) the aggregate amount of LC Obligations of any LC Issuer at any time shall not exceed such LC Issuer's LC Issuer Sublimit, unless otherwise expressly agreed by such LC Issuer. On the Closing Date, the letter of credit heretofore issued by Bank of America, N.A. described on Schedule 1.1 shall automatically, and without any further action by any party, constitute a Facility LC issued pursuant to this Section 2.20, and Bank of America, N.A., solely for the purpose of maintaining such letter of credit, shall constitute an LC Issuer for so long as (and only for so long as) such letter of credit remains outstanding.

- (b) Expiration of Facility LCs. In the event that the expiry date of a Facility LC is later than five (5) Business Days prior to the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date, prior to such date that is five (5) Business Days prior to the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date, the Borrower shall deliver to the Agent cash, to be held by the Agent, for the benefit of the LC Issuers and the Lenders, in the Cash Collateral Account as security for the LC Obligations in respect of subsequent drawings under such Facility LC in an amount equal to 100% of the face amount of such outstanding Facility LC plus related fees and expenses with respect to such outstanding Facility LC over its remaining term (which cash will be invested pursuant to the requirements of Section 2.20(j)), pursuant to documentation in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and the applicable LC Issuer. Any Facility LC with a one-year tenor may provide for the renewal thereof for additional one-year periods. If any Facility LC contains a provision pursuant to which it is deemed to be automatically renewed unless notice of termination is given by the applicable LC Issuer with respect to such Facility LC, such LC Issuer shall timely give notice of termination if (A) as of the close of business on the seventeenth (17th) day prior to the last day upon which such LC Issuer's notice of termination may be given to the beneficiaries of such Facility LC, such LC Issuer has received a notice of termination from the Borrower or a notice from the Agent that the conditions to issuance of such Facility LC have not been satisfied or (B) the renewed Facility LC would extend beyond the date that is five (5) Business Days prior to the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date (unless such Facility LC is Cash Collateralized per the terms of this Section 2.20(b)).
- (c) <u>Participations</u>. Upon (i) the issuance by the applicable LC Issuer of each Facility LC in accordance with this <u>Section 2.20</u> and (ii) the Modification of each Facility LC increasing or decreasing the face amount thereof in accordance with this <u>Section 2.20</u>, the applicable LC Issuer shall be deemed, without further action by any party hereto, to have unconditionally and irrevocably sold to each Lender, and each Lender shall be deemed, without further action by any party hereto, to have unconditionally and irrevocably purchased from such LC Issuer, a participation in such Facility LC (and each Modification thereof) and the related LC Obligations in proportion to such Lender's Pro Rata Share.
- (d) <u>Procedures for Issuing or Modifying a Facility LC</u>. Subject to <u>Section 2.20(a)</u> and (b), (i) to request the issuance of a Facility LC, the Borrower shall deliver an LC Application to the applicable LC Issuer prior to 11:00 a.m. at least three (3) Business Days prior to the proposed date of issuance thereof and (ii) to request a Modification of a Facility LC, the Borrower shall deliver notice thereof to the applicable LC Issuer prior to 11:00 a.m. at least three (3) Business Days prior to the proposed date of Modification, identifying the Facility LC to be Modified and specifying the name and address of the beneficiary, the proposed date of Modification, the expiry date of such Modified Facility LC and such other information as shall

be reasonably requested by such LC Issuer to Modify such Facility LC, accompanied by the written consent of the beneficiary thereto to the extent such consent is required pursuant to the terms of such Facility LC. Upon the applicable LC Issuer's receipt of an LC Application or a notice of Modification, such LC Issuer shall promptly notify the Agent, and, in the case of an issuance of a Facility LC only, the Agent shall then promptly notify each Lender of the contents thereof and of the amount of such Lender's participation in such Facility LC. Subject to each LC Issuer's agreements set forth herein, each Facility LC issued by such LC Issuer shall be in a form reasonably satisfactory to such LC Issuer. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of any LC Application or any other agreement entered into by the Borrower with an LC Issuer relating to any Facility LC, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

(e) <u>LC Fees</u>. The Borrower shall pay to the Agent, for the account of the Lenders (subject, with respect to any Defaulting Lender, to the limitations set forth in <u>Section 2.24(a)(iii)</u>) ratably in accordance with their respective Pro Rata Shares, with respect to each Facility LC, a letter of credit fee at a per annum rate equal to the Applicable Margin for Eurodollar Loans in effect from time to time on the average daily undrawn face amount under such Facility LC, such fee to be payable in arrears on each Payment Date (the "<u>LC Participation Fee</u>"). The Borrower shall also pay to each LC Issuer for its own account (i) a fronting fee at a per annum rate equal to 0.15% on the average daily undrawn face amount under each Facility LC issued by such LC Issuer, such fee to be payable in arrears on each Payment Date, and (ii) normal and customary charges, costs and reasonable expenses incurred or charged by such LC Issuer in connection with the issuance or Modification of and draws under the Facility LCs issued by such LC Issuer in accordance with such LC Issuer's standard schedule for such charges as in effect from time to time. Each fee described in this <u>Section 2.20(e)</u> shall constitute an "<u>LC Fee</u>".

(f) <u>Administration</u>; <u>Reimbursement by Lenders</u>. Upon receipt from the beneficiary of any Facility LC of any demand for payment under such Facility LC, the applicable LC Issuer shall notify the Agent and the Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower and each other Lender as to the amount to be paid by the LC Issuer as a result of such demand and the proposed payment date (the "<u>LC Payment Date</u>"). The responsibility of each LC Issuer to the Borrower and each Lender shall be only to determine that the documents (including each demand for payment) delivered under each Facility LC in connection with such presentment shall be in strict conformity with the terms and conditions of such Facility LC. Each LC Issuer shall endeavor to exercise the same care in the issuance and administration of the Facility LCs as it does with respect to letters of credit in which no participations are granted, it being understood that each Lender shall be unconditionally and irrevocably liable without regard to the occurrence of any Event of Default or any condition precedent whatsoever, to reimburse such LC Issuer on demand without offset of any kind for (i) such Lender's Pro Rata Share of the amount of each payment made by such LC Issuer under each Facility LC with respect to any drawing or other demand for payment made by a beneficiary thereunder prior to the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date (it being understood and agreed that no Lender shall have any obligation to reimburse any LC Issuer with respect to any drawing or other demand for payment under any Facility LC made after the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date, regardless of whether the Borrower has complied with any obligation to deliver Cash Collateral in respect of such Facility LC pursuant to the terms of this Agreement), to the extent such amount is not reimbursed by the

Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 2.20(g)</u> below, <u>plus</u> (ii) interest on the foregoing amount to be reimbursed by such Lender, from and including the date such payment is made by such LC Issuer to the date on which such Lender pays the amount to be reimbursed by it, at a rate of interest per annum equal to the Federal Funds Effective Rate for the first three (3) days and, thereafter, at a rate of interest equal to the rate applicable to Base Rate Advances.

(g) Reimbursement by Borrower. The Borrower shall be irrevocably and unconditionally obligated to reimburse each LC Issuer on the applicable LC Payment Date (if notified of such drawing prior to 1:00 p.m. on such date, otherwise on the next Business Day following receipt of such notice) for any amounts to be paid by such LC Issuer upon any drawing under any Facility LC, without presentment, demand (other than as set forth above), protest or other formalities of any kind; provided that to the extent the Borrower does not reimburse the applicable LC Issuer on the applicable LC Payment Date (or the next Business Day, as applicable), then the Borrower shall be deemed to have requested that the Swing Line Lender make a Swing Line Loan on such date; and provided further that neither the Borrower nor any Lender shall hereby be precluded from asserting any claim for direct (but not consequential, special, indirect or punitive) damages suffered by the Borrower or such Lender to the extent, but only to the extent, caused by (i) such LC Issuer's gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final non-appealable judgment or (ii) such LC Issuer's failure to pay under any Facility LC issued by it after the presentation to it of a request strictly complying with the terms and conditions of such Facility LC. Each LC Issuer will pay to each Lender (other than any Defaulting Lender to the extent such Defaulting Lender has not provided Cash Collateral for the LC Issuers' Fronting Exposure in respect thereof) ratably in accordance with its Pro Rata Share all amounts received by it from the Borrower for application in payment, in whole or in part, of the Reimbursement Obligation in respect of any Facility LC issued by such LC Issuer, but only to the extent such Lender has made payment to such LC Issuer in respect of such Facility LC pursuant to Section 2.20(f). Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement (including the submission of a Borrowing Notice in complianc

# (h) Obligations Absolute.

- (i) The Borrower's obligations under this <u>Section 2.20</u> shall be absolute and unconditional under any and all circumstances and irrespective of any setoff, counterclaim or defense to payment which the Borrower may have or have had against any LC Issuer, any Lender or any beneficiary of a Facility LC.
- (ii) The Borrower further agrees with the LC Issuers and the Lenders that the LC Issuers and the Lenders shall not be responsible for, and the Borrower's Reimbursement Obligation in respect of any Facility LC shall not be affected by, among other things, (A) the validity or genuineness of documents, instruments or of any endorsements thereon, even if such documents should in fact prove to be in any or all respects invalid, insufficient, fraudulent or forged, (B) any dispute between or among the Borrower, any of its Affiliates, the beneficiary of any Facility LC or any financing institution or other party to whom any Facility LC may be transferred or any claims or

defenses whatsoever of the Borrower or of any of its Affiliates against the beneficiary of any Facility LC or any such transferee, (C) the existence of any claims, set-off, defense or other right whatsoever of the Borrower against any beneficiary of such Facility LC or any such transferee, (D) any lack of validity or enforceability of any Facility LC or this Agreement, or any term of provision therein or herein, (E) payment by the LC Issuer under a Facility LC against presentation of a draft or other document that does not comply with the terms of such Facility LC, or (F) any other event or circumstance whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, that might, but for the provisions of this Section, constitute a legal or equitable discharge of, or provide a right of setoff against, the Borrower's obligations hereunder or under any Facility LC.

- (iii) No LC Issuer shall be liable for any error, omission, interruption or delay in transmission, dispatch or delivery of any message or advice, however transmitted, in connection with any Facility LC.
- (iv) The Borrower agrees that any action taken or omitted by any LC Issuer or Lender under or in connection with each Facility LC and the related drafts and documents, if done without gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith, as determined by a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be binding upon the Borrower and shall not result in any liability of such LC Issuer or Lender to the Borrower.
- (v) Nothing in this <u>Section 2.20(h)</u> is intended to limit the right of the Borrower to make a claim against the applicable LC Issuer for damages as contemplated by the second proviso to the first sentence of <u>Section 2.20(g)</u>.
- (i) Actions of the LC Issuers. Each LC Issuer shall be entitled to rely, and shall be fully protected in relying, upon any Facility LC, draft, writing, resolution, notice, consent, certificate, affidavit, letter, cablegram, telegram, telegram, telegram, telegram, telegram, telegram, telegram, telegram, telegram, and upon advice and statements of legal counsel, independent accountants and other experts selected by such LC Issuer. In the absence of (x) willful misconduct, gross negligence or bad faith of the applicable LC Issuer (as determined by a final, non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction) in determining whether a request presented under any Facility LC complied with the terms of such Facility LC or (y) the applicable LC Issuer's failure to pay under any Facility LC after the presentation to it of a request strictly complying with the terms and conditions of such Facility LC, such LC Issuer shall be fully (a) justified in failing or refusing to take any action under this Agreement unless it shall first have received such advice or concurrence of the Required Lenders as it reasonably deems appropriate or it shall first be indemnified to its reasonable satisfaction by the Lenders against any and all liability and expense which may be incurred by it by reason of taking or continuing to take any such action, and (b) protected in acting, or in refraining from acting, under this Agreement in accordance with a request of the Required Lenders, and such request and any action taken or failure to act pursuant thereto shall be binding upon the Lenders and any future holders of a participation in any Facility LC.

## (j) Cash Collateral Account.

- (i) Establishment of Cash Collateral Account. If the Borrower is required to provide Cash Collateral under the terms of this Agreement, the Borrower and the Agent shall establish the Cash Collateral Account, and the Borrower shall execute any documents and agreements that the Agent reasonably requests in connection therewith to establish the Cash Collateral Account, including, if so requested, an assignment of deposit accounts in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Agent and the Borrower. The Borrower hereby pledges, assigns and grants to the Agent, on behalf of and for the ratable benefit of the Lenders (including the LC Issuers), and agrees to maintain, a first priority security interest in the Cash Collateral Account and all of the Borrower's right, title and interest in and to all Cash Collateral which may from time to time be on deposit in the Cash Collateral Account, and all proceeds thereof, to secure the prompt and complete payment and performance of the Obligations. If at any time the Agent determines that Cash Collateral is subject to any right or claim of any Person other than the Agent and the LC Issuers as herein provided, or that the total amount of such Cash Collateral is less than the amount required to be deposited under this Agreement, the Borrower will, promptly upon demand by the Agent, pay or provide to the Agent additional Cash Collateral in an amount sufficient to eliminate such deficiency (after giving effect to any Cash Collateral provided by any Defaulting Lender).
- (ii) <u>Application of Funds</u>. Moneys in the Cash Collateral Account held in respect of LC Obligations arising from a particular Facility LC shall be applied by the Agent to reimburse the LC Issuer that issued such Facility LC for Reimbursement Obligations that arise in connection with such Facility LC for which it has not been reimbursed and, to the extent not so applied, and subject to <u>clause (iii)</u> below, shall be held for the satisfaction of the reimbursement obligations of the Borrower for the Fronting Exposure with respect to such Facility LC at such time or, if the maturity of the Loans has been accelerated (but subject to the consent of the applicable LC Issuer), be applied to satisfy other Obligations of the Borrower.
- (iii) Release of Funds. If no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, within three Business Days of the Borrower's written request, the Agent shall release to the Borrower any and all funds held in the Cash Collateral Account above the aggregate amounts then expressly required, if any, to be deposited and held as Cash Collateral under all relevant provisions of this Agreement. In addition, after all of the Obligations have been paid in full (other than contingent indemnification obligations), the Aggregate Commitment has been terminated and all Facility LCs have been terminated or expired, any funds remaining in the Cash Collateral Account shall be returned by the Agent to the Borrower or paid to whomever may be legally entitled thereto at such time.
- (iv) <u>Administration of Cash Collateral Account</u>. The Agent shall have exclusive dominion and control, including the exclusive right of withdrawal, over the Cash Collateral Account. If and when required by the Borrower, the Agent shall invest and reinvest funds held in the Cash Collateral Account from time to time in cash equivalents specified from time to time by the Borrower and reasonably acceptable to the Agent. Interest or profits, if any, on such investments shall accumulate in such account. The Agent shall exercise reasonable care in the custody and preservation of any funds held in the Cash Collateral Account and shall be deemed to have exercised such care if

such funds are accorded treatment substantially equivalent to that which the Agent accords its own property, it being understood that the Agent shall not have any responsibility for taking any necessary steps to preserve rights against any parties with respect to any such funds.

- (k) Rights as a Lender. In its capacity as a Lender, each LC Issuer shall have the same rights and obligations as any other Lender.
- (l) Replacement of an LC Issuer. Any LC Issuer may be replaced at any time by written agreement among the Borrower, the Agent, the replaced LC Issuer and the successor LC Issuer. The Agent shall notify the Lenders of any such replacement of an LC Issuer. At the time any such replacement shall become effective, the Borrower shall pay all unpaid fees accrued for the account of the replaced LC Issuer pursuant to Section 2.20(e). From and after the effective date of any such replacement, (A) the successor LC Issuer shall have all the rights and obligations of an LC Issuer under this Agreement with respect to Facility LCs to be issued by it thereafter and (B) references herein to the term "LC Issuer" shall be deemed to refer to such successor or to any previous LC Issuer, or to such successor and all previous LC Issuers, as the context shall require. After the replacement of an LC Issuer hereunder, the replaced LC Issuer shall remain a party hereto and shall continue to have all the rights and obligations of an LC Issuer under this Agreement with respect to Facility LCs issued by it prior to such replacement, but shall not be required to issue additional Facility LCs.
- (m) <u>Defaulting Lenders</u>. At any time that there shall exist a Defaulting Lender, within one (1) Business Day following the written request of the Agent or any LC Issuer (with a copy to the Agent) the Borrower shall Cash Collateralize the LC Issuers' Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender (determined after giving effect to the reallocation provided in <u>Section 2.24(a)(iv)</u> and any Cash Collateral provided by such Defaulting Lender) in an amount equal to such Fronting Exposure or such higher amount agreed to by the Borrower.
  - (i) <u>Defaulting Lender's Grant of Security Interest</u>. To the extent provided by any Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender, hereby grants to the Agent, for the benefit of the LC Issuers, and agrees to maintain, a first priority security interest in all such Cash Collateral as security for such Defaulting Lender's obligation to fund participations in respect of LC Obligations, to be applied pursuant to <u>clause (ii)</u> below.
  - (ii) <u>Application</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Cash Collateral provided under this <u>Section 2.20(m)</u> or <u>Section 2.24</u> in respect of Facility LCs shall be applied to the satisfaction of the Defaulting Lender's unreallocated obligation to fund participations in respect of LC Obligations (including, as to Cash Collateral provided by a Defaulting Lender, any interest accrued on such obligation) for which the Cash Collateral was so provided, prior to any other application of such property as may otherwise be provided for herein.
  - (iii) <u>Termination of Requirement</u>. Cash Collateral (or the appropriate portion thereof) provided to reduce any LC Issuer's Fronting Exposure shall no longer be required to be held as Cash Collateral pursuant to this <u>Section 2.20(m)</u> following (A) the

elimination of such Fronting Exposure (including by the termination of Defaulting Lender status of the applicable Lender), or (B) the determination by the Agent and each LC Issuer that there exists Cash Collateral in excess of the amount required to be maintained pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, in which case, such Cash Collateral (in the case of <u>clause (A)</u> above) or excess amounts (in the case of <u>clause (B)</u> above), as applicable, shall be returned to the Borrower upon its request therefor to the extent such Cash Collateral was provided by the Borrower; <u>provided</u> that, subject to <u>Section 2.24</u>, the Person providing Cash Collateral may agree that Cash Collateral in excess of such Fronting Exposure at any time shall be held to support future anticipated Fronting Exposure or other Obligations.

(n) <u>Independence</u>. The Borrower acknowledges that the rights and obligations of each LC Issuer under each Facility LC are independent of the existence, performance or nonperformance of any contract or arrangement underlying such Facility LC, including contracts or arrangements between such LC Issuer and the Borrower and between the Borrower and the beneficiary of such Facility LC.

## Section 2.21. Extension of Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date.

- (a) <u>Request of Extension</u>. No later than thirty (30) days prior to the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date, the Borrower shall have the option to request (such request, an "<u>Extension Request</u>") an extension of the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date for an additional one-year period; <u>provided</u> that no more than two (2) of such one-year extensions shall be permitted hereunder. Any election by a Lender to extend its Commitment will be at such Lender's sole discretion and such Lender's failure to respond to an Extension Request within fifteen (15) Business Days from the date of delivery of such Extension Request shall be deemed to be a refusal by such Lender to so extend its Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date.
- (b) Extension; Conditions Precedent. Subject to the Agent's receipt of written consents to such Extension Request from the Required Lenders (each such consenting Lender, an "Extending Lender"), the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date shall be extended for an additional one-year period for each Extending Lender; provided that (i) each non-consenting Lender (together with its successors and assigns, each a "Non-Extending Lender") shall be required only to complete its Commitment up to the previously effective Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date (without giving effect to such Extension Request), (ii) the Commitment of each Extending Lender (including the Commitment of each Additional Lender (as defined below)) shall be on the same terms and conditions as the Commitment of each other Extending Lender and Additional Lender, (iii) on the date of any extension of the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date under this Section 2.21, the conditions set forth in Section 4.3 shall be satisfied and (iv) the Borrower shall deliver to the Agent a certificate dated as of the date of any extension, signed by an Authorized Officer certifying that (A) the conditions set forth in Section 4.3 shall be satisfied and (B) attaching certified copies of resolutions of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body of the General Partner approving such extension.

- (c) <u>Payments to Non-Extending Lenders</u>; <u>Reduction of Commitment</u>. All Obligations and other amounts payable hereunder to each Non-Extending Lender shall become due and payable by the Borrower on the previously effective Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date (without giving effect to such Extension Request) or the earlier replacement of such Non-Extending Lender pursuant to <u>Section 2.19</u>. The Aggregate Commitment shall be reduced by the total Commitments of all Non-Extending Lenders expiring on such previously effective Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date (without giving effect to such Extension Request) unless and until one or more lenders (including other Lenders) shall have agreed to assume a, or increase its, Commitment hereunder (in which case such portion of the Aggregate Commitment shall be reinstated pursuant to this Section). Each Non-Extending Lender shall be required to maintain its original Commitment up to the previously effective Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date (without giving effect to such Extension Request) that such Non-Extending Lender had previously agreed upon.
- (d) Replacement of Lender. The Borrower shall have the right at any time to replace each Non-Extending Lender (i) with one or more financial institutions (each, an "Additional Lender") (A) that are existing Lenders (and, if any such Additional Lender is already a Lender, its Commitment shall be in addition to such Lender's Commitment hereunder on such date) or (B) that are not existing Lenders; provided that any financial institution that is not an existing Lender (x) must be an Eligible Assignee and (y) must become a Lender for all purposes under this Agreement pursuant to an Assignment and Assumption Agreement and (ii) on a non-pro rata basis with any such financial institution that is willing to grant the Extension Request, including at a higher or lower Commitment than such Non-Extending Lenders' respective Commitments; provided that any replacement of one or more Non-Extending Lenders that results in a higher Aggregate Commitment than the Aggregate Commitment in effect prior to such Extension Request shall, to the extent of such excess, be effected pursuant to the requirements of Section 2.22.

