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# **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

### FORM S-3

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# NRG Yield, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

46-1777204 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 (609) 524-4500

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Brian E. Curci Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary NRG Yield, Inc. 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, NJ 08540 (609) 524-4500 (Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies of all communications, including communications sent to agent for service, should be sent to:

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time on or after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller Reporting Company

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Each Class of Securities<br>to be Registered | Amount to be Registered/Proposed Maximum<br>Offering Price per Unit/Proposed Maximum<br>Offering Price | Amount of<br>Registration Fee |
|---|--|-------------------------------|
| Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share      | (1)  | (1)                           |
| Class C common stock, par value \$0.01 per share      | (1)  | (1)                           |
| Debt Securities                                       | (1)  | (1)                           |
| Preferred Stock                                       | (1)  | (1)                           |

(1) An unspecified aggregate initial offering price, principal amount or number of securities of each identified class is being registered as may from time to time be issued at unspecified prices or upon conversion of, or in exchange for, or upon exercise of securities registered hereunder to the extent any such securities are, by their terms, convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for, such securities. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable upon conversion of, or in exchange for, or upon exercise of, convertible or exchangeable securities. The Registrant is deferring payment of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 456(b) and is omitting this information in reliance on Rule 456(b) and Rule 457(r).

PROSPECTUS

# NRG YIELD

# NRG Yield, Inc.

# Class A Common Stock Class C Common Stock Debt Securities Preferred Stock

NRG Yield, Inc., from time to time, may offer to sell Class A common stock, Class C common stock, senior or subordinated debt securities, and preferred stock. The debt securities and preferred stock may be convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for our Class A common stock, our Class C common stock, our preferred stock, our other securities or the debt or equity securities of one or more other entities. This prospectus describes some of the general terms that may apply to these securities. The specific terms of any securities to be offered will be described in a supplement to this prospectus. The prospectus supplements may also add, update, or change information contained in this prospectus.

We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, or through a combination of these methods, on a continuous or delayed basis.

Our Class A common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "NYLD.A." Our Class C common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "NYLD."

Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the risks described under "Risk Factors" on page 2 of this prospectus, as well as the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the related prospectus supplement, before making a decision to invest in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is a part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") utilizing a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings from time to time. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities under this shelf registration, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. Therefore, if there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus supplement, together with additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information."

We have not authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or the related prospectus supplement. This prospectus and any related prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do this prospectus and any related prospectus supplement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, or any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document in which such information is contained, or such other date referred to in such document, regardless of the time of any sale or issuance of a security.

Unless the context otherwise requires or as otherwise expressly stated, references in this prospectus to "Yield," "the Company," "we," "us" and "our" and similar terms refer to NRG Yield, Inc. and its direct and indirect subsidiaries on a consolidated basis. References in this prospectus to Yield Inc. refer to NRG Yield, Inc. and not any of its subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires. References to our "common stock" or our "preferred stock" refer to the common stock or preferred stock of NRG Yield, Inc. and not any of its subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise requires.