## Section 2.22. Increase of Aggregate Commitment.

- (a) <u>Request of Commitment Increase</u>. At any time and from time to time prior to the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date, the Borrower shall have the right to request and effectuate increases in the Aggregate Commitment (each a "<u>Commitment Increase</u>") without the consent of any Lender (other than a Lender that is increasing its Commitment in connection with such request) by adding to this Agreement pursuant to a Commitment Increase Agreement one or more financial institutions as Lenders (collectively, the "<u>New Lenders</u>") or by allowing one or more existing Lenders to increase their respective Commitments (each an "<u>Increasing Lender</u>"); <u>provided</u> that:
  - (i) no Lender shall have any obligation to increase its Commitment;
  - (ii) unless the Agent otherwise consents, each Commitment Increase shall be in a minimum principal amount of \$10,000,000 and in integral multiples of \$5,000,000 in excess thereof or, if less, the remaining amount permitted pursuant to <u>clause (iii)</u> below;
  - (iii) in no event shall the aggregate amount of all Commitment Increases result in the Aggregate Commitment exceeding 150% of the Aggregate Commitment in effect on the Closing Date;

- (iv) each New Lender must be an Eligible Assignee;
- (v) on the effective date of any Increase (the "Increase Date"), the applicable conditions set forth in Section 4.3 shall be satisfied (or waived in accordance with Section 9.1); and
- (vi) such increased Commitments shall be on the same terms as the existing Commitments (subject to the Borrower's ability to extend any Commitment pursuant to Section 2.21).
- (b) <u>Deliverables for Commitment Increase</u>. Each Commitment Increase must be requested by written notice from the Borrower to the Agent, specifying (x) the proposed Increase Date and (y) the amount of the requested Commitment Increase. To effect a Commitment Increase, the Borrower, the Agent, one or more New Lenders and/or Increasing Lenders (and, to the extent the consent of the LC Issuers and the Swing Line Lender is necessary under the terms of this Agreement, the LC Issuers and the Swing Line Lender) shall execute a Commitment Increase Agreement, and such Commitment Increase shall be effective on the Increase Date specified therein; <u>provided</u> that, as a condition to the effectiveness of any Commitment Increase, if requested by the Agent, the Borrower shall deliver to the Agent:
  - (i) a certificate dated as of the Increase Date, signed by an Authorized Officer certifying that (A) each of the conditions to such increase set forth in this Section 2.22 shall have occurred and been complied with and (B) attached thereto is a certified copy of resolutions of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body of the General Partner approving such Commitment Increase; and
  - (ii) a favorable customary opinion of counsel for the Borrower (which may be in-house counsel), in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Agent, covering such matters relating to the Commitment Increase as the Agent may reasonable request.
- (c) <u>Notification of Commitment Increase</u>; <u>Reallocation of Credit Exposure</u>. On each Increase Date, upon fulfillment of the conditions set forth in <u>paragraph (b)</u> above and <u>Section 4.3</u>, (i) the Agent shall notify the Lenders (including each New Lender) and the Borrower of the occurrence of the Commitment Increase effected on such Increase Date and shall record in the Register the relevant information with respect to each Increasing Lender and each New Lender, (ii) the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure will be reallocated among the Lenders in accordance with their revised Pro Rata Shares (and the Lenders agree to make all payments and adjustments necessary to effect the reallocation and the Borrower shall pay any and all costs required pursuant to <u>Section 3.4</u> in connection with such reallocation as if such reallocation were a repayment) and (iii) each New Lender that executes a Commitment Increase Agreement shall be a Lender for all purposes under this Agreement.

## Section 2.23. Swing Line Loans.

(a) <u>Amount of Swing Line Loans</u>. Upon (x) the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in <u>Section 4.2</u> and (y) if such Swing Line Loan is to be made on the date of the initial Advance hereunder, the satisfaction of the conditions precedent set forth in <u>Section</u>

- 4.1, from and including the Closing Date and prior to the Revolving Credit Maturity Date, the Borrower may request and the Swing Line Lender shall, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, make Swing Line Loans to the Borrower from time to time in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed the Swing Line Limit (it being agreed that the Swing Line Lender shall be obligated to make Swing Line Loans even if the aggregate principal amount of Swing Line Loans outstanding and/or requested by the Borrower at any time, when added to the aggregate principal amount of Revolving Loans made by the Swing Line Lender in its capacity as a Lender at such time and its LC Obligations at such time, would exceed the Swing Line Lender's own Commitment as a Lender at such time); provided that at no time shall (i) the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure at any time exceed the Aggregate Commitment or (ii) the sum of (A) the Swing Line Lender's Pro Rata Share of the Swing Line Loans, plus (B) the outstanding Revolving Loans made by the Swing Line Lender pursuant to Section 2.1, plus (C) an amount equal to the Swing Line Lender's ratable obligation to purchase participations in the LC Obligations at such time, exceed the Swing Line Lender's Commitment at such time. Subject to the terms of this Agreement, the Borrower may borrow, repay and reborrow Swing Line Loans at any time prior to the Revolving Credit Maturity Date. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement (including the submission of a Borrowing Notice in compliance with Section 2.8 and the satisfaction of the applicable conditions precedent set forth in Article IV), the Borrower may request an Advance (other than a Swing Line Loan) hereunder for the purpose of repaying any Swing Line Loan.
- (b) <u>Borrowing Notice</u>. The Borrower shall deliver to the Agent and the Swing Line Lender irrevocable notice (a "<u>Swing Line Borrowing Notice</u>") not later than 2:00 p.m. on the Borrowing Date of each Swing Line Loan, specifying (i) the applicable Borrowing Date (which date shall be a Business Day), and (ii) the aggregate amount of the requested Swing Line Loan which shall be an amount not less than \$500,000 and in an integral multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof. The Swing Line Loans shall bear interest at the Swing Line Rate.
- (c) <u>Making of Swing Line Loans</u>. Promptly after receipt of a Swing Line Borrowing Notice, the Agent shall notify each Lender by fax, or other similar form of transmission, of the requested Swing Line Loan. Not later than 4:00 p.m. on the applicable Borrowing Date, the Swing Line Lender shall make available the Swing Line Loan to the Borrower on the Borrowing Date at the Agent's address specified pursuant to <u>Section 9.20</u>.

## (d) Repayment of Swing Line Loans.

- (i) Each Swing Line Loan shall be paid in full by the Borrower on or before the earlier of (A) the fourteenth (14th) Business Day after the Borrowing Date for such Swing Line Loan and (B) the Revolving Credit Maturity Date; <u>provided</u>, that such payment shall not be made by the proceeds of any other Swing Line Loans.
- (ii) The Swing Line Lender may, by written notice given to the Agent not later than 10:00 a.m. on any Business Day, require the Lenders (including the Swing Line Lender) to acquire participations on such Business Day in all or a portion of the Swing Line Loans outstanding. Such notice shall specify the aggregate amount of Swing Line Loans in which Lenders will participate. Promptly upon receipt of such notice, the Agent will give notice thereof to each Lender, specifying in such notice such Lender's

Pro Rata Share of such Swing Line Loan or Swing Line Loans. Each Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees, upon receipt of notice as provided above, to pay to the Agent, for the account of the Swing Line Lender, such Lender's Pro Rata Share of such Swing Line Loan or Swing Line Loans. Each Lender acknowledges and agrees that its obligation to acquire participations in Swing Line Loans pursuant to this paragraph is unconditional, continuing, irrevocable and absolute and shall not be affected by any circumstances, including (A) any set-off, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right which such Lender may have against the Agent, the Swing Line Lender or any other Person, (B) the occurrence or continuance of a Default or Event of Default, (C) any adverse change in the condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower, or (D) any other circumstances, happening or event whatsoever. Each Lender shall comply with its obligation under this Section 2.23(d) by wire transfer of immediately available funds, in the same manner as provided in Section 2. 8 with respect to Revolving Loans made by such Lender (and Section 2.8 shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to the payment obligations of the Lenders), and the Agent shall promptly pay to the Swing Line Lender the amounts so received from the Lenders. In the event that any Lender fails to make payment to the Agent of any amount due under this Section 2.23(d), the Agent shall be entitled to receive, retain and apply against such obligation the principal and interest otherwise payable to such Lender hereunder until the Agent receives such payment from such Lender or such obligation is otherwise fully satisfied. The Agent shall notify the Borrower of any participations in any Swing Line Loan acquired pursuant to this paragraph, and thereafter payments in respect of such Swing Line Loan shall be made to the Agent and not to the Swing Line Lender. Any amounts received by the Swing Line Lender from the Borrower (or other party on behalf of the Borrower) in respect of a Swing Line Loan after receipt by the Swing Line Lender of the proceeds of a sale of participations therein shall be promptly remitted to the Agent. All of such amounts received by the Agent in payment of Swing Line Loans shall be promptly remitted by the Agent to the Lenders that shall have made their payments pursuant to this paragraph and to the Swing Line Lender, as their interests may appear; provided that any such payment so remitted shall be repaid to the Swing Line Lender or to the Agent, as applicable, if and to the extent such payment is required to be refunded to the Borrower for any reason. The purchase of participations in a Swing Line Loan pursuant to this paragraph shall not relieve the Borrower of any default in the payment thereof.

(iii) In addition, on the fourteenth (14th) Business Day after the Borrowing Date of any Swing Line Loan, the Borrower shall be deemed to have automatically given notice to the Agent requesting that each Lender make a Revolving Loan in the amount of such Lender's Pro Rata Share of such Swing Line Loan (including any interest accrued and unpaid thereon), for the purpose of repaying such Swing Line Loan, in which case each Lender hereby absolutely and unconditionally agrees to fund to the Agent, for the account of the Swing Line Lender, such Lender's Revolving Loan deemed requested under this clause (iii) at the Agent's address specified pursuant to Section 9.20, no later than 4:00 p.m. on the date such notice is received by the Lender from the Agent if such notice is received at or before 2:00 p.m. (and otherwise before 11:00 a.m. on the next Business Day). Revolving Loans made pursuant to this Section 2.23(d)(iii) shall initially be Base Rate Loans and thereafter may be continued as Base Rate Loans or converted into Eurodollar Loans in the manner provided in Section 2.9 and

subject to the other conditions and limitations set forth in this Article II. Unless a Lender shall have notified the Swing Line Lender, prior to its making any Swing Line Loan, that any applicable condition precedent set forth in Section 4.1 or 4.2 had not then been satisfied, such Lender's obligation to make Revolving Loans pursuant to this Section 2.23(d)(iii) to repay Swing Line Loans shall be unconditional, continuing, irrevocable and absolute and shall not be affected by any circumstances, including (A) any set-off, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right which such Lender may have against the Agent, the Swing Line Lender or any other Person, (B) the occurrence or continuance of a Default or Event of Default, (C) any adverse change in the condition (financial or otherwise) of the Borrower, or (D) any other circumstances, happening or event whatsoever.

## Section 2.24. **Defaulting Lenders**.

- (a) <u>Defaulting Lender Adjustments</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as such Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by Applicable Law:
  - (i) <u>Waivers and Amendments</u>. Such Defaulting Lender's right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent with respect to this Agreement shall be restricted as set forth in <u>Section 9.1(b)</u>.
  - (ii) <u>Defaulting Lender Waterfall</u>. Any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to <u>Article VIII</u> or otherwise) or received by the Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>Section 11.1</u> will not be paid or distributed to such Defaulting Lender, but will instead be retained by the Agent in a segregated account until (subject to <u>Section 2.24(b)</u>) the termination of the Commitments and payment in full of all obligations of the Borrower hereunder and shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by the Agent as follows: <u>first</u>, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Agent hereunder; <u>second</u>, to the payment on a pro rata basis of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to any LC Issuer or the Swing Line Lender hereunder; <u>third</u>, to Cash Collateralize the LC Issuers' Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender in accordance with <u>Section 2.20(m)</u>; <u>fourth</u>, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default exists), to the funding of any Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Agent; <u>fifth</u>, if so requested by the Borrower, to be held in a deposit account and released pro rata in order to (x) satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Loans under this Agreement and (y) Cash Collateralize the LC Issuers' future Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender with respect to future Facility LCs issued under this Agreement, in accordance with <u>Section 2.20(m)</u>; <u>sixth</u>, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Lenders, the LC Issuers or the Swing Line Lender as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Lender, any LC Issuer or the Swing Line Lender against such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this

the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations to the Borrower under this Agreement; and eighth, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Loans or LC Obligations in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share, and (y) such Loans were made or the related Facility LCs were issued at a time when the conditions set forth in Section 4.2 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Loans of, and LC Obligations owed to, all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Loans of, or LC Obligations owed to, such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Loans and funded and unfunded participations in LC Obligations and Swing Line Loans are held by the Lenders pro rata in accordance with the Aggregate Commitments without giving effect to Section 2.24(a)(iv). Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender or to post Cash Collateral pursuant to this Section 2.24(a)(ii) shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

### (iii) Certain Fees.

- (A) Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, during such period as a Lender is a Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender will not be entitled to any fees accruing during such period pursuant to Section 2.5 and Section 2.20(e) (without prejudice to the rights of the Non-Defaulting Lenders in respect of such fees) and the Borrower shall not be required to pay any fee that otherwise would not have been required to have been paid to that Defaulting Lender, provided, however that each Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive LC Participation Fees for any period during which that Lender is a Defaulting Lender to the extent (and only to the extent) allocable to its Pro Rata Share of the outstanding undrawn face amount of Facility LCs for which it has provided Cash Collateral pursuant to Section 2.20(m).
- (B) With respect to any LC Participation Fees not required to be paid to any Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>clause (A)</u> above, the Borrower shall (x) pay to each Non-Defaulting Lender that portion of any such LC Participation Fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender with respect to such Defaulting Lender's participation in LC Obligations that has been reallocated to such Non-Defaulting Lender pursuant to <u>clause (iv)</u> below, (y) pay to each LC Issuer the amount of any such LC Participation Fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender to the extent allocable to such LC Issuer's unreallocated or non-Cash Collateralized Fronting Exposure to such Defaulting Lender, if any, and (z) not be required to pay the remaining amount of any such LC Participation Fee.

- (iv) Reallocation of Participations to Reduce Fronting Exposure. All or any part of such Defaulting Lender's Fronting Exposure shall be automatically reallocated (effective on the day such Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender) among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Pro Rata Shares (calculated without regard to such Defaulting Lender's Commitment) but only to the extent that (x) the conditions set forth in Section 4.2 are satisfied at the time of such reallocation (and, unless the Borrower shall have otherwise notified the Agent at such time, the Borrower shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that such conditions are satisfied at such time), and (y) such reallocation does not cause the Outstanding Credit Exposure of any Non-Defaulting Lender to exceed such Non-Defaulting Lender's Commitment. No reallocation hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder against a Defaulting Lender arising from that Lender having become a Defaulting Lender, including any claim of a Non-Defaulting Lender as a result of such Non-Defaulting Lender's increased exposure following such reallocation.
- (v) <u>Cash Collateral, Repayment of Swing Line Loans</u>. If the reallocation described in <u>clause (iv)</u> above cannot, or can only partially, be effected, the Borrower shall not later than two (2) Business Days after written demand by the Agent (at the direction of any LC Issuer and/or the Swing Line Lender, as the case may be), without prejudice to any right or remedy available to it hereunder or under law, *first*, prepay Swing Line Loans in an amount equal to the Swing Line Lender's Fronting Exposure, and *second*, Cash Collateralize the LC Issuers' Fronting Exposure in accordance with the procedures set forth in <u>Section 2.20(m)</u>.
- (b) <u>Defaulting Lender Cure</u>. If the Borrower, the Agent, the Swing Line Lender and each LC Issuer agree in writing that a Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, the Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein (which may include arrangements with respect to any Cash Collateral), such Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Loans of the other Lenders and take such other actions as the Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Loans and funded and unfunded participations in Facility LCs and Swing Line Loans to be held pro rata by the Lenders in accordance with the Aggregate Commitments (without giving effect to Section 2.24(a)(iv)), whereupon such Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender (and the Pro Rata Shares of each Lender will automatically be adjusted on a prospective basis to reflect the foregoing); provided that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of the Borrower while that Lender was a Defaulting Lender; and provided, further, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Non-Defaulting Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from that Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.
- (c) New Swing Line Loans/Facility LCs. So long as any Lender is a Defaulting Lender, (i) the Swing Line Lender shall not be required to fund any Swing Line Loans unless it is satisfied that it will have no Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender's participation interest therein after giving effect to such Swing Line Loan and (ii) no LC Issuer shall be required to issue or Modify any Facility LC unless it is satisfied that it will have no Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender's participation interest therein after

giving effect thereto, in each case, after giving effect to such issuance or Modification, and after giving effect to any Cash Collateral provided in respect of, or reallocation pursuant to Section 2.24(a)(iv) of, such LC Issuer's or Swing Line Lender's Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender.

## Section 2.25. Obligations of Lenders.

- (a) Funding by Lenders; Presumption by the Agent. Unless the Agent shall have received notice from a Lender prior to the proposed time of any borrowing that such Lender will not make available to the Agent such Lender's share of such Advance, the Agent may assume that such Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with the terms hereof and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable borrowing available to the Agent, then the applicable Lender and the Borrower severally agree to pay to the Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Agent, at (i) in the case of a payment to be made by such Lender, the greater of the daily average Federal Funds Effective Rate and a rate determined by the Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation and (ii) in the case of a payment to be made by the Borrower, the interest rate applicable to such Loans. If the Borrower and such Lender shall pay such interest to the Agent for the same or an overlapping period, the Agent shall promptly remit to the Borrower the amount of such interest paid by the Borrower for such period. If such Lender pays its share of the applicable Advance to the Agent, then the amount so paid shall constitute such Lender's Loan included in such borrowing. Any payment by the Borrower shall be without prejudice to any claim the Borrower may have against a Lender that shall have failed to make such payment to the Agent.
- (b) Nature of Obligations of Lenders Regarding Extensions of Credit. The obligations of the Lenders under this Agreement to make the Loans or participate in Facility LCs are several and are not joint or joint and several. The failure of any Lender to make available its Pro Rata Share of any Advance requested by the Borrower shall not relieve it or any other Lender of its obligation, if any, hereunder to make its Pro Rata Share of such Advance available on the Borrowing Date, but no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to make its Pro Rata Share of such Advance available on the Borrowing Date.

### ARTICLE III.

## YIELD PROTECTION; TAXES

## Section 3.1. Yield Protection.

- (a) Increased Costs Generally. If any Change in Law shall:
- (i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, any Lender or any LC Issuer;

- (ii) subject any Recipient to any Taxes (other than (A) Indemnified Taxes, (B) Taxes described in <u>clauses (b)</u> through (<u>d)</u> of the definition of Excluded Taxes and (C) Other Connection Taxes) on its loans, loan principal, letters of credit, commitments, or other obligations, or its deposits, reserves, other liabilities or capital attributable thereto; or
- (iii) impose on any Lender, any LC Issuer or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense (other than Taxes) affecting this Agreement or Loans made by such Lender or any Facility LC or participation therein;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to the Agent or such other Recipient of making, converting into, continuing or maintaining any Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to make any such Loan), or to increase the cost to such Recipient of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Facility LC (or of maintaining its obligation to participate in or to issue any Facility LC), or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Recipient hereunder (whether of principal, interest or any other amount) then, upon written request of such Recipient, the Borrower shall promptly pay to such Recipient such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Recipient for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered; provided that the Borrower shall not be required to pay any such amounts to any Recipient under and pursuant to this Section which are owing as a result of any Specified Change if and to the extent such Recipient is not at such time generally assessing such costs in a similar manner to other similarly situated borrowers with similar credit facilities.

- (b) Capital Requirements. If any Lender or LC Issuer determines that any Change in Law affecting such Lender or LC Issuer or any Lending Installation of such Lender or such Lender's or LC Issuer's holding company, if any, regarding capital or liquidity requirements, has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Lender's or LC Issuer's capital or on the capital of such Lender's or LC Issuer's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement, the Commitments of such Lender or the Loans made by, or participations in Facility LCs or Swing Line Loans held by, such Lender, or the Facility LCs issued by any LC Issuer, to a level below that which such Lender or LC Issuer or such Lender's or LC Issuer's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Lender's or LC Issuer's policies and the policies of such Lender's or LC Issuer's holding company with respect to capital adequacy and liquidity), then from time to time the Borrower will pay to such Lender or LC Issuer, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Lender or LC Issuer or such Lender's or LC Issuer's holding company for any such reduction suffered; provided that the Borrower shall not be required to pay any such amounts to any Lender under and pursuant to this Section which are owing as a result of any Specified Change if and to the extent such Lender is not at such time generally assessing such costs in a similar manner to other similarly situated borrowers with similar credit facilities.
- (c) <u>Delay in Requests</u>. Failure or delay on the part of any Lender or LC Issuer to demand compensation pursuant to this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Lender's or LC Issuer's right to demand such compensation; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Lender or LC Issuer pursuant to this Section for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than ninety (90) days prior to the date that such Lender or LC Issuer, as the case may be, notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such

increased costs or reductions, and of such Lender's or LC Issuer's intention to claim compensation therefor (except that, if the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the ninety-day period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).

Section 3.2. Changed Circumstances Affecting Eurodollar Rate Availability. In connection with any request for a Eurodollar Advance or a Base Rate Advance or a conversion to or continuation thereof, if for any reason (a) the Agent shall determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that Dollar deposits are not being offered to banks in the London interbank Eurodollar market for the applicable amount and Interest Period of such Advance, (b) the Agent shall determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that reasonable and adequate means do not exist for ascertaining the Eurodollar Rate for such Advance or (c) the Required Lenders shall determine (which determination shall be conclusive and binding absent manifest error) that the Eurodollar Rate does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Lenders of making or maintaining such Advance during such Interest Period, then the Agent shall promptly give notice thereof to the Borrower and the other Lenders. Thereafter, until the Agent notifies the Borrower and the other Lenders that such circumstances no longer exist, (i) the obligation of the Lenders to make Eurodollar Advances and the right of the Borrower to convert any Advance to or continue any Advance as a Eurodollar Advance shall be suspended, and the Borrower shall, at the Borrower's option, either (A) repay in full (or cause to be repaid in full) the then outstanding principal amount of each such Eurodollar Advance together with accrued interest thereon (subject to Section 2.15), on the last day of the then current Interest Period applicable to such Eurodollar Advance; or (B) convert, without premium or penalty and without liability for any amounts payable pursuant to Section 3.4, the then outstanding principal amount of each such Eurodollar Advance to a Base Rate Advance as of the last day of such Interest Period; and (ii) the Alternate Base Rate shall be calculated without giving effect to clause (c) of such definition.