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### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, any related prospectus supplement, and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein, include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the "Securities Act") and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Exchange Act"). The words "believes," "projects," "anticipates," "plans," "expects," "intends," "estimates" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance and achievements, or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. We believe these factors include but are not limited to those described under "Risk Factors" in this prospectus, any related prospectus supplement, and the documents incorporated by reference herein or therein. These factors, risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- our ability to maintain and grow our quarterly dividend;
- our ability to successfully identify, evaluate and consummate acquisitions from third parties;
- our ability to acquire assets from NRG;
- our ability to raise additional capital due to our indebtedness, corporate structure, market conditions or otherwise;
- hazards customary to the power production industry and power generation operations such as fuel and electricity price volatility, unusual weather conditions, catastrophic weather-related or other damage to facilities, unscheduled generation outages, maintenance or repairs, unanticipated changes to fuel supply costs or availability due to higher demand, shortages, transportation problems or other developments, environmental incidents, or electric transmission or gas pipeline system constraints and the possibility that we may not have adequate insurance to cover losses as a result of such hazards;
- our ability to operate our businesses efficiently, manage maintenance capital expenditures and costs effectively, and generate earnings and cash flows from our asset-based businesses in relation to our debt and other obligations;
- the willingness and ability of counterparties to our offtake agreements to fulfill their obligations under such agreements;
- our ability to enter into contracts to sell power and procure fuel on acceptable terms and prices as current offtake agreements expire;
- government regulation, including compliance with regulatory requirements and changes in market rules, rates, tariffs and environmental laws;
- operating and financial restrictions placed on us and our subsidiaries that are contained in the project-level debt facilities and other agreements of certain subsidiaries and project-level subsidiaries generally, in our revolving credit facility, in the indenture governing our 3.50% convertible senior notes due 2019 (the "3.50% Convertible Notes") and in the indenture governing NRG Yield Operating LLC's 5.375% senior notes due 2024; and
- our ability to borrow additional funds and access capital markets, as well as our substantial indebtedness and the possibility that we may incur
  additional indebtedness going forward.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they were made, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. The foregoing review of factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those contemplated in any forward looking statements included in this prospectus should not be construed as exhaustive.

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### SUMMARY

The following summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. Because it is a summary, it does not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in our securities. You should read the entire prospectus carefully, including the "Risk Factors" section and the other documents we refer to and incorporate by reference, in order to understand this offering fully. In particular, we incorporate important business and financial information into this prospectus by reference.

### **Our Company**

We are a dividend growth-oriented company formed to serve as the primary vehicle through which NRG Energy, Inc. (NYSE: NRG) ("NRG") owns, operates and acquires contracted renewable and conventional generation and thermal infrastructure assets. We believe we are well positioned to be a premier company for investors seeking stable and growing dividend income from a diversified portfolio of lower-risk high-quality assets.

We own a diversified portfolio of contracted renewable and conventional generation and thermal infrastructure assets in the United States. Our contracted generation portfolio collectively represents 3,630 net MW as of March 31, 2015. "Net MW" or "net MWt" refers to the maximum, or rated, power generating capacity, in Megawatts ("MW") or Megawatts Thermal ("MWt"), of a facility or group of facilities multiplied by our percentage ownership interest in such facility as of the date of this prospectus. Each of these assets sells substantially all of its output pursuant to long-term offlake agreements with credit-worthy counterparties. The average remaining contract duration of these offlake agreegenets was approximately 17 years as of March 31, 2015, based on cash available for distribution. We also own thermal infrastructure assets provide steam, hot water and/or chilled water, and in some instances electricity, to commercial businesses, universities, hospitals and governmental units in multiple locations, principally through long-term contracts or pursuant to rates regulated by state utility commissions.

We were incorporated as a Delaware corporation on December 20, 2012. Our Class A common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "NYLD.A," and our Class C common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "NYLD." Our headquarters and principal executive offices are located at 211 Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey 08540. Our telephone number is (609) 524-4500. Our website is www.nrgyield.com. Information on our website is not part of this prospectus and is not incorporated into this prospectus by reference.

You can get more information regarding our business by reading our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015, and the other reports we file with the SEC. See "Where You Can Find More Information."

# **RISK FACTORS**

Our business is subject to uncertainties and risks. You should carefully consider and evaluate all of the information included and incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including the risk factors incorporated by reference from our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, as updated by our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and other filings we make with the SEC, and in any prospectus supplement. It is possible that our business, financial condition, liquidity or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks.

# USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sales of the securities as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

# **RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The ratios of earnings to fixed charges and earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends for the periods indicated are stated below. For this purpose, "earnings" include pre-tax income (loss) before adjustments for minority interest in our consolidated subsidiaries and income or loss from equity investees, plus fixed charges and distributed income of equity investees, reduced by interest capitalized. "Fixed charges" include interest, whether expensed or capitalized, amortization of debt expense and the portion of rental expense that is representative of the interest factor in these rentals.

|                                    | Three Months    | Year Ended December 31, |      |      |      |      |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|
|                                    | Ended March 31, |                         |      |      |      |      |
|                                    | 2015            | 2014                    | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 | 2010 |
| Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges | 1.24            | 1.61                    | 2.67 | 0.88 | 1.58 | 1.64 |

We do not have any shares of preferred stock outstanding as of March 31, 2015. Our ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends for any given period is equivalent to our ratio of earnings to fixed charges.

# DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following is a description of the material terms of our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our second amended and restated bylaws. The following description may not contain all of the information that is important to you. To understand them fully, you should read our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our second amended and restated bylaws, both of which have been filed with the SEC as exhibits to our registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

### Authorized Capitalization

Our authorized capital stock consists of:

- (i) 500,000,000 shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of which 34,586,250 shares are issued and outstanding;
- (ii) 500,000,000 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of which 42,738,750 shares are issued and outstanding;
- (iii) 1,000,000,000 shares of Class C common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of which 34,586,250 shares are issued and outstanding;
- (iv) 1,000,000,000 shares of Class D common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of which 42,738,750 shares are issued and outstanding; and
- (v) 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, none of which are issued and outstanding.

In addition (i) an aggregate of 2,000,000 shares of our Class A common stock and Class C common stock are reserved for issuance under our equitybased compensation plans, (ii) an aggregate of 42,738,750 shares of our Class A common stock are reserved for issuance upon the exchange of Class B units, (iii) an aggregate of 42,738,750 shares of our Class C common stock are reserved for issuance upon the exchange of Class D units, and (iv) 18,898,893 shares of our Class A common stock are reserved for issuance upon conversion of our outstanding 3.50% Convertible Notes. Unless our Board of Directors determines otherwise, we will issue all shares of our capital stock in uncertificated form.

### **Class A Common Stock**

### Voting Rights

Each share of Class A common stock entitles the holder to one vote with respect to each matter presented to our stockholders on which the holders of Class A common stock are entitled to vote. Holders of shares of our Class A common stock, Class B common stock, Class C common stock and Class D common stock vote together as a single class on all matters presented to our stockholders for their vote or approval, except as otherwise required by applicable law or the listing requirements of any exchange on which shares of our common stock are listed. Holders of our Class A common stock will not have cumulative voting rights. Except in respect of matters relating to the election and removal of directors on our Board of Directors and as otherwise provided in our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation or required by law, all matters to be voted on by holders of our Class A common stock, Class B common stock, Class B common stock, Class C common stock and Class D common stock must be approved by a majority, on a combined basis, of such shares present in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter. In the case of election of directors, all matters to be voted on by our stockholders must be approved by a plurality of the votes entitled to be cast by all shares of our common stock on a combined basis.

### **Dividend Rights**

Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any then outstanding preferred stock, the holders of our outstanding shares of Class A common stock are entitled to receive dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by our Board of Directors out of legally available funds. Dividends upon our Class A common stock may be declared by our Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting, and may be paid in cash, in property or in shares of capital stock. The holders of Class A common stock and Class C common stock will share ratably in all dividends as may be declared by our Board of Directors in respect of our outstanding common stock. Before payment of any dividend, there may be set aside out of any of our funds available for dividends, such sums as the Board of Directors deems proper as reserves to meet contingencies, or for equalizing dividends, or for repairing or maintaining any of our property or for any proper purpose, and the Board of Directors may modify or abolish any such reserve. Furthermore, because we are a holding company, our ability to pay dividends on our Class A common stock is limited by restrictions on the ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other distributions to us, including restrictions under the terms of the agreements governing our indebtedness.

### Liquidation Rights

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, holders of our Class A common stock would be entitled to share ratably in our assets that are legally available for distribution to stockholders after payment of our debts and other liabilities and the liquidation preference of any of our outstanding shares of preferred stock, subject only to the right of the holders of shares of our Class B common stock and Class D common stock to receive payment for the par value of their shares in connection with our liquidation.