Section 3.3. Laws Affecting Eurodollar Rate Availability. If, after the date hereof, the introduction of, or any change in, any Applicable Law or any change in the interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority, central bank or comparable agency charged with the interpretation or administration thereof, or compliance by any of the Lenders (or any of their respective Lending Installations) with any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) of any such Governmental Authority, central bank or comparable agency, shall make it unlawful or impossible for any of the Lenders (or any of their respective Lending Installations) to honor its obligations hereunder to make or maintain any Eurodollar Advance, such Lender shall promptly give notice thereof to the Agent and the Agent shall promptly give notice to the Borrower and the other Lenders. Thereafter, until the Agent notifies the Borrower and the other Lenders that such circumstances no longer exist, (i) the obligations of the Lenders to make Eurodollar Advances, and the right of the Borrower to convert any Advance or continue any Advance as a Eurodollar Advance shall be suspended and thereafter the Borrower may select only Base Rate Loans, (ii) if any of the Lenders may not lawfully continue to maintain a Eurodollar Advance to the end of the then current Interest Period applicable thereto, the applicable Loan shall immediately be converted to a Base Rate Loan for the remainder of such Interest Period and (iii) the Alternate Base Rate shall be calculated without giving effect to clause (c) of such definition.

Section 3.4. <u>Funding Indemnification</u>. If (i) any payment of a Eurodollar Advance occurs on a date which is not the last day of the applicable Interest Period, whether because of acceleration, prepayment or otherwise, including pursuant to <u>Section 9.19</u>, (ii) a Eurodollar Advance is not made, continued or converted on the date specified by the Borrower in a Borrowing Notice or a Conversion/Continuation Notice for any reason other than default by the Lenders, (iii) a Eurodollar Advance is not prepaid on the date specified by the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 2.7</u> for any reason, or (iv) a Eurodollar Loan is assigned on a date which is not the last day of the applicable Interest Period as a result of a request by the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 2.19</u>, then, except (a) as otherwise provided in this Agreement or (b) if arising in connection with a Lender becoming a Defaulting Lender or the replacement of such Lender pursuant to <u>Section 2.19</u>, for any such amounts that would be owing to such Lender, the Borrower will indemnify each Lender for any loss or cost incurred by it resulting therefrom, including any loss or cost in liquidating or employing deposits acquired to fund or maintain such Eurodollar Advance but excluding the Applicable Margin expected to be received by such Lender during the remainder of such Interest Period.

## Section 3.5. Taxes.

- (a) LC Issuers. For purposes of this Section 3.5, the term "Lender" includes any LC Issuer.
- (b) <u>Payments Free of Taxes.</u> Any and all payments to a Recipient by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower under any Loan Document shall be made without deduction or withholding for any Taxes, except as required by Applicable Law. If any Applicable Law (as determined in the good faith discretion of an applicable Withholding Agent) requires the deduction or withholding of any Tax from any such payment by a Withholding Agent, then the applicable Withholding Agent shall be entitled to make such deduction or withholding and shall timely pay the full amount deducted or withheld to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with Applicable Law and, if such Tax is an Indemnified Tax, then the sum payable by the Borrower shall be increased as necessary so that after such deduction or withholding has been made (including such deductions and withholdings applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the applicable Recipient receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such deduction or withholding for Indemnified Tax been made
- (c) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Borrower</u>. The Borrower shall timely pay to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with Applicable Law, or at the option of the Agent timely reimburse it for the payment of, any Other Taxes.
- (d) <u>Indemnification by the Borrower</u>. The Borrower shall indemnify each Recipient, within 30 days after demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) payable or paid by such Recipient or required to be withheld or deducted from a payment to such Recipient and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, the Borrower shall not be required to indemnify a Recipient pursuant to this <u>Section 3.5(d)</u> for any Indemnified Taxes unless such

Recipient makes written demand on the Borrower for indemnification for such Indemnified Taxes no later than one hundred twenty (120) days after the earlier of (i) the date on which the relevant Governmental Authority makes written demand upon such Recipient for payment of such Indemnified Taxes, and (ii) the date on which such Recipient has made payment of such Indemnified Taxes. A certificate satisfying the requirements of Section 3.6 as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower by a Lender (with a copy to the Agent), or by the Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Lender, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

- (e) <u>Indemnification by the Lenders</u>. Each Lender shall severally indemnify the Agent, within 10 days after demand therefor, for (i) any Indemnified Taxes attributable to such Lender (but only to the extent that the Borrower has not already indemnified the Agent for such Indemnified Taxes and without limiting the obligation of Borrower to do so), (ii) any Taxes attributable to such Lender's failure to comply with the provisions of <u>Section 12.2</u> relating to the maintenance of a Participant Register and (iii) any Excluded Taxes attributable to such Lender, in each case, that are payable or paid by the Agent in connection with any Loan Document, and any reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority. A certificate as to the amount of such payment or liability delivered to any Lender by the Agent shall be conclusive absent manifest error. Each Lender hereby authorizes the Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Lender under any Loan Document or otherwise payable by the Agent to the Lender from any other source against any amount due to the Agent under this <u>Section 3.5(e)</u>.
- (f) <u>Evidence of Payments</u>. As soon as practicable after any payment of Taxes by the Borrower to a Governmental Authority pursuant to this <u>Section 3.5</u>, the Borrower shall deliver to the Agent the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of the return reporting such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Agent.

# (g) Status of Lenders.

(i) Any Lender that is entitled to an exemption from or reduction of withholding Tax with respect to payments made under any Loan Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Agent, at the time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Agent as will permit such payments to be made without withholding or at a reduced rate of withholding. In addition, any Lender, if reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Agent, shall deliver such other documentation prescribed by Applicable Law or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Agent to determine whether or not such Lender is subject to backup withholding or information reporting requirements. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the preceding two sentences, the completion, execution and submission of such documentation (other than such documentation set forth in Sections 3.5(g)(ii)(A), (ii)(B) and (ii)(D) below) shall not be required if in such applicable Lender's reasonable judgment such completion, execution or submission would subject such Lender to any material unreimbursed cost or expense or would materially prejudice the legal or commercial position of such Lender.

- (ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing,
  - (A) any Lender that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Agent on or prior to the date on which such Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Agent), properly completed and executed originals of IRS Form W-9 certifying that such Lender is exempt from U.S. federal backup withholding Tax;
  - (B) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Agent), whichever of the following is applicable:
  - (1) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of an income Tax treaty to which the United States is a party (x) with respect to payments of interest under any Loan Document, properly completed and executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "interest" article of such Tax treaty and (y) with respect to any other applicable payments under any Loan Document, properly completed and executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN establishing an exemption from, or reduction of, U.S. federal withholding Tax pursuant to the "business profits" or "other income" article of such Tax treaty;
    - (2) properly completed and executed originals of IRS Form W-8ECI;
  - (3) in the case of a Foreign Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under Section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit E-1 to the effect that such Foreign Lender is not a "bank" within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, a "10 percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of Section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or a "controlled foreign corporation" described in Section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code (a "U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate") and (y) properly completed and executed originals of IRS Form W-8BEN; or
  - (4) to the extent a Foreign Lender is not the beneficial owner, properly completed and executed originals of IRS Form W-8IMY, accompanied by IRS Form W-8ECI, IRS Form W-8BEN, a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit E-2 or E-3, IRS Form W-9, and/or other certification documents from each beneficial owner, as applicable; provided that if the Foreign Lender is a partnership

and one or more direct or indirect partners of such Foreign Lender are claiming the portfolio interest exemption, such Foreign Lender may provide a U.S. Tax Compliance Certificate substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit E-4</u> on behalf of each such direct and indirect partner;

- (C) any Foreign Lender shall, to the extent it is legally entitled to do so, deliver to the Borrower and the Agent (in such number of copies as shall be requested by the recipient) on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Lender becomes a Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the reasonable request of the Borrower or the Agent), executed originals of any other form prescribed by Applicable Law as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in U.S. federal withholding Tax, duly completed, together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by Applicable Law to permit the Borrower or the Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made; and
- (D) if a payment made to a Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Agent at the time or times prescribed by Applicable Law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Agent such documentation prescribed by Applicable Law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Agent as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Lender has complied with such Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this <u>clause (D)</u>, "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

(iii) To the extent the Agent is not acting as a Lender, the Agent shall comply with the requirements of this <u>Section 3.5(g)</u> to the same extent as if it were a Lender (whose obligations under this <u>Section 3.5(g)</u> shall be solely to the Borrower) since the date on which it became the Agent.

Each Lender agrees that if any form or certification it previously delivered expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect, it shall update such form or certification or promptly notify the Borrower and the Agent in writing of its legal inability to do so.

- (h) Treatment of Certain Refunds. If any party determines, in its sole discretion exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Taxes as to which it has been indemnified pursuant to this Section 3.5 (including by the payment of additional amounts pursuant to this Section 3.5), it shall pay to the indemnifying party an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made under this Section with respect to the Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all out-of-pocket expenses (including Taxes) of such indemnified party and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund). Such indemnifying party, upon the request of such indemnified party, shall repay to such indemnified party the amount paid over pursuant to this Section 3.5(h) (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) in the event that such indemnified party is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 3.5(h), in no event will the indemnified party be required to pay any amount to an indemnifying party pursuant to this Section 3.5(h) the payment of which would place the indemnified party in a less favorable net after-Tax position than the indemnified party would have been in if the Tax subject to indemnification and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid. This paragraph shall not be construed to require any indemnified party to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the indemnifying party or any other Person.
- (i) <u>Survival</u>. Each party's obligations under this <u>Section 3.5</u> shall survive the resignation or replacement of the Agent or any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Lender, the termination of the Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all obligations under any Loan Document.
  - (j) Applicable Law. For purposes of this Section 3.5, the term "Applicable Law" includes FATCA.
- Section 3.6. **Lender Statements; Survival of Indemnity.** Each Lender shall deliver a written statement of such Lender to the Borrower (with a copy to the Agent) as to the amount due, if any, under Section 3.1, 3.2, 3.4 or 3.5. Such written statement shall set forth in reasonable detail the calculations upon which such Lender determined such amount and shall be final, conclusive and binding on the Borrower in the absence of manifest error. Determination of amounts payable under such Sections in connection with a Eurodollar Loan shall be calculated as though each Lender funded its Eurodollar Loan through the purchase of a deposit of the type and maturity corresponding to the deposit used as a reference in determining the Eurodollar Rate applicable to such Loan, whether in fact that is the case or not. Unless otherwise provided herein, the amount specified in the written statement of any Lender shall (unless the subject of a good faith dispute by the Borrower) be payable within fifteen (15) days after demand and receipt by the Borrower of such written statement. The obligations of the Borrower under Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.4 and 3.5 shall survive payment of the Obligations and termination of this Agreement.
- Section 3.7. Alternative Lending Installation. If any Lender requests compensation under Section 3.1, or the Borrower is required to pay any Indemnified Taxes or additional amounts to any Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Lender pursuant to Section 3.5, or is unable to fund or maintain Eurodollar Advances or Eurodollar Loans, as applicable, as a result of the circumstances described in Section 3.3, then such Lender shall (at the request of the Borrower) use reasonable efforts to designate a different Lending Installation for funding or booking its Loans hereunder or to assign its rights and obligations hereunder to

another of its offices, branches or affiliates, if, in the judgment of such Lender, such designation or assignment (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to Section 3.1 or 3.5 or remedy the circumstances described in Section 3.3, as the case may be, in the future, and (ii) would not in the reasonable judgment of such Lender subject such Lender to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Lender. A Lender shall not be required to make any such designation or assignment if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Lender or otherwise, the circumstances requiring such designation or assignment cease to apply. The Borrower hereby agrees to pay all reasonable costs and expenses incurred by any Lender in connection with any such designation or assignment, if and to the extent such Lender is at such time generally assessing such costs and expenses in a similar manner to other similarly situated borrowers with similar credit facilities.

#### ARTICLE IV.

# CONDITIONS PRECEDENT

- Section 4.1. <u>Initial Credit Extension</u>. The effectiveness of this Agreement and the obligation of the Lenders to make the initial Credit Extension hereunder shall be subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:
- (a) <u>Document Deliverables</u>. The Agent's (or its counsel's) receipt of the following, each of which shall be originals or electronic copies (followed promptly by originals) unless otherwise specified, each dated the Closing Date (or, in the case of certificates of governmental officials, a recent date before the Closing Date):
  - (i) A counterpart of this Agreement duly executed by the Borrower, the Agent and the Lenders;
  - (ii) Notes duly executed by the Borrower payable to each Lender requesting a Note pursuant to Section 2.13;
  - (iii) A certificate of the secretary or assistant secretary of the General Partner certifying (A) the names and true signatures of the officers of the General Partner authorized to sign each Loan Document to which the Borrower is a party and the notices and other documents to be delivered by the Borrower pursuant to any such Loan Document, (B) the limited partnership agreement and charter of the Borrower, together with all amendments, as in effect on the date of such certification, and (C) resolutions of the board of directors or other equivalent governing body of the General Partner approving and authorizing the execution, delivery and performance by the Borrower of each Loan Document to which it is a party and authorizing the borrowings and other transactions contemplated hereunder, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Arrangers;
  - (iv) A Certificate of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware as to the existence and good standing of the Borrower in the State of Delaware:

- (v) A certificate of the Borrower in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Arrangers certifying (A) the representations and warranties made by the Borrower in <u>Article V</u> are true and correct in all material respects (other than those representations and warranties that are subject to a materiality qualifier in the text thereof, which shall be true and correct in all respects) and (B) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;
- (vi) Fully executed or conformed copies of the Master Formation Agreement, the transition services agreements and each other material agreement related to the Initial JV Transaction (such agreements, collectively, the "Material JV Agreements") and a certificate of the Borrower certifying as to the completeness of each Material JV Agreement and the consummation of the Initial JV Transactions, which certificate will be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Arrangers.
- (vii) Favorable legal opinions with respect to customary matters from the Borrower's counsel, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Arrangers and addressed to the Agent and the Lenders;
- (viii) The Initial Financial Statements and the financial projections and forward looking statements of the Borrower for the period from January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2016, giving pro forma effect to the Initial JV Transaction;
- (ix) Fully-executed copies of the amendments to the CenterPoint Energy Credit Facility and the CERC Credit Facility, effective in connection with the Initial JV Transaction; and
- (x) Five days prior to the Closing Date (or such later date as the Agent shall reasonably agree) all documentation and other information required by regulatory authorities with respect to the Borrower under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including without limitation the Act, that has been reasonably requested by the Agent a reasonable period in advance of the date that is five days prior to the Closing Date.
- (b) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. On the Closing Date, each of the representations and warranties made by the Borrower in <u>Article V</u> shall be true and correct in all material respects (other than those representations and warranties that are subject to a materiality qualifier in the text thereof, which shall be true and correct in all respects) on and as of the Closing Date (except to the extent such representations and warranties expressly speak to an earlier date, in which case such representation or warranty shall have been true and correct in all material respects on and as of such earlier date).
  - (c) No Default. On the Closing Date, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.
- (d) <u>Initial JV Transaction</u>. The Initial JV Transaction shall have been consummated prior to, or shall be consummated substantially simultaneously with, the Closing Date.

- (e) <u>Material Adverse Effect</u>. Since December 31, 2012, there shall not have occurred and be continuing any material adverse effect on the business, condition (financial or otherwise), or operations of the Borrower, its Subsidiaries and the assets and businesses to be contributed to the Borrower pursuant to the Transactions, taken as a whole, other than as disclosed (i) in the Commitment Date SEC Reports or (ii) in writing to the Agent prior to March 14, 2013.
- (f) <u>Approvals</u>. All material governmental and third party approvals necessary in connection with the Transactions and the continuing operations of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall have been obtained or waived (if applicable) and be in full force and effect, and all applicable waiting periods and appeal periods shall have expired.
- (g) <u>Fees</u>. The Borrower shall have paid all fees required to be paid on or before the Closing Date, including the fees set forth in the Fee Letters to be paid on the Closing Date, and all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses required to be paid on or before the Closing Date for which invoices have been presented at least one Business Day prior to the Closing Date.
- (h) <u>Termination of Certain Existing Enogex Debt</u>. The termination in full of the commitments of the Lenders and payment in full of all debt outstanding under the Existing Enogex Revolving Credit Agreement and the Existing Enogex Intercompany Agreement shall have occurred prior to, or substantially simultaneously with, the Closing Date, it being acknowledged that such payment may be made with the proceeds of borrowings hereunder.
- (i) <u>Closing Date</u>. The Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Lenders of the Closing Date, and such notice shall be conclusive and binding on all parties hereto.
- Section 4.2. <u>Each Credit Extension.</u> The Lenders shall not (except as set forth in <u>Section 2.23(d)</u> with respect to Revolving Loans for the purpose of repaying Swing Line Loans) be required to make any Credit Extension (including the initial Credit Extension hereunder but excluding, for purposes of this <u>Section 4.2</u>, any conversion or continuation of any Loan or Advance), unless:
- (a) In the case of an Advance of Loans, the Agent shall have received a Borrowing Notice as required by <u>Section 2.8</u> and in the case of the issuance or Modification of a Facility LC, the applicable LC Issuer and the Agent shall have received all LC Applications as required by <u>Section 2.20(d)</u>.
  - (b) There exists no Default or Event of Default at the time of and immediately after giving effect to such Credit Extension.
- (c) The representations and warranties contained in Article V (other than representations and warranties set forth in Sections 5.7 and 5.9, which shall only be made and need only be true and correct on the Closing Date) are true and correct in all material respects (other than those representations and warranties that are subject to a materiality qualifier in the text thereof, which shall be true and correct in all respects) on and as of such Credit Extension Date, both immediately before and after giving effect to such Credit Extension, except to the extent any such representation or warranty is stated to relate solely to an earlier date, in which case such representation or warranty shall have been true and correct in all material respects on and as of such earlier date.

Each Borrowing Notice, Swing Line Borrowing Notice or request for issuance of a Facility LC with respect to each such Credit Extension (other than any conversion or continuation of any Loan or Advance) shall constitute a representation and warranty by the Borrower that the conditions contained in <u>Sections 4.2(b)</u> and <u>4.2(c)</u> have been satisfied.

- Section 4.3. Each Increase or Extension of the Commitments. Each increase of the Commitments pursuant to Section 2.22 and each extension of the Commitments pursuant to Section 2.21 shall not become effective until the date on which each of the following conditions, and the other conditions listed in Section 2.21 or Section 2.22, respectively, is satisfied:
  - (a) There exists no Event of Default at the time of and immediately after giving effect to such increase or extension of the Commitments.
- (b) The representations and warranties contained in Article V (other than representations and warranties set forth in Sections 5.7 and 5.9, which shall only be made and need only be true and correct on the Closing Date) are true and correct in all material respects (other than those representations and warranties that are subject to a materiality qualifier in the text thereof, which shall be true and correct in all respects) on and as of the date of such increase or extension of the Commitments, both immediately before and after giving effect to such increase or extension of the Commitments, except to the extent any such representation or warranty is stated to relate solely to an earlier date, in which case such representation or warranty shall have been true and correct in all material respects on and as of such earlier date.

### ARTICLE V.

#### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

The Borrower represents and warrants to the Lenders that:

Section 5.1. Existence and Standing. Each of the Borrower and its Material Subsidiaries is a corporation, partnership or limited liability company duly incorporated or organized, as the case may be, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of incorporation or organization and has all requisite authority to conduct its business in each jurisdiction where the conduct of its business would require such qualification, except where the failure to be in good standing or have such authority could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.2. <u>Authorization and Validity; Enforceability</u>. The Borrower has the power and authority and legal right to execute and deliver the Loan Documents to which it is a party (as in effect on the date that this representation is made or deemed made) and to perform its obligations thereunder. This Agreement and each other Loan Document to which the Borrower is a party have been duly executed and delivered on behalf of the Borrower. The execution and delivery by the Borrower of the Loan Documents to which it is a party (as in effect on the date that this representation is made or deemed made) and the performance of its obligations thereunder have been duly authorized by proper limited partnership or other applicable actions, and the Loan Documents to which it is party constitute legal, valid and binding obligations of the Borrower enforceable against the Borrower in accordance with their terms, except as enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting the enforcement of creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (whether enforcement is sought at equity or in law).

Section 5.3. No Conflict. Neither the execution and delivery by the Borrower of the Loan Documents to which it is a party, nor the performance by the Borrower of its obligations thereunder, nor the consummation of the Transactions will (a) violate the Borrower's or any Material Subsidiary's articles or certificate of incorporation, partnership agreement, certificate of partnership, articles or certificate of organization, bylaws, or operating or other management agreement, as the case may be, (b) violate any law, rule, regulation, order, writ, judgment, injunction, decree or award binding on the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries or (c) contravene the provisions of any indenture, instrument or agreement to which the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries is a party or is subject, or by which it, or its Property, is bound, or constitute a default thereunder, or result in, or require, the creation or imposition of any Lien in, of or on the Property of the Borrower or a Material Subsidiary pursuant to the terms of any such indenture, instrument or agreement, except, only in the case of this clause (c), for any such violations, contraventions or defaults which, individually and in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Section 5.4. **Government Consents**. No material order, consent, adjudication, approval, license, authorization, or validation of, or filing, recording or registration with, or exemption by, or other action in respect of any governmental or public body or authority, or any subdivision thereof, which has not been obtained by the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries, is required to be obtained by the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries in connection with the consummation of the Transactions, the execution and delivery by the Borrower of the Loan Documents, the borrowings by the Borrower under this Agreement, the payment and performance by the Borrower of the Obligations thereunder or the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability of any of the Loan Documents, except those relating to performance as would ordinarily be made or done in the ordinary course of business after the Closing Date.

Section 5.5. <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The Borrower and each Material Subsidiary is in compliance with all Applicable Laws relating to it or any of its respective Properties except where the failure to comply could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

#### Section 5.6. Financial Statements.

- (a) The Initial Financial Statements described in <u>clauses (a)</u> and <u>(b)</u> of the definition thereof, delivered to the Agent on or prior to the Closing Date were prepared in accordance with GAAP and fairly present in all material respects the financial conditions and operations of the companies subject to such Initial Financial Statements at the date of the respective Initial Financial Statements and the results of operations for such companies at such respective date.
- (b) The annual consolidated financial statements of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries delivered pursuant to Section 6.1(a) were prepared in accordance with GAAP and fairly present in all material respects the consolidated financial condition and operations of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries at such date and the consolidated results of their operations for the year then ended.

- Section 5.7. <u>Material Adverse Change</u>. On and as of the Closing Date, since December 31, 2012, except as (a) disclosed in the Closing Date SEC Reports or (b) disclosed in writing to the Agent prior to the Closing Date and set forth on <u>Schedule 5.7</u>, there has been no Material Adverse Effect.
- Section 5.8. **OFAC**. None of the Borrower, any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any Affiliate of the Borrower is a Sanctioned Person or Sanctioned Entity. The proceeds of any Loan or any Facility LC will not be used and have not been used to fund any operations in, finance any investments or activities in, or make any payments to, a Sanctioned Person or a Sanctioned Entity.
- Section 5.9. **Litigation**. On and as of the Closing Date, except as (a) disclosed in the Closing Date SEC Reports or (b) disclosed to the Agent prior to the Closing Date and set forth on Schedule 5.9, there is no litigation, arbitration or governmental investigation, proceeding or inquiry pending or, to the knowledge of any Authorized Officer or the general counsel of the General Partner (or, if at such time the Borrower has a general counsel, of the Borrower), threatened against or affecting the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect or which seeks to prevent, enjoin or delay the making of the initial Credit Extension.
- Section 5.10. <u>Subsidiaries</u>. <u>Schedule 5.10</u> contains an accurate list of all Subsidiaries of the Borrower as of the date of this Agreement, setting forth which Subsidiaries are Material Subsidiaries (and indicating that, as of such date, there are no Excluded Subsidiaries) and setting forth each Subsidiary's jurisdiction of organization and the percentage of its Capital Stock or other ownership interests owned by the Borrower or other Subsidiaries.
- Section 5.11. <u>Margin Stock</u>. Neither the Borrower nor any of its Subsidiaries is engaged principally or as one of its activities in the business of extending credit for the purpose of "purchasing" or "carrying" any "margin stock" (as each such term is defined or used, directly or indirectly, in Regulation U). No part of the proceeds of any of the Loans or any Facility LC will be used for purchasing or carrying margin stock or for any purpose which violates the provisions of Regulation U or Regulation X.
- Section 5.12. **ERISA**. No ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur that, when taken together with all other such ERISA Events for which liability is reasonably expected to occur, could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- Section 5.13. **Investment Company Act**. Neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary is an "investment company" or a company "controlled" by an "investment company", within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

### Section 5.14. Accuracy of Information.

- (a) None of the documents or written information (excluding (x) estimates, financial projections and forecasts and (y) the balance sheet and income statement described in clause (c) of the definition of "Initial Financial Statements") furnished to the Lenders by or on behalf of the Borrower in connection with or pursuant to this Agreement or the other Loan Documents (collectively, the "Information"), contained, as of the date such Information was furnished (or, if such Information expressly related to a specific date, as of such specific date), any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state, as of the date such Information was furnished (or, if such Information expressly related to a specific date, as of such specific date), any material fact (other than industry-wide risks normally associated with the types of businesses conducted by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries) necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not materially misleading, as a whole.
- (b) The (x) estimates, financial projections and forecasts and (y) the balance sheet and income statement described in clause (c) of the definition of "Initial Financial Statements" furnished to the Lenders by or on behalf of the Borrower with respect to the transactions contemplated under this Agreement were prepared in good faith and on the basis of information and assumptions that the Borrower believed to be reasonable as of the date such information was prepared (it being recognized by the Lenders that such estimates, financial projections and forecasts as they relate to future events are not to be viewed as fact and that actual results during the period or periods covered by such estimates, financial projections and forecasts may differ from the projected results set forth therein by a material amount).
- Section 5.15. <u>Solvency</u>. On the Closing Date (after giving effect to the Transactions), the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, on a consolidated basis, are Solvent.
- Section 5.16. <u>Taxes</u>. Each of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries has filed or caused to be filed all Federal and all other material tax returns that are required to be filed by it and has paid or caused to be paid all taxes shown to be due and payable by it on said returns or on any assessments made against it or any of its Property and all other taxes, fees or other charges imposed on it or any of its Property by any Governmental Authority and payable by it (other than, with respect to any of the foregoing, any such taxes, fees or other charges the amount or validity of which are currently being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which reserves in conformity with GAAP have been provided on the books of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries), except where the failure to do so could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- Section 5.17. <u>Title to Properties</u>. The issued and outstanding Capital Stock owned by the Borrower of each of its Material Subsidiaries, whether such stock is owned directly or indirectly through one or more of its Subsidiaries, is owned free and clear of any Lien (other than any Lien permitted pursuant to <u>Section 7.4</u>). In addition, each of the Borrower and each Material Subsidiary has good title to, or valid leasehold interests in, all its Property material to its business, except for defects in title and exceptions to leasehold interests that either individually or in the aggregate would not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, and all such Properties are free and clear of any Lien except Liens permitted under this Agreement.
- Section 5.18. <u>No Violation</u>. The Borrower is not in violation of any order, writ, injunction or decree of any court or any order, regulation or demand of any Governmental Authority that, individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

#### ARTICLE VI.

#### AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

During the term of this Agreement, unless the Required Lenders shall otherwise consent in writing:

- Section 6.1. **Reporting**. The Borrower will maintain, for itself and each Subsidiary, a system of accounting established and administered in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles, and furnish to the Agent:
- (a) Within ninety (90) days after the end of each of its fiscal years, financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP on a consolidated basis for itself and its Subsidiaries, including balance sheets as of the end of such period, statements of income and statements of cash flows, setting forth in comparative form figures for the preceding fiscal year, accompanied by an audit report, consistent with the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants or other independent public accountants reasonably acceptable to the Required Lenders.
- (b) Within forty-five (45) days after the end of the first three quarterly periods of each of its fiscal years, financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP (other than with regard to the absence of footnotes and subject to changes resulting from audit and normal year-end audit adjustments to same) on a consolidated basis for itself and its Subsidiaries, including, consolidated unaudited balance sheets as at the end of each such period and consolidated unaudited statements of income and a statement of cash flows for the period from the beginning of such fiscal year to the end of such quarter, in each case setting forth in comparative form figures for the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year, and accompanied by a certificate of a Financial Officer to the effect that such quarterly financial statements fairly present in all material respects the financial condition of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis as of their respective dates and have been prepared in accordance with GAAP (other than with regard to the absence of footnotes and, subject to changes resulting from audit and normal year-end audit adjustments to same).
- (c) Together with the financial statements required under Sections 6.1(a) and 6.1(b), (i) a compliance certificate in substantially the form of Exhibit F signed by a Financial Officer (A) showing the calculations necessary to determine compliance with Section 7.11 and, if applicable, Section 7.12 and (B) stating that no Default or Event of Default exists, or if any Default or Event of Default exists as of the date of such compliance certificate, stating the nature and status thereof, and (ii) such other financial information as may be reasonably requested by the Agent reasonably in advance of the delivery of such financial statements, including consolidating financial statements, as is necessary to account for Non-Recourse Indebtedness and Excluded EBITDA for purposes of determining the Consolidated Leverage Ratio.
- (d) Together with the financial statements required under <u>Sections 6.1(a)</u>, a certificate signed by a Financial Officer certifying an updated <u>Schedule 5.10</u> with respect to its Subsidiaries, Material Subsidiaries and Excluded Subsidiaries, if applicable.

- (e) If requested by the Agent, within 305 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Borrower, a copy of the actuarial report showing the Unfunded Liabilities of each Single Employer Plan as of the valuation date occurring in such fiscal year, certified by an actuary enrolled under ERISA.
- (f) As soon as possible and in any event within ten (10) days after an Authorized Officer knows that any ERISA Event has occurred with respect to any Plan that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, a statement, signed by an Authorized Officer, describing said ERISA Event and the action which the Borrower proposes to take with respect thereto.
- (g) From time to time, such additional information regarding the financial position or business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as the Agent, at the request of any Lender, may reasonably request, including support for any pro forma calculations hereunder.
- (h) Promptly upon the filing thereof, copies of all registration statements (other than any registration statement on Form S-8 and any registration statement in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, shareholder purchase plan or employee benefit plan) and reports on form 10-K, 10-Q or 8-K (or their equivalents) which the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries files with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
  - (i) Promptly upon obtaining knowledge thereof, notice of any change in any of the Borrower's Designated Ratings.
- (j) Promptly upon the request thereof, such other information and documentation required by bank regulatory authorities under applicable "know your customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations (including the Act), as from time to time reasonably requested by the Agent or any Lender.
- (k) Promptly upon the execution thereof, copies of all amendments to the Partnership Agreement and material amendments to the Material JV Agreements.

Information required to be delivered pursuant to these Sections 6.1(a), 6.1(b), 6.1(b), 6.1(b) and 6.1(k) shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date on which the Borrower provides notice to the Agent that such information has been posted on the Securities and Exchange Commission website on the Internet at sec.gov, on the Borrower's DebtDomain site or at another website identified in such notice and accessible by the Lenders without charge; provided that (i) such notice may be included in a certificate delivered pursuant to Section 6.1(c) and such notice or certificate shall also be deemed to have been delivered upon being posted to the Borrower's DebtDomain site or such other website and (ii) the Borrower shall deliver paper copies of the information referred to in Sections 6.1(a), 6.1(b), 6.1(b), 6.1(b) to any Lender which requests such delivery.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, so long as each Lender is a "Lender" under and as defined in the 2013 Term Loan Facility, information delivered pursuant to Sections 6.1(a), 6.1(b), 6.1(b) and 6.1(k) of the 2013 Term Loan Facility shall be deemed delivered under <u>Sections 6.1(a)</u>, 6.1(b), 6.1(b) and 6.1(k) hereof, respectively; <u>provided</u> that, if any Lender shall cease to be a "Lender" under and as defined in the 2013 Term Loan Facility, the Borrower shall

be required to separately deliver such information pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, which information may be posted on the Securities and Exchange Commission website on the Internet at sec.gov, on the Borrower's DebtDomain site or at another website identified in such notice and accessible by the Lenders without charge.

- Section 6.2. <u>Use of Proceeds and Facility LCs</u>. The Borrower will use the proceeds of the Loans to (a) refinance certain indebtedness owing by Enogex under the Existing Enogex Revolving Credit Agreement and the Existing Enogex Intercompany Agreement and (b) for general corporate purposes of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries. Facility LCs will be issued only for general corporate purposes of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries.
- Section 6.3. <u>Notice of Default</u>. Within five (5) days after any Authorized Officer with responsibility relating thereto obtains knowledge of any Default or Event of Default, the Borrower will deliver to the Agent a certificate of an Authorized Officer setting forth the details thereof and, if such Default or Event of Default is then continuing, the action which the Borrower is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.
- Section 6.4. **Maintenance of Existence**. The Borrower will preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to preserve, renew and keep in full force and effect, its corporate or other legal existence and its rights, privileges and franchises material to the normal conduct of its businesses; <u>provided</u> that nothing in this <u>Section 6.4</u> shall prohibit (a) any transaction permitted pursuant to <u>Section 7.1</u>, (b) the IPO or (c) the termination of any right, privilege or franchise of the Borrower or any Material Subsidiary or of the corporate or other legal existence of any Material Subsidiary or the change in form of organization of the Borrower or any Material Subsidiary which could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.
- Section 6.5. <u>Taxes</u>. The Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, file all United States federal tax returns and all other material tax returns which are required to be filed by it, except to the extent the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect. The Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, pay when due all taxes, assessments and governmental charges and levies upon it or its Property that are payable by it, except (a) where the failure to pay could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or (b) those which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and with respect to which adequate reserves are maintained in accordance with GAAP.
- Section 6.6. <u>Insurance</u>. The Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, maintain with financially sound and reputable insurance companies, insurance on its Property in such amounts, subject to such deductibles and self-insurance retentions, and covering such risks as are consistent with reasonably prudent industry practice, and the Borrower will furnish to the Agent upon request full information as to the insurance carried.
- Section 6.7. <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. The Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, comply with all laws, statutes, rules, regulations, orders, writs, judgments, injunctions, restrictions, decrees or awards of any domestic or foreign government or any instrumentality or agency thereof having jurisdiction over the conduct of their respective

businesses or the ownership of their respective Property to which it may be subject, including all Environmental Laws, ERISA and all Applicable Laws involving transactions with, investments in or payments to Sanctioned Persons or Sanctioned Entities, except (i) where failure to so comply could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or (ii) the necessity of compliance therewith is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings.

Section 6.8. <u>Maintenance of Properties</u>. Subject to <u>Section 7.1</u>, the Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, keep and maintain all of its Property that is necessary and material to the operation of the business of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, taken as whole, in good repair, working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

#### Section 6.9. Inspection; Keeping of Books and Records.

- (a) The Borrower will, and will cause each Material Subsidiary to, at the Borrower's expense, permit the Agent and the Lenders, by their respective representatives and agents, to inspect any of the Property (subject to such physical security requirements as the Borrower or the applicable Material Subsidiary may reasonably require), to examine and make copies of the books of accounts and other financial records of the Borrower and each Material Subsidiary (except to the extent that such access is restricted by law or by a bona fide non-disclosure agreement not entered into for the purpose of evading the requirements of this Section), and to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Borrower and each Material Subsidiary with, and to be advised as to the same by, their respective officers upon reasonable notice and at such reasonable times and intervals as the Agent or any Lender may designate; provided that the Borrower shall only be responsible for the expenses of one such visit, examination and/or inspection (in the aggregate among the Agent and the Lenders) in any twelve month period, unless such visit, examination and/or inspection is conducted during the continuance of an Event of Default.
- (b) The Borrower shall keep and maintain, and cause each of its Material Subsidiaries to keep and maintain, in all material respects, proper books of record and account in which entries shall be made of all dealings and transactions in relation to their respective businesses and activities in sufficient detail as may be required or as may be necessary to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

#### ARTICLE VII.

#### **NEGATIVE COVENANTS**

During the term of this Agreement, unless the Required Lenders shall otherwise consent in writing:

Section 7.1. <u>Fundamental Changes</u>. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Material Subsidiaries to, (a) enter into any transaction of merger or (b) consolidate, liquidate, wind up or dissolve itself (or suffer any liquidation or dissolution); <u>provided</u>, that as long as no Default or Event of Default exists and is continuing or would be caused thereby: (i) a

Person (including a Subsidiary of the Borrower) may be merged or consolidated with or into the Borrower so long as (A) the Borrower shall be the continuing or surviving entity and (B) the Borrower remains liable for its obligations under this Agreement and all the rights and remedies hereunder remain in full force and effect, (ii) a Material Subsidiary may (A) merge or consolidate with or into another Subsidiary of the Borrower or (B) merge or consolidate with or into any other Person (other than the Borrower, which shall be governed by <u>clause (i)</u> of this Section) so long as either (x) such Material Subsidiary shall be the surviving entity of such merger or consolidation or (y) upon such merger or consolidation, such other Person would become a Material Subsidiary of the Borrower after giving effect to such merger or consolidation (it being understood that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, for purposes of this clause (y) only, a Material Subsidiary shall mean, as at any time of determination, a Subsidiary whose total assets, as determined in accordance with GAAP, represent at least 10% of the total assets of the Borrower, on a consolidated basis, as determined in accordance with GAAP, at such time) and (iii) the Borrower or any Subsidiary may otherwise take such action to the extent permitted by <u>Section 7.2(b)</u>.

# Section 7.2. Asset Sales.

- (a) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, convey, sell, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis.
- (b) The Borrower will not, and will not permit any of its Subsidiaries to, directly or indirectly, convey, sell, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of assets (including interests in any Person), businesses or operations of any Person; provided, that, subject to Section 7.2(a) above, (i) the Borrower and its Subsidiaries may enter into sales and leases of inventory in the ordinary course of business, (ii) the Borrower and its Subsidiaries may enter into leases of transportation capacity, storage capacity, and/or processing capacity in the ordinary course of business, (iii) the Borrower and its Subsidiaries may enter into conveyances, sales, leases, transfers, or other dispositions of obsolete, surplus or unusable equipment in the ordinary course of its business and (iv) if no Default or Event of Default exists and is continuing or would be caused thereby, the Borrower and its Subsidiaries may convey sale, lease, transfer or dispose of other assets.
- (c) Notwithstanding the foregoing <u>Sections 7.2(a)</u> and (b), nothing in this <u>Section 7.2</u> shall be deemed to prohibit (i) the IPO or (ii) the Borrower or any Subsidiary from conveying, selling, leasing, transferring, or otherwise disposing of any assets to any other Subsidiary or to the Borrower.
- Section 7.3. <u>Indebtedness</u>. The Borrower will not permit its Subsidiaries (other than Excluded Subsidiaries) to create, assume, incur or suffer to exist any Indebtedness, except for the following:
- (a) Indebtedness existing on the Closing Date and listed on <u>Schedule 7.3</u> and renewals, extensions and refinancings of such Indebtedness that do not violate <u>Section 7.10</u>.
  - (b) Indebtedness of any Subsidiary to the Borrower or any other Subsidiary.

- (c) Unsecured Indebtedness of a Person that becomes a Subsidiary (including by way of acquisition, merger or consolidation) after the Closing Date; <u>provided</u> that such Indebtedness was not incurred in contemplation of such Person becoming a Subsidiary, together with extensions, renewals and replacements of any such Indebtedness in a principal amount not in excess of that outstanding as of the date of such extension, renewal or replacement.
  - (d) Guarantees of Indebtedness of any Subsidiary permitted hereunder by any other Subsidiary.
- (e) Indebtedness of any Subsidiary (or any Person that will become a Subsidiary (including by way of acquisition, merger or consolidation) after the Closing Date, provided that such Indebtedness is not incurred in contemplation of such entity becoming a Subsidiary) secured by a Lien permitted pursuant to Section 7.4(a), together with extensions, renewals and replacements of any such Indebtedness in a principal amount not in excess of that outstanding as of the date of such extension, renewal or replacement.
- (f) Indebtedness in respect of Swap Agreements or credit support in respect thereof entered into in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of directly mitigating risks associated with liabilities, commitments, investments, assets or property held or reasonably anticipated.
  - (g) Indebtedness in respect of a Permitted Receivables Financing.
- (h) Guarantees by any Subsidiary of Indebtedness of the Borrower to the extent such Subsidiary has guaranteed the Indebtedness of the Borrower under this Agreement on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Agent.
  - (i) Non-Recourse Indebtedness of Excluded Subsidiaries.
- (j) Indebtedness in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any one time outstanding the greater of (x) \$250,000,000 and (y) 5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets.
- Section 7.4. <u>Liens</u>. The Borrower will not, nor will it permit any Material Subsidiary (other than an Excluded Subsidiary) to, create, incur, or suffer to exist any Lien in, of or on the Property of the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries (other than Excluded Subsidiaries), except:
- (a) Any Lien securing Indebtedness, including a Capitalized Lease, incurred or assumed for the purpose of financing all or any part of the cost of acquiring, repairing, constructing or improving fixed or capital assets; provided that (i) such Lien shall be created substantially simultaneously with or within 12 months after the acquisition thereof or the completion of the repair, construction or improvement thereof, (ii) such Lien shall not apply to any other property or assets of the Borrower or of its Material Subsidiaries (other than repairs, renewals, replacements, additions, accessions, improvements and betterments thereto) and (iii) the Indebtedness secured thereby does not exceed the cost of acquiring, constructing, improving, altering or repairing such fixed or capital assets, as the case may be.

- (b) Any Lien on any asset of any Person existing at the time such Person is merged or consolidated with or into the Borrower or any Subsidiary, or otherwise becomes a Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that (i) such Lien existed at the time such Person became a Subsidiary and was not created in anticipation thereof, and (ii) such Lien does not encumber any other property or assets of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiary (other than additions thereto, proceeds thereof and property in replacement or substitution thereof).
- (c) Any Lien existing on any asset prior to the acquisition thereof by the Borrower or a Subsidiary; <u>provided</u> that (i) such Lien existed at the time of such acquisition and was not created in anticipation thereof, and (ii) such Lien does not encumber any other property or assets (other than additions thereto, proceeds thereof and property in replacement or substitution thereof).
- (d) Any Lien arising out of the refinancing, extension, renewal or refunding of any debt secured by any Lien permitted by Section 7.4(a), 7.4(b), 7.4(c), 7.4(m), 7.4(m), 7.4(n), 7.4(
- (e) Liens for taxes, assessments or governmental charges or levies on its Property (i) not yet due or delinquent (after giving effect to any applicable grace period) or (ii) which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings if adequate reserves are maintained to the extent required by GAAP.
- (f) Liens imposed by law, such as landlords', carriers', warehousemen's, materialmen's, interest owner's of oil and gas production and mechanics' liens and other similar Liens arising in the ordinary course of business which secure payment of obligations not more than 60 days past due or which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves are maintained in accordance with GAAP.
- (g) (i) Liens arising out of pledges or deposits, surety bonds or performance bonds, in each case relating to or under worker's compensation laws, unemployment insurance, old age pensions, or other social security or retirement benefits, or similar legislation or (ii) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts (other than for borrowed money), leases, statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature or arising as a result of progress payments under government contracts, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business.
- (h) Easements (including reciprocal easement agreements and utility agreements), reservations, rights-of-way, covenants, consents, encroachments, variations, charges, restrictions, survey exceptions and other similar encumbrances as to real property of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, which do not materially interfere with the conduct of the business of the Borrower or such Subsidiary conducted at the property subject thereto.
  - (i) Liens arising by reason of any judgment, decree or order of any court or other governmental authority which do not result in an Event of Default.