### Other Rights

Holders of our Class A common stock have no preemptive, conversion or other rights to subscribe for additional shares. All outstanding shares are, and all shares offered by this prospectus will be, when sold, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of our Class A common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of our preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

### Listing

Our Class A common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol "NYLD.A."

# Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our Class A common stock is Computershare Shareowner Services, LLC.

### **Class B Common Stock**

### Voting Rights

Each share of Class B common stock entitles the holder to one vote with respect to each matter presented to our stockholders on which the holders of Class B common stock are entitled to vote. Holders of shares of our Class A common stock, Class B common stock, Class C common stock and Class D common stock vote together as a single class on all matters presented to our stockholders for their vote or approval, except as otherwise required by applicable law or the listing requirements of any exchange on which shares of our common stock are listed. Holders of our Class B common stock do not have cumulative voting rights. Except in respect of matters relating to the election and removal of

directors on our Board of Directors and as otherwise provided in our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation or required by law, all matters to be voted on by holders of our Class A common stock, Class B common stock, Class C common stock and Class D common stock must be approved by a majority, on a combined basis, of such shares present in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter. In the case of election of directors, all matters to be voted on by our stockholders must be approved by a plurality of the votes entitled to be cast by all shares of our common stock on a combined basis.

### **Dividend and Liquidation Rights**

Holders of our Class B common stock do not have any right to receive dividends, other than dividends payable solely in shares of Class B common stock in the event of payment of a dividend in shares of common stock payable to holders of our Class A common stock and Class C common stock, or to receive a distribution upon our liquidation or winding up except for their right to receive payment for the par value of their shares of Class B common stock in connection with our liquidation.

### Mandatory Redemption

Shares of Class B common stock are subject to redemption at a price per share equal to par value upon the conversion of Class B units of NRG Yield LLC ("Yield LLC") to Class A units. Shares of Class B common stock so redeemed are automatically cancelled and are not available to be reissued.

### **Class C Common Stock**

### Voting Rights

Each share of Class C common stock entitles the holder to 1/100<sup>th</sup> of one vote with respect to each matter presented to our stockholders on which the holders of Class C common stock are entitled to vote. Holders of shares of our Class A common stock, Class B common stock, Class C common stock and Class D common stock vote together as a single class on all matters presented to our stockholders for their vote or approval, except as otherwise required by applicable law or the listing requirements of any exchange on which shares of our common stock are listed. Holders of shares of our Class C common stock do not have cumulative voting rights. Except in respect of matters relating to the election and removal of directors on our Board of Directors and as otherwise provided in our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation or required by law, all matters to be voted on by holders of shares of our Class A common stock, Class B common stock, Class C common stock and Class D common stock must be approved by a majority, on a combined basis, of such shares present in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter. In the case of election of directors, all matters to be voted on by our stockholders must be approved by a plurality of the votes entitled to be cast by all shares of our common stock on a combined basis.

### **Dividend Rights**

Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any then outstanding preferred stock, the holders of our outstanding shares of Class C common stock will be entitled to receive dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by our Board of Directors out of legally available funds. Dividends upon shares of our Class C common stock may be declared by our Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting, and may be paid in cash, in property or in shares of capital stock. The holders of shares of Class C common stock and Class A common stock will share ratably in all dividends as may be declared by our Board of Directors in respect of our outstanding common stock. Before payment of any dividend, there may be set aside out of any of our funds available for dividends, such sums as the Board of Directors deems proper as reserves to meet contingencies, or for equalizing dividends, or for repairing or maintaining any of our property or for any proper purpose, and the Board of Directors



may modify or abolish any such reserve. Furthermore, because we are a holding company, our ability to pay dividends on shares of our Class C common stock will be limited by restrictions on the ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other distributions to us, including restrictions under the terms of the agreements governing our indebtedness.

# Liquidation Rights

In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, holders of shares of our Class C common stock would be entitled to share ratably in our assets that are legally available for distribution to stockholders after payment of our debts and other liabilities and the liquidation preference of any of our outstanding shares of preferred stock, subject only to the right of the holders of shares of our Class B common stock and Class D common stock to receive payment for the par value of their shares in connection with our liquidation.