- (j) Liens on deposits required by any Person with whom the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries enters into Swap Agreements or any credit support therefor, in each case, in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of mitigating risks associated with liabilities (including interest rate liabilities), commitments, investments, assets or property held or reasonably anticipated.
- (k) Liens, including Liens imposed by Environmental Laws, that (i) do not secure Indebtedness, (ii) do not secure obligations in an aggregate amount exceeding \$50,000,000 at any time prior to the date that the Borrower achieves Investment Grade Status, (iii) do not in the aggregate materially detract from the value of its assets (other than to the extent of such Lien) or materially impair the use thereof in the operation of its business and (iv) in the case of all such Liens other than those imposed by Environmental Laws, are incurred in the ordinary course of business.
  - (1) Deposits securing liability to insurance carriers under insurance or self-insurance arrangements.
- (m) Liens created or assumed by the Borrower or a Subsidiary on any contract for the permitted sale of any product or service or any proceeds therefrom (including accounts and other receivables).
- (n) Liens created by the Borrower or a Subsidiary on advance payment obligations by such Person to secure indebtedness incurred to finance advances for oil, gas, hydrocarbon and other mineral exploration and development.
- (o) Liens securing obligations, neither assumed by the Borrower or any Subsidiary nor on account of which the Borrower or any Subsidiary customarily pays interest, upon real estate or under which the Borrower or any Subsidiary has a right-of-way, easement, franchise or other servitude or of which the Borrower or any Subsidiary is the lessee of the whole thereof or any interest therein for the purpose of locating pipe lines, substations, measuring stations, tanks, pumping or delivery equipment or similar equipment.
- (p) Liens arising by virtue of any statutory or common law provision relating to banker's liens, rights of setoff or similar rights as to deposit accounts or other funds maintained with a depository institution and Liens of a collecting bank arising in the ordinary course of business under Section 4-210 of the Uniform Commercial Code in effect in the relevant jurisdiction.
  - (q) Liens granted to the Agent, for the benefit of the Lenders and the LC Issuers, in the Cash Collateral Account.
  - (r) Liens existing on the Closing Date and listed on Schedule 7.4.
- (s) Liens on the Capital Stock or assets of any Receivables Entity, or Liens on Receivables Facility Assets sold, contributed, financed or otherwise conveyed or pledged in connection with a Permitted Receivables Financing.

- (t) Liens securing Indebtedness of a Subsidiary to the Borrower or to a Non-Excluded Subsidiary.
- (u) Leases and subleases of real property owned or leased by the Borrower or any Subsidiary and not materially interfering with the ordinary conduct of the business of the Borrower and the Subsidiaries.
- (v) Cash collateral and other Liens securing obligations incurred in the ordinary course of its energy marketing business (other than any obligations in respect of Swap Agreements or similar transactions, in each case that are not entered for the purpose of mitigating risks associated with liabilities (including interest rate liabilities), commitments, investments, assets or property held or reasonably anticipated).
- (w) Liens not described in or otherwise permitted by <u>Sections 7.4(a)</u> through <u>7.4(v)</u>, inclusive, securing indebtedness in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any one time outstanding the greater of (x) \$250,000,000 and (y) 5% of Consolidated Tangible Assets.

Section 7.5. **Affiliate Transactions**. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Material Subsidiary to, directly or indirectly, enter into any transaction (including the purchase or sale of any Property or service) with, or make any payment or transfer to, any Affiliate (other than transactions between (i) the Borrower and any Non-Excluded Subsidiary, (ii) any Non-Excluded Subsidiary and another Non-Excluded Subsidiary or (iii) any Excluded Subsidiary and another Excluded Subsidiary) except upon fair and reasonable terms no less favorable to the Borrower or such Subsidiary (all terms of a particular transaction taken as a whole) than the Borrower or such Subsidiary could obtain in a comparable arm's length transaction; provided, that this Section shall not prohibit (a) any Restricted Payment permitted under Section 7.7, (b) the provision by the Borrower or any such Material Subsidiary of credit support to its Subsidiaries in the form of a performance guaranty or similar undertaking (but excluding any guaranty of, joint and several obligations for, or assumption of, Indebtedness or payment obligations), (c) the provision of letters of credit, guaranties, sureties and similar forms of credit support in respect of performance obligations of an Affiliate (but excluding any such support for Indebtedness or payment obligations) on terms and conditions that the Borrower or such Material Subsidiary, as applicable, believes in good faith to be fair and reasonable to the Borrower or such Material Subsidiary as applicable, provided, however, that to the extent the amount of the obligations of such Affiliate supported thereby exceeds \$10,000,000, the provision of such letter of credit, guaranty, surety or similar form of credit support shall be approved by the board of directors or similar governing body of the General Partner and determined by such board of directors or similar governing body to be fair and reasonable to the Borrower or such Material Subsidiary, as applicable, (d) customary arrangements among Affiliates relating to the administrative or management services authorized by the Borrower's or such Subsidiary's organizational documents or board of directors or other governing body (or committee thereof), (e) equity investments by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries made after the Closing Date in any such Affiliates in an amount not to exceed \$250,000,000, in the aggregate, at any one time (after giving effect to all returns of capital), (f) any transaction subject to the jurisdiction, approval, consent or oversight of any regulatory body or compliance with any applicable regulation, rule or guideline of any such regulatory body, (g) the IPO, (h) the transfer of Receivables Facility Assets to a Receivables Entity in connection with any Permitted Receivables Financing and (i) the transactions set forth on Schedule 7.5.

Section 7.6. Excluded Subsidiaries. The Borrower shall take such action as is necessary (including, at the Borrower's option, subject to Section 9.17, designating a Subsidiary that was previously an Excluded Subsidiary as a Non-Excluded Subsidiary and/or transferring assets from an Excluded Subsidiary to a Non-Excluded Subsidiary) to ensure that the aggregate assets owned by all Excluded Subsidiaries does not exceed, at any one time, 15% of consolidated assets of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries, as determined by the most recent balance sheet delivered by the Borrower pursuant to Section 6.1.

Section 7.7. **Restricted Payments**. Prior to the date that the Borrower first achieves Investment Grade Status, the Borrower shall not, and shall not permit its Subsidiaries to, make any Restricted Payments other than the following: (a) ratable distributions by Subsidiaries and joint ventures of the Borrower or its Subsidiaries, to the Borrower and/or to Subsidiaries of the Borrower and the other joint venturers therein, (b) ratable distributions paid only in common (non-preferential and non-redeemable) equity securities, (c) distributions in connection with stock option or other benefit plans for management and employees, (d) payment of management, marketing services, credit support and general and administrative fees and expenses in accordance with its governing documents and/or the other arrangements or agreements permitted by Section 7.5, and payment of or reimbursement for (or indemnification for) costs, fees and expenditures made or incurred for or on behalf of it or its Subsidiaries by any Person in connection with providing such services, and (e) if and to the extent that no Event of Default then exists or would result therefrom, the Borrower may make (i) distributions with respect to the partnership interests in the Borrower in an amount not to exceed (A) Distributable Cash (as defined in the Partnership Agreement) on and after the consummation of the IPO and (ii) distributions required by the Partnership Agreement in connection with any Bronco Arrearage Amount, CERC Arrearage Amount or OGE Arrearage Amount (each as defined in the Partnership Agreement).

Section 7.8. <u>Nature of Business</u>. The Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall not engage in any business other than such business that is substantially the same as conducted by the Borrower and its Subsidiaries as of the Closing Date and other businesses in the energy industry reasonably related thereto (including, without limitation, the gathering, fractionation, distillation, marketing, processing, purchase, sale, storage, trading, treatment, and transportation of natural gas, natural gas liquids, crude oil, and their products).

Section 7.9. **Restrictive Agreements**. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Material Subsidiary to, enter into or permit to exist any agreement or other consensual arrangement that explicitly prohibits or restricts the ability of any Material Subsidiary to make any payment of any dividend or other distribution, direct or indirect, on account of any shares (or equivalent) of any class of Capital Stock of such Material Subsidiary, now or hereafter outstanding; provided that the foregoing shall not prohibit financial incurrence, maintenance and similar covenants that indirectly have the practical effect of prohibiting or restricting the ability of a Material Subsidiary to make such payments or provisions that require that a certain amount of capital be maintained, or prohibit the return of capital to shareholders above certain dollar

limits; provided further, that the foregoing shall not apply to (i) prohibitions and restrictions imposed by law or by this Agreement, (ii) prohibitions and restrictions contained in, or existing by reason of, any agreement or instrument (A) existing on the Closing Date, (B) relating to any Indebtedness of, or otherwise to, any Person at the time such Person first becomes a Material Subsidiary, so long as such prohibition or restriction was not created in contemplation of such Person becoming a Material Subsidiary, and (C) effecting a renewal, extension, refinancing, refund or replacement (or successive extensions, renewals, refinancings, refunds or replacements) of Indebtedness or other obligations issued or outstanding under an agreement or instrument referred to in clauses (ii)(A) and (ii)(B) above, so long as the prohibitions or restrictions contained in any such renewal, extension, refinancing, refund or replacement agreement, taken as a whole, are not materially more restrictive than the prohibitions and restrictions contained in the original agreement or instrument, as determined in good faith by an Authorized Officer, (iii) any prohibitions or restrictions with respect to a Material Subsidiary imposed pursuant to an agreement that has been entered into in connection with a disposition of all or substantially all of the Capital Stock or assets of such Subsidiary, (iv) restrictions contained in joint venture agreements, partnership agreements and other similar agreements with respect to a joint ownership arrangement restricting the disposition or distribution of assets or property of, or the activities of, such joint venture, partnership or other joint ownership entity, or any of such entity's subsidiaries, if such restrictions are not applicable to the property or assets of any other entity and (v) any prohibitions or restrictions on any Receivables Entity pursuant to a Permitted Receivables Financing.

Section 7.10. <u>Limitation on Amending Certain Documents</u>. The Borrower will not, and will not permit any Subsidiary to, modify or amend (a) (i) the Existing Enogex Term Loan Agreement or (ii) the Existing Enogex Senior Notes, in each case, to the extent such amendment would increase the principal amount of, or extend the maturity of, the Indebtedness evidenced thereby, <u>provided</u> that this <u>clause (a)</u> shall not prohibit any amendment to the Existing Enogex Term Loan Agreement or the Existing Enogex Senior Notes, or refinancing of such Indebtedness to the extent such amended or refinanced Indebtedness would otherwise be permitted by <u>Section 7.3</u> or (b) the Partnership Agreement or the Material JV Agreements, in each case described in this <u>clause (b)</u>, in a manner that is materially adverse to the Lenders.

### Section 7.11. Consolidated Leverage Ratio.

- (a) The Borrower will not permit, as of the last day of each fiscal quarter, the Consolidated Leverage Ratio as of such date to be (a) on any date of determination other than during an Acquisition Period, greater than 5.00:1.00 and (b) on any date of determination during an Acquisition Period, greater than 5.50:1.00.
- (b) For purposes of calculating compliance with the financial covenant set forth in <u>Section 7.11(a)</u>, Consolidated EBITDA may include, at Borrower's option, any Qualified Project EBITDA Adjustments as provided in the definition thereof.
- Section 7.12. <u>Interest Coverage Ratio</u>. The Borrower will not permit, as of the last day of each fiscal quarter occurring prior to the first date on which the Borrower achieves Investment Grade Status, the ratio of Consolidated EBITDA to Consolidated Interest Expense as of such date to be less than 3.00:1.00.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

# EVENTS OF DEFAULT, ACCELERATION AND REMEDIES

- Section 8.1. Events of Default. The occurrence of any one or more of the following events shall constitute an "Event of Default":
- (a) Any representation or warranty made or deemed made by or on behalf of the Borrower under or in connection with this Agreement, any Credit Extension, or any certificate or information delivered in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document shall be incorrect or untrue in any material respect (other than a representation and warranty that is subject to a materiality qualifier in the text thereof, which shall be incorrect or untrue in any respect) when made or deemed made.
- (b) Nonpayment of (i) principal of any Loan or any Reimbursement Obligation when due, (ii) interest upon any Loan or of any fee under any of the Loan Documents within five (5) Business Days after the same becomes due or (iii) any other obligation or liability under this Agreement or any other Loan Document within ten (10) Business Days after the Borrower's receipt of notice from the Agent of such nonpayment.
- (c) (i) The breach by the Borrower of any of the terms or provisions of <u>Section 6.2</u>, <u>6.3</u> (<u>provided</u> that such Event of Default shall be deemed automatically cured or waived upon the delivery of such notice or the cure or waiver of the related Default or Event of Default, as applicable), <u>6.4</u> (with respect to the Borrower's or any Material Subsidiary's existence), or <u>Article VII</u> or (ii) the breach by the Borrower of any of the terms or provisions of <u>Section 6.1(a)</u>, <u>6.1(b)</u>, <u>6.1(c)</u>, or <u>6.1(i)</u> which is not remedied within five (5) Business Days after written notice thereof is given by the Agent or a Lender to the Borrower.
- (d) The breach by the Borrower (other than a breach which constitutes an Event of Default under another Section of this <u>Article VIII</u>) of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement or any Note which is not remedied within thirty (30) days after written notice thereof is given by the Agent or a Lender to the Borrower.
- (e) (i) Failure of the Borrower or any Material Subsidiary to pay when due (after any applicable grace period) any Material Indebtedness; (ii) the Borrower or any Material Subsidiary shall default (after the expiration of any applicable grace period) in the observance or performance of any covenant or agreement relating to any Material Indebtedness and as a result thereof such Material Indebtedness shall be declared to be due and payable or required to be prepaid or repurchased (other than by a regularly scheduled payment) prior to the stated maturity thereof; provided that the foregoing shall not apply to any mandatory prepayment or optional redemption of any Indebtedness which would be required to be repaid in connection with the consummation of a transaction by the Borrower or any such Subsidiary not prohibited pursuant to this Agreement; or (iii) the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries shall not pay, or shall admit in writing its inability to pay, its debts generally as they become due.

- (f) The Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries shall (i) have an order for relief entered with respect to it under the Federal bankruptcy laws as now or hereafter in effect, (ii) make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, (iii) apply for, seek, consent to, or acquiesce in, the appointment of a receiver, custodian, trustee, examiner, liquidator or similar official for it or any Substantial Portion of its Property, (iv) institute any proceeding seeking an order for relief under the Federal bankruptcy laws as now or hereafter in effect or seeking to adjudicate it as bankrupt or insolvent, or seeking dissolution, winding up, liquidation, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition of it or its debts under any law relating to bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization or relief of debtors, (v) take any formal corporate or partnership action to authorize or effect any of the foregoing actions set forth in this Section 8.1(f), or (vi) fail to contest within the applicable time period any appointment or proceeding described in Section 8.1(g).
- (g) Without the application, approval or consent of the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries, a receiver, trustee, examiner, liquidator or similar official shall be appointed for the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries or any Substantial Portion of its Property, or a proceeding described in Section 8.1(f) shall be instituted against the Borrower or any of its Material Subsidiaries and such appointment continues undischarged or such proceeding continues undismissed or unstayed for a period of ninety (90) consecutive days.
- (h) A judgment or other court order for the payment of money in excess of \$100,000,000 (net of any amounts paid or covered by independent third party insurance as to which the relevant insurance company does not dispute coverage) shall be rendered against the Borrower or any Material Subsidiary and such judgment or order shall continue without being vacated, discharged, satisfied or stayed or bonded pending appeal for a period of forty-five (45) days.
- (i) The Unfunded Liabilities of all Single Employer Plans could in the aggregate reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect or any ERISA Event under <u>clauses (a)</u>, <u>(b)</u> and <u>(c)</u> of the definition thereof shall occur in connection with any Plan that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
  - (j) Any Change of Control shall occur.
- (k) The Borrower or any other member of the Controlled Group shall have been notified by the sponsor of a Multiemployer Plan that it has incurred, pursuant to Section 4201 of ERISA, withdrawal liability to such Multiemployer Plan in an amount which, when aggregated with all other amounts required to be paid to Multiemployer Plans by the Borrower or any other member of the Controlled Group as withdrawal liability (determined as of the date of such notification), exceeds \$100,000,000.
- (l) The Borrower or any other member of the Controlled Group shall have been notified by the sponsor of a Multiemployer Plan that such Multiemployer Plan is in reorganization or is being terminated, within the meaning of Title IV of ERISA, if as a result of such reorganization or termination the aggregate annual contributions of the Borrower and the other members of the Controlled Group (taken as a whole) to all Multiemployer Plans which are then in reorganization or being terminated have been or will be increased, in the aggregate, over the amounts contributed to such Multiemployer Plans for the respective plan years of such Multiemployer Plans immediately preceding the plan year in which the reorganization or termination occurs by an amount exceeding \$100,000,000.

(m) Any material portion of this Agreement or any Note shall fail to remain in full force or effect or any action shall be taken by the Borrower to assert the invalidity or unenforceability of any such Loan Document.

# Section 8.2. Acceleration/Remedies.

- (a) <u>Automatic Acceleration of Maturity</u>. If any Event of Default described in <u>Section 8.1(f)</u> or (g) occurs with respect to the Borrower:
- (i) the obligations of the Lenders (including the Swing Line Lender) to make Loans hereunder and the obligation and power of the LC Issuers to issue Facility LCs shall automatically terminate and the Obligations shall immediately become due and payable without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby waived by the Borrower;
- (ii) the Borrower will be and become thereby unconditionally obligated, without any further notice, act or demand, to deposit with the Agent an amount in immediately available funds, which funds shall be held in the Cash Collateral Account, equal to the difference of (x) the amount of LC Obligations at such time minus (y) the amount on deposit in the Cash Collateral Account at such time which is free and clear of all rights and claims of third parties (other than the Agent, the LC Issuers and the Lenders) and has not been applied against the Obligations (the "Collateral Shortfall Amount"); and
- (iii) the Agent shall at the request of, or may with the consent of, the Required Lenders proceed to enforce its rights and remedies under any Loan Document for the ratable benefit of the Lenders and the LC Issuers.
- (b) Optional Acceleration of Maturity. If any Event of Default occurs (other than an Event of Default described in Section 8.1(f) or (g)), the Agent, upon the request of the Required Lenders, shall, or with the consent of the Required Lenders, may:
  - (i) terminate or suspend the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans hereunder and the obligation and power of the LC Issuers to issue Facility LCs, or declare the Obligations to be due and payable, or both, whereupon the Obligations shall become immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or notice of any kind, all of which the Borrower hereby expressly waives;
  - (ii) upon notice to the Borrower and in addition to the continuing right to demand payment of all amounts payable under this Agreement, make demand on the Borrower to deposit, and the Borrower will forthwith upon such demand and without any further notice or act deposit with the Agent, the Collateral Shortfall Amount, which funds shall be deposited in the Cash Collateral Account; and

- (iii) proceed to enforce its rights and remedies under any Loan Document for the ratable benefit of the Lenders and the LC Issuers.
- (c) <u>Rescission of Acceleration</u>. If, after acceleration of the maturity of the Obligations or termination of the obligations of the Lenders to make Loans and the obligation and power of the LC Issuers to issue Facility LCs hereunder as a result of any Event of Default (other than any Event of Default as described in <u>Section 8.1(f)</u> or (g) with respect to the Borrower) and before any judgment or decree for the payment of the Obligations due shall have been obtained or entered, the Required Lenders (in their sole discretion) shall so direct, the Agent shall, by notice to the Borrower, rescind and annul such acceleration and/or termination.
- (d) <u>Application of Payments</u>. In the event that the Obligations have been accelerated pursuant to <u>Section 8.2(a)(i)</u> or <u>Section 8.2(b)(i)</u>, all payments received by the Lenders upon the Obligations and all net proceeds from the enforcement of the Obligations shall be applied:

FIRST, to the payment of all costs, internal charges, and out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees) of the Agent and the Lenders in connection with enforcing the rights of the Lenders under the Loan Documents, pro rata as set forth below;

SECOND, to payment of any fees owed to the Agent, or any Lender, pro rata as set forth below;

THIRD, to the payment of all accrued interest payable to the Lenders hereunder, pro rata as set forth below;

FOURTH, to the payment of the outstanding principal amount of the Loans and to the payment or Cash Collateralization of the outstanding LC Obligations, pro rata, as set forth below;

FIFTH, to all other Obligations which shall have become due and payable under the Loan Documents and not repaid pursuant to clauses "FIRST" through "FOURTH" above; and

SIXTH, to the payment of the surplus, if any, to whomever may be lawfully entitled to receive such surplus, or as a court of competent jurisdiction may direct.

In carrying out the foregoing, (i) amounts received shall be applied in the numerical order provided until exhausted prior to application to the next succeeding category; (ii) subject to Section 2.24(a)(ii), each of the Lenders shall receive an amount equal to its Pro Rata Share of amounts available to be applied; and (iii) to the extent that any amounts available for distribution pursuant to clause "FOURTH" above are attributable to the issued but undrawn amount of outstanding Facility LCs, such amounts shall be held by the Agent in the Cash Collateral Account and applied (A) first, to reimburse the applicable LC Issuer from time to time for any drawings under such Facility LCs and (B) then, following the expiration of all Facility LCs, to all other obligations of the types described in clauses "FOURTH", "FIFTH" and "SIXTH" above in the manner provided in this Section 8.2(d).

Section 8.3. Preservation of Rights. The enumeration of the rights and remedies of the Agent and the Lenders set forth in this Agreement is not intended to be exhaustive and the exercise by the Agent and the Lenders of any right or remedy shall not preclude the exercise of any other rights or remedies, all of which shall be cumulative, and shall be in addition to any other right or remedy given hereunder or under the other Loan Documents or that may now or hereafter exist at law or in equity or by suit or otherwise. No delay or failure to take action on the part of the Agent or any Lender in exercising any right, power or privilege shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right, power or privilege preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege or shall be construed to be a waiver of any Event of Default. No course of dealing between the Borrower, the Agent and the Lenders or their respective agents or employees shall be effective to change, modify or discharge any provision of this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents or to constitute a waiver of any Event of Default. No waiver, amendment or other variation of the terms, conditions or provisions of the Loan Documents whatsoever shall be valid unless in writing signed by the Lenders required pursuant to Section 9.1, and then only to the extent in such writing specifically set forth. All remedies contained in the Loan Documents or by law afforded shall be cumulative and all shall be available to the Agent and the Lenders until the Obligations (other than contingent indemnification obligations or Obligations which have been Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof) have been paid in full.

# ARTICLE IX.

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

# Section 9.1. Amendments.

- (a) <u>Amendments</u>. Subject to the provisions of this <u>Section 9.1</u>, neither this Agreement nor any other Loan Document (other than the Fee Letters), nor any provision hereof or thereof, may be waived, amended, supplemented or modified except pursuant to an instrument or instruments in writing entered into by the Borrower and the Required Lenders (or the Agent with the consent in writing of the Required Lenders); <u>provided</u> that no such waiver, amendment or modification shall:
  - (i) without the consent of all of the Lenders affected thereby:
    - (A) extend the final maturity of any Loan or postpone any regularly scheduled payment of principal of any Loan or forgive all or any portion of the principal amount thereof, or any Reimbursement Obligations related thereto, or reduce the rate or extend the time of payment of any interest or fee payable hereunder or Reimbursement Obligations related thereto (other than a waiver or rescission of the application of the Default Rate pursuant to <u>Section 2.11</u> or an acceleration pursuant to <u>Section 8.2(a)(i)</u> or <u>8.2(b)(i)</u>);
      - (B) increase the amount of or extend the expiration date of any Lender's Commitment; or

- (C) extend the Scheduled Revolving Credit Maturity Date (other than as set forth in Section 2.21); or
- (ii) without the consent of all of the Lenders:
  - (A) Amend this Section 9.1 or Section 8.2(d) or 9.7 or Article XI;
  - (B) Reduce the percentage specified in the definition of Required Lenders or any other percentage of Lenders specified to be the applicable percentage in this Agreement to act on specified matters or amend the definition of "Pro Rata Share"; or
    - (C) permit the Borrower to assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement.

No amendment of any provision of this Agreement relating to the Agent shall be effective without the written consent of the Agent. No amendment of any provision of this Agreement relating to the Swing Line Lender or any Swing Line Loans shall be effective without the written consent of the Swing Line Lender. No amendment of any provision of this Agreement relating to any LC Issuer shall be effective without the written consent of such LC Issuer. The Agent may waive payment of the fee required under Section 12.3(c) without obtaining the consent of any other party to this Agreement. Any Fee Letter may be amended by an agreement entered into by each of the parties to such Fee Letter.

- (b) <u>Defaulting Lenders</u>. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, during such period as a Lender is a Defaulting Lender, to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, such Lender will not be entitled to vote in respect of amendments and waivers hereunder and the Commitment and the outstanding Loans or other extensions of credit of such Lender hereunder will not be taken into account in determining whether the Required Lenders or all of the Lenders, as required, have approved any such amendment or waiver (and the definition of "Required Lenders" will automatically be deemed modified accordingly for the duration of such period); <u>provided</u>, that any such amendment or waiver that would increase or extend the term of the Commitment of such Defaulting Lender, extend the date fixed for the payment of principal or interest owing to such Defaulting Lender hereunder, reduce the principal amount of any obligation owing to such Defaulting Lender, reduce the amount of or the rate or amount of interest on any amount owing to such Defaulting Lender or of any fee payable to such Defaulting Lender hereunder, or alter the terms of this proviso, will require the consent of such Defaulting Lender.
- Section 9.2. <u>Survival of Representations</u>. All representations and warranties of the Borrower contained in this Agreement shall survive the making of the Credit Extensions herein contemplated.
- Section 9.3. **Governmental Regulation.** Anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, no Lender or LC Issuer shall be obligated to extend credit to the Borrower in violation of any limitation or prohibition provided by any applicable statute or regulation.

- Section 9.4. <u>Headings</u>. Section headings in the Loan Documents are for convenience of reference only, and shall not govern the interpretation of any of the provisions of the Loan Documents.
- Section 9.5. Entire Agreement. The Loan Documents embody the entire agreement and understanding among the Borrower, the Agent and the Lenders and supersede all prior agreements and understandings among the Borrower, the Agent and the Lenders relating to the subject matter thereof.
- Section 9.6. **Several Obligations; Benefits of this Agreement.** The respective obligations of the Lenders hereunder are several and not joint and no Lender shall be the partner or agent of any other (except to the extent to which the Agent is authorized to act as such). The failure of any Lender to perform any of its obligations hereunder shall not be construed so as to confer any right or benefit upon any Person other than the parties to this Agreement and their respective successors and assigns; <u>provided</u>, that the parties hereto expressly agree that each Arranger shall enjoy the benefits of the provisions of <u>Sections 9.7</u>, <u>9.11</u> and <u>10.9</u> to the extent specifically set forth therein and shall have the right to enforce such provisions on its own behalf and in its own name to the same extent as if it were a party to this Agreement.

#### Section 9.7. Expenses; Indemnification.

- (a) <u>Costs and Expenses</u>. The Borrower shall reimburse the Agent and the Arrangers for all reasonable out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including the reasonable fees and expenses of Bracewell & Giuliani LLP, counsel to Citi in its capacity as Agent and an Arranger, and no other counsel of any other Lender or Arranger) paid or incurred by the Agent or the Arrangers in connection with the investigation, preparation, negotiation, documentation, execution, delivery, syndication, distribution (including via the internet), review, amendment, modification and administration of the Loan Documents. The Borrower also agrees to reimburse the Agent, the Syndication Agent, the Co-Documentation Agents, the Arrangers, the Lenders and the LC Issuers (each such Person being called a "Reimbursed Party" and collectively, the "Reimbursed Parties") for all costs and out-of-pocket expenses (including, without limitation, the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel, which shall be limited to a single firm of counsel for the Reimbursed Parties, taken as a whole, and, if reasonably necessary, a single firm of local or regulatory counsel in each appropriate jurisdiction and a single firm of special counsel for each relevant specialty, in each case for the Reimbursed Parties, taken as a whole and, solely in the case of an actual or perceived conflict of interest (as reasonably identified by a Reimbursed Party), where the Reimbursed Party affected by such conflict informs the Borrower of such conflict, one additional firm of counsel in each relevant jurisdiction for the affected Reimbursed Parties similarly situated, taken as a whole) paid or incurred by any Reimbursed Party in connection with the enforcement of any of their respective rights and remedies under the Loan Documents.
- (b) <u>Indemnification</u>. The Borrower hereby further agrees to indemnify the Agent, the Syndication Agent, the Co-Documentation Agents, each Arranger, each Lender, each LC Issuer and each of their respective Related Parties (each such Person being called an "<u>Indemnitee</u>") from and against all losses, claims, damages, penalties, judgments, liabilities and

expenses (including, without limitation, all expenses of litigation or preparation therefor whether or not such Indemnitee is a party thereto, and all reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel, which shall be limited to a single firm of counsel for all Indemnitees, taken as a whole, and, if reasonably necessary, a single firm of local or regulatory counsel in each appropriate jurisdiction and a single firm of special counsel for each relevant specialty, in each case for all Indemnitees, taken as a whole and, solely in the case of an actual or perceived conflict of interest (as reasonably identified by an Indemnitee) where the Indemnitee affected by such conflict informs the Borrower of such conflict, one additional firm of counsel in each relevant jurisdiction for the affected Indemnitees similarly situated, taken as a whole) which any of them may pay or incur arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the other Loan Documents, the transactions contemplated hereby or the direct or indirect application or proposed application of the proceeds of any Credit Extension hereunder except to the extent such losses, claims, damages, penalties, judgments, liabilities or expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from (1) the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee, (2) a material breach by such Indemnitee of its obligations under this Agreement or (3) claims of one or more Indemnitees against another Indemnitee (other than claims against the Agent or the Arrangers in their capacities as such) and not involving any act or omission of the Borrower or any of its Related Parties. In the case of an investigation, litigation or other proceeding to which the indemnity in this Section 9.7(b) applies, such indemnity will be effective whether or not such investigation, litigation or proceeding is brought by the Borrower, any of its directors, security holders or creditors, an Indemnitee or any other person or an Indemnitee is otherwise a party thereto and whether or not the transactions contemplated by this Agreement are consummated. The obligations of the Borrower under this Section 9.7(b) shall survive the termination of this Agreement. In no event shall this <u>clause</u> (b) operate to expand the obligations of the Borrower under the first sentence of <u>clause</u> (a) above to require the Borrower to reimburse or indemnify the Lenders, the LC Issuers, the Syndication Agent or the Co-Documentation Agents for any amounts of the type described therein. This Section 9.7(b) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, etc. arising from any non-Tax claim.

Section 9.8. <u>Numbers of Documents</u>. All statements, notices, closing documents, and requests hereunder shall be furnished to the Agent with sufficient counterparts so that the Agent may furnish one to each Lender and LC Issuer to the extent that the Agent deems necessary.

Section 9.9. Accounting. Except as provided to the contrary herein, all accounting terms used in the calculation of any financial covenant or test shall be interpreted and all accounting determinations hereunder in the calculation of any financial covenant or test shall be made in accordance with Agreement Accounting Principles.

Section 9.10. <u>Severability of Provisions</u>. Any provision in any Loan Document that is held to be inoperative, unenforceable, or invalid in any jurisdiction shall, as to that jurisdiction, be inoperative, unenforceable, or invalid without affecting the remaining provisions in that jurisdiction or the operation, enforceability, or validity of that provision in any other jurisdiction, and to this end the provisions of all Loan Documents are declared to be severable.

Section 9.11. Nonliability; Waiver of Consequential Damages. The relationship between the Borrower on the one hand and the Lenders and the Agent on the other hand shall be solely that of borrower and lender. None of the Agent, the Arrangers, the LC Issuers nor the Lenders shall have any fiduciary responsibilities to the Borrower. None of the Agent, the Arrangers, the LC Issuers nor the Lenders undertakes any responsibility to the Borrower to review or inform the Borrower of any matter in connection with any phase of the Borrower's business or operations. The Borrower agrees that none of the Agent, the Arrangers, the LC Issuers nor the Lenders shall have liability (whether direct or indirect, in contract, tort or otherwise) to the Borrower or any of its Affiliates or any of their respective security holders or creditors for losses suffered in connection with, arising out of, or in any way related to, the transactions contemplated and the relationship established by the Loan Documents, or any act, omission or event occurring in connection therewith, except to the extent such liability is determined in a final non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from (i) the gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct of the party from which recovery is sought or (ii) a material breach by the party from which recovery is sought of its obligations under this Agreement. Each party hereto agrees that no other party hereto nor any of its Related Parties shall have any liability to any other party hereto (or its Related Parties) on any theory of liability for any special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (including without limitation, any loss of profits, business or anticipated savings) in connection with, arising out of, or in any way related to the Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated thereby; provided that this waiver shall in no way limit the Borrower's indemnification obligations in Section 9.7(b) to the extent of any third-party claim for any of the foregoing,

Section 9.12. Confidentiality. Each of the Agent, the LC Issuers and the Lenders agrees that any Information (as defined below) delivered or made available to it shall (i) be kept confidential, (ii) be used solely in connection with evaluating, approving, structuring, administering or enforcing the credit facility contemplated hereby and (iii) not be provided to any other Person; provided that nothing in clauses (i) and (iii) above shall prevent the Agent, any LC Issuer or any Lender from disclosing such information (a) to its Related Parties (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent requested by, or required to be disclosed to, any rating agency, or regulatory or similar authority purporting to have jurisdiction over it (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) in response to any order of any court or other governmental authority having jurisdiction over it or as may otherwise be required pursuant to any requirement of law or as requested by any self-regulatory body (in which case it shall (i) promptly notify the Borrower in advance of disclosure, to the extent permitted by law and to the extent practicable, and (ii) so furnish only that portion of such Information which it is legally required to disclose), (d) if legally compelled to do so in connection with any litigation or similar proceeding (in which case it shall (i) promptly notify the Borrower in advance of disclosure, to the extent permitted by law and to the extent practicable, and (ii) so furnish only that portion of such Information which it is legally required to disclose), (e) to any other party hereto, (f) in connection with the exercise of any remedies under this Agreement or under any other Loan Document or any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the enforcement of rights her

rights or obligations under this Agreement, or (ii) any actual or prospective party (or its managers, administrators, trustees, partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, advisors and other representatives) to any swap, derivative or other transaction under which payments are to be made by reference to the Borrower and its obligations, this Agreement or payments hereunder, (h) with the consent of the Borrower, (i) to Gold Sheets and other similar bank trade publications, such information to consist of deal terms and other information customarily found in such publications, or (j) to the extent such Information (x) becomes publicly available other than as a result of a breach of this Section or (y) becomes available to the Agent, any LC Issuer or any Lender or any of their respective Affiliates on a nonconfidential basis from a source other than the Borrower or its Related Parties and which is not known to be subject to a duty of confidentiality to the Borrower or its Affiliates (unless and until such Person is made aware of the confidential nature of such information, if any) or (k) to governmental regulatory authorities in connection with any regulatory examination of the Agent, any LC Issuer or any Lender or in accordance with the Agent's, any LC Issuer's or any Lender's regulatory compliance policy if the Agent or such LC Issuer or Lender deems necessary for the mitigation of claims by those authorities against the Agent, such LC Issuer or such Lender or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. For purposes of this Section, "Information" means all information received from the Borrower or any of its Related Parties relating to the Borrower or any Affiliate thereof or any of their respective businesses, assets, properties, operations, products, results or condition (financial or otherwise) other than (i) any such information that is received by the Agent, any LC Issuer or any Lender from a source other than the Borrower and which is not known to be subject to a duty of confidentiality to the Borrower or its Affiliates (unless and until such Person is made aware of the confidential nature of such information, if any), (ii) information that is publicly available other than as a result of the breach of a duty of confidentiality by such Person or its Related Parties or by another Person known by any of the foregoing to be subject to such a duty of confidentiality, (iii) information already known to or, other than information described in clause (i) above, in the possession of the Agent, any LC Issuer or any Lender prior to its disclosure by the Borrower, or (iv) information that is independently developed, discovered or arrived at by the Agent, any LC Issuer or any Lender. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

Section 9.13. <u>Lenders Not Utilizing Plan Assets</u>. Each Lender represents and warrants that none of the consideration used by such Lender to make its Loans constitutes for any purpose of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code assets of any "plan" as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code and the rights and interests of such Lender in and under the Loan Documents shall not constitute such "plan assets" under ERISA.

Section 9.14. <u>Nonreliance</u>. Each Lender hereby represents that it is not relying on or looking to any margin stock (as defined in Regulation U) for the repayment of the Credit Extensions provided for herein.

Section 9.15. **Disclosure**. The Borrower and each Lender, including the LC Issuers, hereby acknowledge and agree that Citibank and/or its Affiliates from time to time may hold investments in, make other loans to or have other relationships with the Borrower and its Affiliates.

Section 9.16. <u>USA Patriot Act</u>. The Agent and each Lender hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the Act, it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies the Borrower, which information includes the name and address of the Borrower and other information that will allow such Lender to identify the Borrower in accordance with the Act.

Section 9.17. Excluded Subsidiaries. The Borrower shall have the right, at any time with prior written notice to the Agent, to (i) designate any Subsidiary as an Excluded Subsidiary in accordance with the requirements of such definition or (ii) remove any Subsidiary from being an Excluded Subsidiary; provided that with respect to any Subsidiary, after the second designation of such Subsidiary as a Non-Excluded Subsidiary from an Excluded Subsidiary, such Subsidiary may not be re-designated as an Excluded Subsidiary at a later date.

Section 9.18. **Counterparts**. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one agreement, and any of the parties hereto may execute this Agreement by signing any such counterpart. Delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by facsimile or other electronic method of transmission shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed original counterpart of this Agreement.

Section 9.19. Removal of Lender. Notwithstanding anything herein or in any other Loan Document to the contrary, the Borrower may, at any time in its sole discretion, remove any Lender upon 15 Business Days' written notice to such Lender and the Agent (the contents of which notice shall be promptly communicated by the Agent to the LC Issuers and the Lenders), such removal to be effective at the expiration of such 15-day notice period; provided, however, that no Lender may be removed hereunder at a time when an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and provided, further, that if such Lender is an LC Issuer that has issued any outstanding Facility LCs at such time, its rights and obligations as an LC Issuer with respect to such Facility LCs shall continue in full force and effect, notwithstanding its removal as a Lender. Each notice by the Borrower under this Section 9.19 shall constitute a representation by the Borrower that the removal described in such notice is permitted under this Section 9.19. Concurrently with such removal and as a condition thereof, the Borrower shall pay to such removed Lender (or, if such Lender is a Defaulting Lender, to Agent) all amounts owing to such Lender hereunder (including any amounts arising under Section 3.4 as a consequence of such removal) and under any other Loan Document in immediately available funds. Upon full and final payment hereunder of all amounts owing to such removed Lender, such Lender shall make appropriate entries in its accounts evidencing payment of all Loans hereunder and releasing the Borrower from all obligations owing to the removed Lender in respect of the Loans hereunder and surrender to the Agent for return to the Borrower from all obligations owing to the removed Lender in respect of the Loans hereunder and surrender to the Agent for return to the Borrower any Notes of the Borrower then held by it. Effective immediately upon such full and final payment, such removed Lender will not be considered to be a "Lender" for purposes of this

#### Section 9.20. Notices.

- (a) Notices. Except as otherwise permitted by Section 2.14, all notices, requests and other communications to any party hereunder shall be in writing (including electronic transmission, facsimile transmission or similar writing) and shall be given to such party: (x) in the case of the Borrower, the Lenders, the LC Issuers or the Agent, at its address or facsimile number set forth on the signature pages hereof or, (y) in the case of any party, at such other address or facsimile number as such party may hereafter specify for the purpose by notice to the Agent and the Borrower in accordance with the provisions of this Section 9.20. Each such notice, request or other communication shall be effective (i) if given by facsimile transmission, when transmitted to the facsimile number specified in this Section and confirmation of receipt is received, (ii) if given by mail, three (3) Business Days after such communication is deposited in the mail with first class postage prepaid, addressed as aforesaid, or (iii) if given by any other means, when delivered (or, in the case of electronic transmission, received) at the address specified in this Section; provided that, subject to Section 2.14, notices to the Agent under Article II shall not be effective until received.
- (b) <u>Electronic Communications</u>. Notices and other communications to the Lenders and the LC Issuers hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Agent, <u>provided</u> that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Lender or LC Issuer pursuant to <u>Section 2.16</u> if such Lender or LC Issuer, as applicable, has notified the Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Section by electronic communication. The Agent or the Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it; <u>provided</u> that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.
- (c) <u>Change of Address</u>. The Borrower, the Agent, any LC Issuer and any Lender may each change the address for service of notice upon it by a notice in writing to the other parties hereto.

### ARTICLE X.

#### THE AGENT

Section 10.1. Appointment and Authority. Each of the Lenders and the LC Issuers hereby irrevocably designates and appoints Citibank to act on its behalf as the Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and authorizes the Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Agent by the terms hereof or thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Article are solely for the benefit of the Agent, the LC Issuers and the Lenders, and neither the Borrower nor any Subsidiary thereof shall have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions. It is understood and agreed that the use of the term "agent" herein or in any other

Loan Documents (or any other similar term) with reference to the Agent is not intended to connote any fiduciary or other implied (or express) obligations arising under agency doctrine of any applicable law. Instead such term is used as a matter of market custom, and is intended to create or reflect only an administrative relationship between contracting parties.

- Section 10.2. <u>Rights as a Lender</u>. The Person serving as the Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Lender as any other Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Agent and the term "Lender" or "Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as the Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, own securities of, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for, and generally engage in any kind of business with, the Borrower or any Subsidiary or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not the Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Lenders.
- Section 10.3. <u>Exculpatory Provisions</u>. The Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, and its duties hereunder shall be administrative in nature. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Agent:
  - (a) shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing;
- (b) shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other Loan Documents that the Agent is required to exercise as directed in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be expressly provided for herein or in the other Loan Documents); provided that the Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose the Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or Applicable Law, including for the avoidance of doubt, any action that may be in violation of the automatic stay under any Debtor Relief Law or that may effect a forfeiture, modification or termination of property of a Defaulting Lender in violation of any Debtor Relief Law; and
- (c) shall not, except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Borrower or any of its Affiliates that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as the Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity.

The Agent shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Lenders as shall be necessary, or as the Agent shall believe in good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in Section 9.1) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by a final and nonappealable judgment. The Agent shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default or Event of Default unless and until notice describing such Default or Event of Default is given to the Agent in writing by the Borrower, a Lender or an LC Issuer.

The Agent shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or thereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein or the occurrence of any Default or Event of Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in Article IV or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Agent.

Section 10.4. Reliance by the Agent. The Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) reasonably believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. The Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and reasonably believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Loan, or the issuance or Modification of a Facility LC, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Lender or an LC Issuer, the Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Lender or LC Issuer unless the Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Lender or LC Issuer prior to the making of such Loan or the issuance or Modification of such Facility LC. The Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

Section 10.5. <u>Delegation of Duties</u>. The Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or through any one or more sub-agents selected and appointed by the Agent. The Agent and any such sub-agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of the Agent and any such sub-agent, and shall apply to their respective activities in connection with the syndication of the credit facility evidenced hereby as well as activities as Agent. The Agent shall not be responsible for the negligence or misconduct of any sub-agents except to the extent that a court of competent jurisdiction determines in a final and nonappealable judgment that the Agent acted with gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct in the selection of such sub-agents.

# Section 10.6. **Resignation of Agent**.

(a) The Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Lenders, the LC Issuers and the Borrower. Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with the Borrower (and so long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, subject to the approval of the Borrower, such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed (it being understood and agreed that if such proposed successor Agent is unwilling or unable to be appointed as the successor Swing Line Lender or LC Issuer, as applicable, it shall not be unreasonable for the Borrower to withhold its

consent)), to appoint a successor from among the Lenders, which shall be a bank with an office in the United States having capital and retained earnings of at least \$100,000,000, or an Affiliate of any such bank with an office in the United States. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Agent gives notice of its resignation (or such earlier day as shall be agreed by the Required Lenders) (the "Resignation Effective Date"), then the retiring Agent may (but shall not be obligated to), on behalf of the Lenders and the LC Issuers, appoint a successor Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above; provided that if the Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Lenders that no qualifying Person has accepted such appointment, then all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender directly, until such time as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Agent as provided for above in this paragraph (with the approval of the Borrower to the extent required above). Whether or not a successor has been appointed, such resignation of the retiring Agent shall become effective in accordance with such notice on the Resignation Effective Date (except that in the case of any collateral security held by the retiring Agent on behalf of the Lenders, the Swing Line Lender or any LC Issuer under any of the Loan Documents, the retiring Agent shall continue to hold such collateral security until such time as a successor Agent is appointed and accepts such appointment).

(b) With effect from the Resignation Effective Date (1) the retiring Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and (2) except for any indemnity payments owed to the retiring Agent, all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the Agent shall instead be made by or to each Lender and LC Issuer directly, until such time, if any, as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Agent as provided for above. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Agent hereunder, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring or retired Agent (other than any rights to indemnity payments owed to the retiring Agent), and the retiring Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents. The fees payable by the Borrower to a successor Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and such successor. After the retiring Agent's resignation hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, the provisions of this Article X and Section 9.7 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while the retiring Agent was acting as Agent. In the event that there is a successor to the Agent by merger, or the Agent assigns its duties and obligations to an Affiliate pursuant to this Section 10.6, then the term "Prime Rate" as used in this Agreement shall mean the prime rate, base rate or other analogous rate of the new Agent.

(c) Any resignation by Citibank as Agent pursuant to this Section shall, unless otherwise agreed, also constitute its resignation (as of the Resignation Effective Date) as an LC Issuer and Swing Line Lender (but, in the case of the LC Issuer, only with respect to any Facility LCs issued after such date of resignation). Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Agent hereunder (i) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring LC Issuer and Swing Line Lender, (ii) the retiring LC Issuer and Swing Line Lender shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations in such capacities hereunder or under the other Loan Documents, and (iii) after such acceptance, the successor LC Issuer shall use commercially reasonable efforts to issue letters of credit in substitution for the Facility LCs issued by the retiring LC Issuer, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession.

Section 10.7. Non-Reliance on Agent and Other Lenders. Each Lender and LC Issuer acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Lender and LC Issuer also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Agent or any other Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder or thereunder.

Section 10.8. No Other Duties, etc. Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, none of the Syndication Agent, the Co-Documentation Agents, or the Arrangers listed on the cover page or signature pages hereof shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as the Agent, a Lender or an LC Issuer hereunder.

Section 10.9. <u>Agent, Arrangers and Co-Documentation Agent Fees</u>. The Borrower agrees to pay to the Agent, each Arranger and each Co-Documentation Agent, for their respective accounts, the fees agreed to by the Borrower pursuant to the applicable Fee Letters.

#### Section 10.10. Reimbursement and Indemnification.

(a) The Lenders agree to reimburse and indemnify the Agent, the Syndication Agent, the Arrangers and the Co-Documentation Agents ratably in proportion to the Lenders' Pro Rata Shares of the Aggregate Commitment (or, if the Aggregate Commitment has been terminated, of the Outstanding Credit Exposure) for any amounts not reimbursed by the Borrower (a) for which the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger or any Co-Documentation Agent is entitled to reimbursement by the Borrower under the Loan Documents, (b) for any other expenses incurred by the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger or any Co-Documentation Agent on behalf of the Lenders, in connection with the preparation, execution, delivery, administration and enforcement of the Loan Documents and (b) for any liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, costs, expenses or disbursements of any kind and nature whatsoever which may be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger or any Co-Documentation Agent in any way relating to or arising out of the Loan Documents or any other document delivered in connection therewith or the transactions contemplated thereby (including for any such amounts incurred by or asserted against the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger or any Co-Documentation Agent in connection with any dispute between the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger any Co-Documentation Agent and any Lender or between two or more of the Lenders), or the enforcement of any of the terms of the Loan Documents or of any such other documents (collectively, the "Indemnified Costs"); provided that (i) no Lender shall be liable for any portion of the Indemnified Costs that are found in a final non-appealable judgment by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from the gross negligence, bad

faith or willful misconduct of the party seeking indemnification and (ii) any indemnification required pursuant to Section 3.4 shall, notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 10.9. be paid by the relevant Lender in accordance with the provisions thereof. The failure of any Lender to reimburse the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger or any Co-Documentation Agent, as the case may be, promptly upon demand for its Pro Rata Share of any amount required to be paid by the Lenders as provided herein shall not relieve any other Lender of its obligation hereunder to reimburse the Agent, the Syndication Agent, any Arranger or any Co-Documentation Agent, as the case may be, for its Pro Rata Share of such amount, but no Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Lender to reimburse such Agent, Syndication Agent, Arranger or Co-Documentation Agent, as the case may be, for such other Lender's Pro Rata Share of such amount. The obligations of the Lenders under this Section 10.9 shall survive payment of the Obligations and termination of this Agreement.

- (b) Each Lender shall, ratably in accordance with its Pro Rata Share, indemnify the LC Issuers, and their respective Related Parties (to the extent not reimbursed by the Borrower) against any cost, expense (including reasonable counsel fees and disbursements), claim, demand, action, loss or liability (except as result from such indemnitees' gross negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct, as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final non-appealable judgment) that any such indemnitees may suffer or incur in connection with the Loan Documents or any action taken or omitted by such indemnitee under the Loan Documents.
- Section 10.11. <u>Agent May File Proofs of Claim</u>. In case of the pendency of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, the Lenders hereby agree that the Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Loan or LC Obligation shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Agent shall have made any demand on the Borrower) shall be entitled and empowered (but not obligated) by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise for and on behalf of the Lenders:
- (a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Loans, LC Obligations and all other Obligations that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Lenders, the LC Issuers and the Agent (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Lenders, the LC Issuers and their respective agents and counsel and all other amounts due the Lenders and the Agent under Sections 2.5, 2.20(d), 9.7 and 10.9) allowed in such judicial proceeding; and
  - (b) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Lender and LC Issuer to make such payments to the Agent and, in the event that the Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Lenders and the LC Issuers, to pay to the Agent any amount due for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Agent and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Agent under Sections 2.5, 2.20(d), 9.7 and 10.9.

Section 10.12. Trust Indenture Act. In the event that Citibank or any of its Affiliates shall be or become an indenture trustee under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (as amended, the "Trust Indenture Act") in respect of any securities issued or guaranteed by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, the parties hereto acknowledge and agree that any payment or property received in satisfaction of or in respect of any Obligation of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or on behalf of Citibank in its capacity as the Agent for the benefit of any Lender under any Loan Document (other than Citibank or an Affiliate of Citibank) and which is applied in accordance with the Loan Documents shall be deemed to be exempt from the requirements of Section 311 of the Trust Indenture Act pursuant to Section 311(b)(3) of the Trust Indenture Act.

#### ARTICLE XI.

#### **SETOFF; RATABLE PAYMENTS**

Section 11.1. Setoff. In addition to, and without limitation of, any rights of the Lenders under Applicable Law, from and after the date that the Obligations have been accelerated pursuant to Section 8.2(a) or Section 8.2(b) (and for so long as such acceleration has not been rescinded by the Required Lenders), each Lender and each of its Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by Applicable Law, to set-off and apply any and all deposits (including all account balances, whether general or special, time or demand, provisional or final and whether or not collected or available) at any time held, and any other Indebtedness or obligations (in whatever currency) at any time held or owing, by such Lender or any such Affiliate, to or for the credit or account of the Borrower against any and all of the Obligations of the Borrower now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to such Lender or its Affiliates, irrespective of whether or not such Lender or Affiliate shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such Obligations of the Borrower may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch, office or Affiliate of such Lender different from the branch, office or Affiliate holding such deposit or obligated on such indebtedness; provided that in the event that any Defaulting Lender exercises any such right of setoff, (x) all amounts so set off shall be paid over immediately to the Agent for further application in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.24 and, pending such payment, shall be segregated by such Defaulting Lender from its other funds and deemed held in trust for the benefit of the Agent, the LC Issuers, and the Lenders, and (y) the Defaulting Lender shall provide promptly to the Agent a statement describing in reasonable detail the Obligations owing to such Defaulting Lender as to which it exercised such right of setoff. The rights of each Lender and its Affiliates under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Lender or its Affiliates may have. Each Lender and LC Issuer agrees to notify the Borrower and the Agent promptly after any such setoff and application; provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

Section 11.2. **Ratable Payments.** If any Lender, whether by setoff or otherwise, has payment made to it upon its Outstanding Credit Exposure (other than (i) payments received pursuant to <u>Section 3.1</u>, <u>3.2</u>, <u>3.4</u> or <u>3.5</u>, (ii) payments in accordance with <u>Section 2.21</u> to any Lender which has not extended its Commitment pursuant to such Section and (iii) payments to which the LC Issuers or the Swing Line Lender are entitled under <u>Section 2.20(g)</u> or <u>2.23(d)</u>, as

applicable) in a greater proportion than that received by any other Lender, such Lender agrees, promptly upon demand, to purchase a portion of the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure held by the other Lenders so that after such purchase each Lender will hold its Pro Rata Share of the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure. If any Lender, whether in connection with setoff or amounts which might be subject to setoff or otherwise, receives collateral or other protection for its Obligations or such amounts which may be subject to setoff, such Lender agrees, promptly upon demand, to take such action necessary such that all Lenders share in the benefits of such collateral ratably in proportion to their respective Pro Rata Shares of the Aggregate Outstanding Credit Exposure. In case any such payment is disturbed by legal process, or otherwise, appropriate further adjustments shall be made.

#### ARTICLE XII.

#### BENEFIT OF AGREEMENT; ASSIGNMENTS; PARTICIPATIONS

Section 12.1. Successors and Assigns. The terms and provisions of the Loan Documents shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Borrower, the Agent and the Lenders and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that (a) the Borrower shall not have the right to assign its rights or obligations under the Loan Documents without the prior written consent of each Lender, (b) any assignment by any Lender must be made in compliance with Section 12.3, and (c) any transfer by participation must be made in compliance with Section 12.2. Any attempted assignment or transfer by any party not made in compliance with this Section 12.1 shall be null and void, unless such attempted assignment or transfer is treated as a participation in accordance with Section 12.3(c). The parties to this Agreement acknowledge that clause (b) of this Section 12.1 relates only to absolute assignments and this Section 12.1 does not prohibit assignments creating security interests, including any pledge or assignment by any Lender of all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement and any Note to a Federal Reserve Bank or any central bank having jurisdiction over such Lender; provided that no such pledge or assignment creating a security interest shall release the transferor Lender from its obligations hereunder unless and until the parties thereto have complied with the provisions of Section 12.3. The Agent may treat each Lender which made any Credit Extension or which holds any Note as the owner thereof for all purposes hereof unless and until such Lender complies with Section 12.3; provided that the Agent may in its discretion (but shall not be required to) follow instructions from the Lender which made any Credit Extension or which holds any Note to direct payments relating to such Credit Extension or Note to another Person. Any assignee of the rights to any Credit Extension (whether or consent of any Lender, who at the time of making such request or giving such authority or consent is the owner of the rig

Section 12.2. Participations.

(a) <u>Permitted Participants; Effect</u>. Any Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, the Borrower, any LC Issuer, the Swing Line Lender or the Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural Person, the Borrower or any of the Borrower's

Affiliates or Subsidiaries or, unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (x) any competitor of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or (y) any other company engaged in the business of selling or distributing energy products; provided that this clause (y) shall not apply to any financial institution solely as a result of such Person trading in commodity products) (each, a "Participant") in all or a portion of such Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Commitment and/or the Loans owing to it); provided that (i) such Lender's obligations under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, if any, shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations, (iii) such Lender shall remain the owner of its Outstanding Credit Exposure and the holder of any Note issued to it in evidence thereof for all purposes under the Loan Documents and all amounts payable by the Borrower under this Agreement shall be determined as if such Lender had not sold such participating interest and (iv) the Borrower, the Agent, the LC Issuers and Lenders shall continue to deal solely and directly with such Lender in connection with such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, each Lender shall be responsible for the indemnity under Section 10.10 with respect to any payments made by such Lender to its Participant(s).

- (b) <u>Voting Rights</u>. Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve, without the consent of any Participant, any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement other than any amendment, modification or waiver with respect to any Credit Extension or Commitment in which such Participant has an interest which would require consent of all of the Lenders or all of the affected Lenders pursuant to the terms of <u>Section 9.1</u>.
- (c) <u>Benefit of Certain Provisions</u>. The Borrower further agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Sections 3.1, 3.2, 3.4</u> and <u>3.5</u> (subject to the requirements and limitations therein, including the requirements under <u>Section 3.5(g)</u> (it being understood that the documentation required under <u>Section 3.5(g)</u> shall be delivered to the participating Lender)) to the same extent as if it were a Lender and had acquired its interest by assignment pursuant to <u>Section 12.3</u>; <u>provided</u> that such Participant (i) agrees to be subject to the provisions of <u>Sections 2.19</u> and <u>3.7</u> as if it were an assignee under <u>Section 12.3</u>; and (ii) shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under <u>Section 3.1</u> or <u>3.5</u>, with respect to any participation, than its participating Lender would have been entitled to receive, except to the extent such entitlement to receive a greater payment results from a Change in Law that occurs after the Participant acquired the applicable participation. Each Lender that sells a participation agrees, at the Borrower's request and expense, to use commercially reasonable efforts to require such Participant comply with the provisions of <u>Sections 2.19</u> and <u>3.7</u> as if it were a Lender and to cooperate with the Borrower in enforcing such provisions against such Participant. To the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Section 11.1</u> as though it were a Lender; <u>provided</u> that such Participant agrees to be subject to <u>Section 11.2</u> as though it were a Lender.
- (d) <u>Participant Register</u>. Each Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the

"Participant Register"); provided that no Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan, letter of credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Agent (in its capacity as Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

# Section 12.3. Assignments.

- (a) <u>Permitted Assignments</u>. Any Lender (excluding for purposes of this <u>Section 12.3(a)</u>, the Swing Line Lender or the LC Issuers) may at any time assign to one or more Eligible Assignees (such an assignee, a "<u>Purchaser</u>") all or any part of its rights and obligations under the Loan Documents. The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Agent an Assignment and Assumption Agreement. Each such assignment with respect to an Eligible Assignee which is not a Lender or an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund shall either be in an amount equal to the entire applicable Commitment and Outstanding Credit Exposure of the assignment shall be based on the Borrower and the Agent otherwise consents) be in an aggregate amount not less than \$5,000,000. The amount of the assignment shall be based on the Commitment or Outstanding Credit Exposure (if the Commitment has been terminated) subject to the assignment, determined as of the date of such assignment or as of the "Trade Date," if the "Trade Date" is specified in the assignment. Each partial assignment made by a Lender shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all of such Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Loans and Commitments assigned.
- (b) <u>Consents</u>. The consent of the Agent, the Swing Line Lender and the LC Issuers (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required prior to an assignment becoming effective; <u>provided</u> that the consent of the Agent shall not be required for any assignment to a Person that is a Lender, an Affiliate of such Lender or an Approved Fund with respect to such Lender. The consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required prior to an assignment becoming effective unless (i) such assignment is to a Lender, an Affiliate of a Lender or an Approved Fund or (ii) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Agent within fifteen (15) days after having received notice thereof. Any consent required under this <u>Section 12.3(b)</u> shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.
- (c) <u>Effective Date</u>. Subject to acceptance and recording of the assignment by the Agent pursuant to <u>Section 12.3(d)</u>, upon (i) delivery to the Agent of an Assignment and Assumption Agreement pursuant to <u>Section 12.3(a)</u>, together with any consents required by <u>Section 12.3(b)</u>, (ii) payment by the parties to the Assignment and Assumption Agreement (other than the Borrower) of a \$3,500 fee to the Agent for processing such assignment (unless such fee is waived by the Agent) and (iii) delivery to the Borrower and the

Agent of the documents required by Section 3.5, such Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall become effective on the effective date specified in such Assignment and Assumption Agreement. The Assignment and Assumption Agreement shall contain a representation and warranty by the Purchaser to the effect that none of the funds, money, assets or other consideration used to make the purchase and assumption of the Commitment and Outstanding Credit Exposure under the applicable assignment agreement constitutes "plan assets" as defined under ERISA and that the rights, benefits and interests of the Purchaser in and under the Loan Documents will not be "plan assets" under ERISA. On and after the effective date of such assignment, such Purchaser shall for all purposes be a Lender party to this Agreement and any other Loan Document executed by or on behalf of the Lenders and shall have all the rights, benefits and obligations of a Lender under the Loan Documents, to the same extent as if it were an original party thereto, and the transferor Lender shall be released with respect to the Commitment and Outstanding Credit Exposure assigned to such Purchaser without any further consent or action by the Borrower, the Lenders or the Agent. In the case of an assignment covering all of the assigning Lender's rights, benefits and obligations under this Agreement, such Lender shall cease to be a Lender hereunder but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of, and subject to, those provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents which survive payment of the Obligations and termination of the Loan Documents with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment; provided that no assignment by a Defaulting Lender will constitute or effect a waiver or release of any claim of any party arising from such Lender being a Defaulting Lender. Any assignment or transfer by a Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this Section 12.3 shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with Section 12.2. Upon the consummation of any assignment to a Purchaser pursuant to this Section 12.3(c), the transferor Lender, the Agent and the Borrower shall, if the transferor Lender or the Purchaser desires that its Loans be evidenced by Notes, make appropriate arrangements so that, upon cancellation and surrender to the Borrower of the Notes (if any) held by the transferor Lender, new Notes or, as appropriate, replacement Notes are issued to such transferor Lender, if applicable, and new Notes or, as appropriate, replacement Notes, are issued to such Purchaser, in each case in principal amounts reflecting their respective Commitments (or if the Aggregate Commitment has been terminated, their respective Outstanding Credit Exposure), as adjusted pursuant to such assignment.

(d) <u>Register</u>. The Agent, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower (and the Borrower hereby designates the Agent to act in such capacity), shall maintain at one of its offices in the United States a copy of each Assignment and Assumption Agreement delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Lenders, and the Commitments of, and principal amounts (and stated interest) of the Loans owing to, each Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "<u>Register</u>"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive, absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Agent and the Lenders may treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower and any Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(e) No Assignment to Certain Persons. No such assignment shall be made to (i) the Borrower or any of the Borrower's Affiliates or Subsidiaries, (ii) any Defaulting Lender or

any of its Subsidiaries, or any Person who, upon becoming a Lender hereunder, would constitute any of the foregoing Persons described in this <u>clause (ii)</u> or (iii) unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, (x) any competitor of the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or (y) any other company engaged in the business of selling or distributing energy products; <u>provided</u> that this <u>clause (y)</u> shall not apply to any financial institution solely as a result of such Person trading in commodity products.

- (f) No Assignment to Natural Persons. No such assignment shall be made to a natural Person.
- (g) <u>Certain Additional Payments</u>. In connection with any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder, no such assignment shall be effective unless and until, in addition to the other conditions thereto set forth herein, the parties to the assignment make such additional payments to the Agent in an aggregate amount sufficient, upon distribution thereof as appropriate (which may be outright payment, purchases by the assignee of participations or subparticipations, or other compensating actions, including funding, with the consent of the Borrower and the Agent, the applicable Pro Rata Share of Loans previously requested but not funded by the Defaulting Lender, to each of which the applicable assignee and assignor hereby irrevocably consent), to (x) pay and satisfy in full all payment liabilities then owed by such Defaulting Lender to the Agent, each LC Issuer, the Swing Line Lender and each other Lender hereunder (and interest accrued thereon), and (y) acquire (and fund as appropriate) its full pro rata share of all Loans and participations in Facility LCs and Swing Line Loans in accordance with its Pro Rata Share. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder becomes effective under Applicable Law without compliance with the provisions of this paragraph, then the assignee of such interest shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender for all purposes of this Agreement until such compliance occurs.
- Section 12.4. <u>Dissemination of Information</u>. The Borrower authorizes each Lender to disclose to any Participant or Purchaser or any other Person acquiring an interest in the Loan Documents by operation of law (each a "<u>Transferee</u>") and any prospective Transferee any and all information in such Lender's possession concerning the creditworthiness of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries; <u>provided</u> that each Transferee and prospective Transferee agrees to be bound by Section 9.12.
- Section 12.5. <u>Tax Certifications</u>. If any interest in any Loan Document is transferred to any Transferee which is not incorporated under the laws of the United States or any State thereof, the transferor Lender shall cause such Transferee, concurrently with the effectiveness of such transfer, to comply with the provisions of <u>Section 3.5</u>.
- Section 12.6. No Liability of General Partner. It is hereby understood and agreed that the General Partner shall have no personal liability, as general partner or otherwise, for the payment of any amount owing or to be owing hereunder or under the other Loan Documents. The Agent and the Lenders agree for themselves and their respective successors and assigns that no claim arising against the Borrower under any Loan Document with respect to the Obligations shall be asserted against the General Partner (in its individual capacity).

#### ARTICLE XIII.

# CHOICE OF LAW; CONSENT TO JURISDICTION; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL

Section 13.1. <u>CHOICE OF LAW.</u> UNLESS OTHERWISE EXPRESSLY SET FORTH THEREIN, THE LOAN DOCUMENTS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Section 13.2. CONSENT TO JURISDICTION. THE BORROWER, THE AGENT AND EACH LENDER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO ANY LOAN DOCUMENTS AND THE BORROWER, THE AGENT AND EACH LENDER HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN ANY SUCH COURT AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE AS TO THE VENUE OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN SUCH A COURT OR THAT SUCH COURT IS AN INCONVENIENT FORUM. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL LIMIT THE RIGHT OF THE AGENT OR ANY LENDER TO BRING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE BORROWER IN THE COURTS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING BY THE BORROWER AGAINST THE AGENT OR ANY LENDER INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH ANY LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL BE BROUGHT ONLY IN A COURT IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

Section 13.3. <u>WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u>. THE BORROWER, THE AGENT AND EACH LENDER HEREBY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER (WHETHER SOUNDING IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH ANY LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED THEREUNDER.

[Signature Pages Follow]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Borrower, the Lenders and the Agent have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

BORROWER:

# CENTERPOINT ENERGY FIELD SERVICES LP

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BOKF, NA DBA BANK OF OKLAHOMA, as a Lender

By: /s/ Laura Christofferson

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UMB BANK, NA, as a Lender

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# COMMITMENT SCHEDULE

LENDER	,	COMMITMENT		
Citibank, N.A.	\$	75,428,572.00		
UBS Loan Finance LLC	\$	75,428,571.00		
JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.	\$	75,428,571.00		
Wells Fargo Bank, National Association	\$	75,428,571.00		
Bank of America, N.A.	\$	72,000,000.00		
Barclays Bank PLC	\$	72,000,000.00		
The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, Ltd.	\$	72,000,000.00		
Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch	\$	72,000,000.00		
Deutsche Bank AG New York Branch	\$	72,000,000.00		
Goldman Sachs Bank USA	\$	72,000,000.00		
Mizuho Corporate Bank, Ltd.	\$	72,000,000.00		
Morgan Stanley Bank, N.A.	\$	72,000,000.00		
Royal Bank of Canada	\$	72,000,000.00		
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc	\$	72,000,000.00		
SunTrust Bank	\$	72,000,000.00		
U.S. Bank National Association	\$	72,000,000.00		
Compass Bank	\$	57,142,857.00		
PNC Bank, National Association	\$	57,142,857.00		
The Bank of New York Mellon	\$	28,571,429.00		
KeyBank National Association	\$	28,571,429.00		
The Northern Trust Company	\$	28,571,429.00		
BOKF, NA dba Bank of Oklahoma	\$	17,142,857.00		
UMB Bank, NA	\$	17,142,857.00		
AGGREGATE COMMITMENT	\$1	,400,000,000.00		

#### PRICING SCHEDULE

#### **Leverage-Based Pricing Grid:**

Applicable Fee Rate for Commitment Fee

	LEVEL I STATUS	LEVEL II STATUS	LEVEL III STATUS	LEVEL IV STATUS	LEVEL V STATUS
Applicable Margin for Eurodollar Rate Advances	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.75%	3.00%
Applicable Margin for Base Rate Advances	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.75%	2.00%
Applicable Fee Rate for Commitment Fee	0.25%	0.325%	0.50%	0.50%	0.50%
Ratings-Based Pricing Grid:	Lover	Lover	Lover	Lover	Loven
	LEVEL I	LEVEL II	LEVEL III	LEVEL IV	LEVEL V
	STATUS	STATUS	STATUS	STATUS	STATUS
Applicable Margin for Eurodollar Rate Advances	1.25%	1.375%	1.625%	1.75%	2.00%
Applicable Margin for Base Rate Advances	0.25%	0.375%	0.625%	0.75%	1.00%

"Designated Rating" means, with respect to S&P, Moody's and Fitch (collectively, the "Rating Agencies" and each a "Rating Agency"), (i) the rating assigned by such Rating Agency to the Loans at any time such a rating is in effect, (ii) if and only if such Rating Agency does not have in effect a rating described in the preceding clause (i), the rating assigned by such Rating Agency to the 2013 Term Loan Facility at any time such a rating is in effect, (iii) if and only if such Rating Agency does not have in effect a rating described in the preceding clauses (i) or (ii), the Borrower's long-term senior unsecured non-credit enhanced debt rating, or (iv) if and only if such Rating Agency does not have in effect a rating described in the preceding clauses (i), (ii) or (iii), the Borrower's "company" or "corporate credit" rating (or its equivalent) assigned by such Rating Agency.

0.15%

0.20%

0.25%

0.30%

0.35%

"Fitch Rating" means, at any time, the Designated Rating issued by Fitch and then in effect.

"<u>Level I Status</u>" exists at any date if, (a) with respect to the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, the Borrower's Consolidated Leverage Ratio is less than 2.5:1.0 and (b) with respect to the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, the Borrower has the following Designated Ratings: a Moody's Rating of Baa1 or better, a Fitch Rating of BBB+ or better and an S&P Rating of BBB+ or better, subject to the last paragraph of this Pricing Schedule.

"Level II Status" exists at any date if, (a) with respect to the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, (i) the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status and (ii) the Borrower's Consolidated Leverage Ratio is greater than or equal to 2.5:1.0 but less than 3.0 to 1.0 and (b) with respect to the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, (i) the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status and (ii) the Borrower has the following Designated Ratings: a Moody's Rating of Baa2 or better, a Fitch Rating of BBB or better and an S&P Rating of BBB or better, subject to the last paragraph of this Pricing Schedule.

"Level III Status" exists at any date if, (a) with respect to the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, (i) the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status or Level II Status and (ii) the Borrower's Consolidated Leverage Ratio is greater than or equal to 3.0:1.0 but less than 3.5 to 1.0 and (b) with respect to the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, (i) the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status or Level II Status and (ii) the Borrower has the following Designated Ratings: a Moody's Rating of Baa3 or better, a Fitch Rating of BBB- or better and an S&P Rating of BBB- or better, subject to the last paragraph of this Pricing Schedule.

"Level IV Status" exists at any date if, (a) with respect to the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, (i) the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status, Level II Status or Level III Status and (ii) the Borrower's Consolidated Leverage Ratio is greater than or equal to 3.5:1.0 but less than 4.0 to 1.0 and (b) with respect to the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, (i) the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status, Level II Status or Level III Status and (ii) the Borrower has the following Designated Ratings: a Moody's Rating of Ba1 or better, a Fitch Rating of BB+ or better and an S&P Rating of BB+ or better, subject to the last paragraph of this Pricing Schedule.

"Level V Status" exists at any date if, with respect to the Leverage-Based Pricing Grid and the Ratings-Based Pricing Grid, on such date, the Borrower has not qualified for Level I Status, Level II Status, Level III Status or Level IV Status.

"Moody's Rating" means, at any time, the Designated Rating issued by Moody's and then in effect.

"S&P Rating" means, at any time, the Designated Rating issued by S&P, and then in effect.

"Status" means Level I Status, Level II Status, Level III Status, Level IV Status or Level V Status.

The Applicable Margin and the Applicable Fee Rate shall be determined in accordance with the foregoing table based on the Borrower's Status as determined from its then-current Moody's Rating, Fitch Rating and S&P Rating. The credit rating in effect on any date for the purposes of this Pricing Schedule is that in effect at the close of business on such date. The Borrower shall at all times maintain a Designated Rating from at least one of Moody's, Fitch and S&P. If at any time the Borrower does not have a Designated Rating from any of Moody's, Fitch or S&P, Level V Status shall exist.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) if the Designated Ratings are split and all three ratings fall in different levels, the Applicable Margin and the Applicable Fee Rate shall be based upon the level indicated by the middle rating; (ii) if the Designated Ratings are split and two of the ratings fall in the same level (the "Majority Level") and the third rating is in a different level, the Applicable Margin and the Applicable Fee Rate shall be based upon the Majority Level; (iii) if only two of the three Rating Agencies issue a Designated Rating, the higher of such ratings shall apply, provided that if the higher rating is two or more levels above the lower rating, the rating next below the higher of the two shall apply; (iv) if only one of the three Rating Agencies issues a Designated Rating, such rating shall apply; and (v) if the Designated Rating established by S&P, Moody's or Fitch shall be changed (other than as a result of a change in the rating system of S&P, Moody's or Fitch), such change shall be effective as of the date on which it is first announced by the applicable Rating Agency. If the rating system of S&P, Moody's or Fitch shall change, or if any of S&P, Moody's or Fitch shall cease to be in the business of rating corporate debt obligations, the Borrower and the Agent shall negotiate in good faith if necessary to amend this provision to reflect such changed rating system or the unavailability of Designated Ratings from such Rating Agencies and, pending the effectiveness of any such amendment, the Applicable Margin and the Applicable Fee Rate shall be determined by reference to the Designated Rating of such Rating Agency most recently in effect prior to such change or cessation.

#### SUBORDINATED GUARANTY OF COLLECTION

This SUBORDINATED GUARANTY OF COLLECTION (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, this "Guaranty"), dated as of May 1, 2013, is made by CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., a Delaware corporation (the "Guarantor"), in favor of Citibank, N.A., as Agent (as defined in the Term Loan Agreement described below), for the ratable benefit of itself and the Lenders described below (the Agent and the Lenders, collectively, the "Guaranteed Parties").

#### RECITALS:

- A. Reference is made to that certain Term Loan Agreement dated as of even date herewith (as amended, restated, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Term Loan Agreement"), by and among CenterPoint Energy Field Services LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "Borrower"), the lenders from time to time party thereto (collectively, the "Lenders") and the Agent.
- B. As a condition to the extension of credit and certain other financial accommodations to the Borrower under the Term Loan Agreement, the Guaranteed Parties have required, among other things, that the Guarantor execute and deliver this Guaranty.
- C. The Guarantor will benefit, directly or indirectly, from such extension of credit and certain other financial accommodations to the Borrower under the Term Loan Agreement.
- NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Guarantor hereby agrees as follows:
- SECTION 1. <u>Defined Terms</u>. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings assigned to such terms in the Term Loan Agreement. In addition:
- "Designated Senior Debt" means (i) any Senior Debt of the Guarantor that, at the date of determination, has an aggregate principal amount outstanding of, or under which, at the date of determination, the holders thereof are committed to lend up to, at least \$100,000,000 and (ii) any other Senior Debt of the Guarantor designated by the Guarantor at the time of issuance thereof as Designated Senior Debt for purposes of this Guaranty.
- "Senior Debt" means (a) all Indebtedness of the Guarantor, whether currently outstanding or hereafter created, incurred or assumed, unless, by the terms of the instrument creating or evidencing such Indebtedness or pursuant to which such Indebtedness is outstanding, it is expressly provided that such Indebtedness is not superior in right of payment to the Guarantor's guarantee hereunder or to other Indebtedness which is *pari passu* with or subordinated to the Guarantor's guarantee hereunder and (b) any modifications, refundings, deferrals, renewals or extensions of any such debt or any securities, notes or other evidences of debt issued in exchange for such debt, *provided* that in no event shall "Senior Debt" include the Obligations or the Guaranteed Obligations.

SECTION 2. <u>Guaranty of Collection</u>. The Guarantor hereby guarantees to the Agent, for the ratable benefit of each Guaranteed Party, the full and prompt collection of the Obligations of the Borrower (the "**Guaranteed Obligations**"). This Guaranty is a guaranty of collection only, and not a guaranty of payment.

SECTION 3. Exhaustion of Other Remedies Required. The obligations of the Guarantor hereunder are merely those of a secondary obligor, and not as primary obligor, and are dependent, in all respects, upon the Agent, on behalf of the Guaranteed Parties, first pursuing and exhausting all rights and remedies, both legal and equitable, against the Borrower to collect payment upon the Guaranteed Obligations.

SECTION 4. Guaranteed Obligations Absolute. Except as otherwise provided in this Guaranty, the Guarantor's obligations hereunder are in all respects absolute and unconditional and will not be impaired, modified, released or limited by any occurrence or condition whatsoever, including, without limitation:

(a) any amendment to, restatement of, supplement to or other modification of the Term Loan Agreement or any other Loan Document or any assignment or transfer of any thereof or of any interest therein, in each case in accordance with the terms thereof, or any furnishing, acceptance or release of any collateral for the Guaranteed Obligations or the addition, substitution or release of any other guarantor or any other entity or other Person primarily or secondarily liable in respect of the Guaranteed Obligations, (b) any waiver, consent, extension, indulgence or other action or inaction under or in respect of the Term Loan Agreement or any other Loan Document, (c) any bankruptcy, insolvency, arrangement, reorganization, readjustment, composition, liquidation or similar proceeding with respect to the Borrower or its property, (d) any merger, amalgamation or consolidation of any other guarantor or of the Borrower into or with any other Person or any sale, lease or transfer of any or all of the assets of any other guarantor or of the Borrower to any Person or (e) any other event or circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense (other than repayment in full in cash of all the Guaranteed Obligations) of a guarantor (whether or not similar to the foregoing).

#### SECTION 5. Subordination.

- (a) Subordination of Guarantee to Senior Debt. The Guarantor and each Guaranteed Party (by its acceptance of the benefits of this Guaranty, and on behalf of itself and its successors and assigns) hereby agree that any payment in respect of the Guaranteed Obligations is subordinated, to the extent and in the manner provided in this Section 5, to the prior payment in full of all Senior Debt, whether outstanding at the date of this Guaranty or thereafter created, incurred, assumed or guaranteed, and that these subordination provisions are for the benefit of the holders of Senior Debt. This Section 5 shall constitute a continuing offer to all Persons who, in reliance upon such provisions, become holders of, or continue to hold, Senior Debt, and such provisions are made for the benefit of the holders of Senior Debt, and such holders are made obligees hereunder and any one or more of them may enforce such provisions.
  - (b) No Payment on Guaranteed Obligations in Certain Circumstances.
  - (i) No payment shall be made by or on behalf of the Guarantor on account of any of the Guaranteed Obligations in the event of default in payment of any principal of, premium (if any) or interest on any Senior Debt when the same becomes due and payable, whether at maturity or at a date fixed for prepayment or by acceleration of maturity or otherwise (a "Payment Default"), unless and until such Payment Default has been cured or waived or otherwise has ceased to exist or such Senior Debt has been discharged or paid in full.
  - (ii) No payment shall be made by or on behalf of the Guarantor on account of any of the Guaranteed Obligations in the event of any event of default (other than a Payment Default) with respect to any Designated Senior Debt permitting the holders of such Designated Senior Debt (or a trustee, agent or other representative on behalf of the holders thereof) to declare such Designated Senior Debt due and payable prior to the date on which it would otherwise have become due and payable, upon written notice thereof to the Guarantor and the Agent by any holders of Designated Senior Debt (or a trustee, agent or other representative on behalf of the holders thereof) (a "Payment Blocking Notice"), unless and until such event of default has been cured or waived or otherwise has ceased to exist or such Designated Senior Debt has been discharged or paid in full, provided, that such payments may not be prevented pursuant to this Section 5(b)(ii) for more than 179 days after an applicable Payment Blocking Notice has been received by the Agent unless the Designated Senior Debt in respect of which such event of default exists has been declared due and payable in its entirety, in which case no such payment may be made until such acceleration has been rescinded or annulled or such Designated Senior Debt has been discharged or paid in full. No event of default that existed or was continuing on the date of any Payment Blocking Notice may be made the basis for the giving of a second Payment Blocking Notice, and only one such Payment Blocking Notice may be given in any 360-day period, irrespective of the number of defaults with respect to any number of issues of Designated Senior Debt during such period.
  - (iii) In furtherance of the provisions of Section 5(a), in the event that, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 5(b), any payment or distribution of assets of the Guarantor shall be received by any Guaranteed Party at a time when such

payment or distribution was prohibited by the provisions of this Section 5(b), then, unless such payment or distribution is no longer prohibited by this Section 5(b), such payment or distribution shall be received and held in trust by such Guaranteed Party for the benefit of the holders of Senior Debt, and shall be paid or delivered by such Guaranteed Party to the holders of Senior Debt remaining unpaid or unprovided for or their representative or representatives, or to the trustee or trustees under any indenture pursuant to which any instruments evidencing such Senior Debt may have been issued, ratably, according to the aggregate amounts remaining unpaid on account of such Senior Debt held or represented by each, for application to the payment of all Senior Debt in full after giving effect to all concurrent payments and distributions to or for the holders of such Senior Debt.

- (c) Guarantee Subordinated to Prior Payment of All Senior Debt on Dissolution, Liquidation or Reorganization. Upon any distribution of assets of the Guarantor or upon any dissolution, winding up, total or partial liquidation or reorganization of Guarantor, whether voluntary or involuntary, in bankruptcy, insolvency, receivership or similar proceedings or upon any assignment for the benefit of creditors:
  - (i) the holders of all Senior Debt shall first be entitled to receive payment in full of such Senior Debt before any Guaranteed Party is entitled to receive any payment on account of the Guaranteed Obligations;
  - (ii) any payment or distribution of assets of the Guarantor of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities, to which any Guaranteed Party would be entitled, except for the provisions of this Section 5, shall be paid by the liquidating trustee or agent or other Person making such a payment or distribution directly to the holders of such Senior Debt or their representative, ratably according to the respective amounts of Senior Debt held or represented by each, to the extent necessary to make payment in full of all such Senior Debt remaining unpaid after giving effect to all concurrent payments and distributions to the holders of such Senior Debt;
  - (iii) in the event that, notwithstanding the foregoing, any payment or distribution of assets of the Guarantor of any kind or character, whether in cash, property or securities, shall be received by any Guaranteed Party on account of any of the Guaranteed Obligations before all Senior Debt is paid in full, such payment or distribution shall be received and held in trust by such Guaranteed Party for the benefit of the holders of such Senior Debt, or their respective representatives, ratably according to the respective amounts of such Senior Debt held or represented by each, to the extent necessary to make payment as provided herein of all such Senior Debt remaining unpaid after giving effect to all concurrent payments and distributions and all provisions therefor to or for the holders of such Senior Debt, but only to the extent that as to any holder of such Senior Debt, as promptly as practical following notice from the Agent to the holders of such Senior Debt that such prohibited payment has been received by a Guaranteed Party, such holder (or a representative therefor) notifies the Agent of the amounts then due and owing on such Senior Debt, if any, held by such holder and only the amounts specified in such notices to the Agent shall be paid to the holders of such Senior Debt

- (d) Subrogation to Rights of Holders of Senior Debt.
- (i) Subject to the payment in full of all Senior Debt as provided herein, the Guaranteed Parties shall be subrogated (to the extent of the payments or distributions made to the holders of such Senior Debt pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5) to the rights of the holders of such Senior Debt to receive payments or distributions of assets of the Guarantor applicable to the Senior Debt until termination of this Guaranty in accordance with Section 8. For the purpose of such subrogation, no such payments or distributions to the holders of such Senior Debt by the Guarantor or by or on behalf of the Guaranteed Parties by virtue of this Section 5, which otherwise would have been made to such Guaranteed Parties shall, as between the Guarantor and such Guaranteed Parties, be deemed to be payment by the Guarantor on account of such Senior Debt, it being understood that the provisions of this Section 5 are, and are intended, solely for the purpose of defining the relative rights of the Guaranteed Parties, on the one hand, and the holders of such Senior Debt, on the other hand.
- (ii) If any payment or distribution to which any Guaranteed Party would otherwise have been entitled but for the provisions of this Section 5 shall have been applied, pursuant to the provisions of this Section 5, to the payment of amounts payable under Senior Debt, then such Guaranteed Party shall be entitled to receive from the holders of such Senior Debt any payments or distributions received by such holders of Senior Debt in excess of the amount sufficient to pay all amounts payable under or in respect of such Senior Debt in full.
- SECTION 6. <u>Waiver of Notices</u>. The Guarantor hereby waives notice of the acceptance of this Guaranty and further waives presentment, protest, notice, dishonor or default, demand for payment and any other notices to which the Guarantor might otherwise be entitled.
- SECTION 7. Reinstatement. This Guaranty shall continue to be effective, or be reinstated, as the case may be, if and to the extent at any time payment, in whole or in part, of any of the sums due to any Guaranteed Party on account of the Guaranteed Obligations is rescinded or must otherwise be restored or returned by such Guaranteed Party upon the insolvency, bankruptcy, dissolution, liquidation or reorganization of the Borrower or any other guarantors, or upon or as a result of the appointment of a custodian, receiver, trustee or other officer with similar powers with respect to the Borrower or any other guarantors or any part of its or their property, or otherwise, all as though such payments had not been made.
- SECTION 8. <u>Termination</u>. This Guaranty is a continuing and irrevocable guaranty of collection of all Guaranteed Obligations. This Guaranty and all obligations of the Guaranteet Parties hereunder shall automatically terminate upon (a) payment in full of the Guaranteed Obligations (other than indemnities and other contingent obligations not then due and payable and as to which no claim has been made as of the time of determination) and (b) termination of the Term Loan Agreement.
- SECTION 9. <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. The Guarantor represents and warrants that (a) the Guarantor has the corporate power and authority to execute and deliver this Guaranty and (b) this Guaranty constitutes the legal, valid and binding obligation, of the Guarantor enforceable against the Guarantor in accordance with its terms.

SECTION 10. <u>Agent</u>. No Guaranteed Party (other than the Agent) shall have the right to institute any suit, action or proceeding in equity or at law in connection with this Guaranty for the enforcement of any remedy under or upon this Guaranty, it being understood and intended that no one or more of the Guaranteed Parties (other than the Agent) shall have any right in any manner whatsoever to enforce any right hereunder, and that all proceedings at law or in equity shall be instituted, had and maintained by the Agent in the manner herein provided and for the ratable benefit of the Guaranteed Parties.

SECTION 11. Expenses. The Guarantor shall pay on demand all out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) in any way relating to the enforcement or protection of the rights of the Guaranteed Parties under this Guaranty, including any incurred in the preservation, protection or enforcement of any rights of any Guaranteed Party in any case commenced by or against the Guarantor under the United States Bankruptcy Code (or any successor provision) or any comparable provision of applicable state law.

SECTION 12. <u>Amendments</u>. This Guaranty may not be waived, amended, released or otherwise changed except by a writing signed by the Guarantor and the Agent.

SECTION 13. No Waiver; Severability. No failure by the Agent to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right, remedy or power hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy or power hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right. The unenforceability or invalidity of any provision of this Guaranty shall not affect the enforceability or validity of any other provision herein.

SECTION 14. <u>Effectiveness</u>; <u>Assignees</u>, <u>etc</u>. This Guaranty and every part thereof shall be effective upon delivery to the Agent, without further act, condition or acceptance by the Guaranteed Parties, shall be binding upon the Guarantor and upon the legal representatives, successors and permitted assigns of the Guarantor, and shall inure to the benefit of the Guaranteed Creditors, their successors, legal representatives and permitted assigns.

SECTION 15. Entire Agreement. This Guaranty embodies the entire agreement and understanding among the Guarantor and the Guaranteed Parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings among the Guarantor and the Guaranteed Parties relating to the subject matter hereof.

SECTION 16. Governing Law. THIS GUARANTY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

SECTION 17. Consent to Jurisdiction. THE GUARANTOR AND EACH GUARANTEED PARTY (BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE BENEFITS HEREOF) HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMIT TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS

GUARANTY, AND THE GUARANTOR AND EACH GUARANTEED PARTY (BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE BENEFITS HEREOF) HEREBY IRREVOCABLY AGREE THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN ANY SUCH COURT AND IRREVOCABLY WAIVE ANY OBJECTION IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE AS TO THE VENUE OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN SUCH A COURT OR THAT SUCH COURT IS AN INCONVENIENT FORUM. NOTHING HEREIN SHALL LIMIT THE RIGHT OF ANY GUARANTEED PARTY TO BRING PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE GUARANTOR IN THE COURTS OF ANY OTHER JURISDICTION. ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING BY THE GUARANTOR AGAINST ANY GUARANTEED PARTY INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH THIS GUARANTY SHALL BE BROUGHT ONLY IN A COURT IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK.

SECTION 18. Waiver of Jury Trial. THE GUARANTOR AND EACH GUARANTEED PARTY (BY ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE BENEFITS HEREOF) HEREBY WAIVE TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING INVOLVING, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, ANY MATTER (WHETHER SOUNDING IN TORT, CONTRACT OR OTHERWISE) IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF, RELATED TO, OR CONNECTED WITH THIS GUARANTY OR THE RELATIONSHIP ESTABLISHED THEREUNDER.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Guarantor has duly executed this Guaranty as of the date first written above.

# CENTERPOINT ENERGY RESOURCES CORP., as the

Guarantor

By: /s/ Gary Whitlock

Name: Gary Whitlock

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Subordinated Guaranty of Collection