### Other Rights

Holders of shares of our Class C common stock have no preemptive, conversion or other rights to subscribe for additional shares. All outstanding shares are, and all shares offered by this prospectus will be, when issued, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of shares of our Class C common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of our preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

### Equal Status

Except as expressly provided in our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation, including with respect to voting rights, shares of Class C common stock have the same rights and privileges and rank equally, share ratably and are identical in all respects to the shares of Class A common stock as to all matters, including in the event of a liquidation or in connection with a change of control. In the event of any merger, consolidation, or other business combination requiring the approval of our stockholders entitled to vote thereon (whether or not we are the surviving entity), the holders of shares of Class C common stock shall receive the same amount and form of consideration on a per share basis as the consideration, if any, received by holders of shares of Class A common stock in connection with such merger, consolidation or combination (and if holders of shares of Class A common stock are entitled to make an election as to the amount or form of consideration that such holders shall receive in any such merger, consolidation or combination with respect to their shares of Class A common stock, then the holders of shares of Class C common stock shall be entitled to make the same election as to their shares of Class B common stock in the event of any (i) tender or exchange offer to acquire any shares of Class A common stock or Class B common stock, the holders of shares of Shares of Class C common stock or Class B common stock, the holders of shares of Shares of Class C common stock shall receive the same amount and form of consideration on a per share basis as the consideration or repurchase by us to acquire any shares of Class A common stock or Class B common stock is a party; or (ii) any tender or exchange offer or any other redemption or repurchase by us to acquire any shares of Class A common stock are entitled to make an election as to the amount or form of consideration that such holders shall receive in any such tender or exchange offer or other repurchase by us to acquire any shares of Class

### Listing

Our Class C common stock is listed on the NYSE under the symbol "NYLD."

### Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our Class C common stock is Computershare Shareowner Services, LLC.

### **Class D Common Stock**

### Voting Rights

Each share of Class D common stock entitles the holder to 1/100th of one vote with respect to each matter presented to our stockholders on which the holders of Class D common stock are entitled to vote. Holders of shares of our Class A common stock, Class B common stock, Class C common stock and Class D common stock vote together as a single class on all matters presented to our stockholders for their vote or approval except as otherwise required by applicable law or the listing requirements of any exchange on which shares of our common stock are listed. Holders of shares of our Class D common stock do not have cumulative voting rights. Except in respect of matters relating to the election and removal of directors on our Board of Directors and as otherwise provided in our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation or required by law, all matters to be voted on by holders of shares of our Class A common stock, Class B common stock, Class C common stock, and Class D common stock must be approved by a majority, on a combined basis, of such shares present in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter. In the case of election of directors, all matters to be voted on by our stockholders must be approved by a plurality of the votes entitled to be cast by all shares of our common stock on a combined basis.

### Dividend and Liquidation Rights

Holders of shares of our Class D common stock do not have any right to receive dividends, other than dividends payable solely in shares of Class D common stock in the event of payment of a dividend in shares of common stock payable to holders of our Class A common stock and Class C common stock, or to receive a distribution upon our liquidation or winding up except for their right to receive payment for the par value of their shares of Class D common stock in connection with our liquidation.

# Mandatory Redemption

Shares of Class D common stock are subject to redemption at a price per share equal to par value upon the conversion of Class D units of Yield LLC. Shares of Class D common stock so redeemed are automatically cancelled and are not available to be reissued.

### Authorized but Unissued Capital Stock

Delaware law does not require stockholder approval for any issuance of authorized shares. However, the listing requirements of the NYSE, which would apply so long as the shares of Class A common stock and Class C common stock remain listed on the NYSE, require stockholder approval of certain issuances equal to or exceeding 20% of the then outstanding voting power or the then outstanding number of shares of Class A common stock and Class C common stock. These additional shares may be used for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings, to raise additional capital or to facilitate acquisitions.

One of the effects of the existence of unissued and unreserved common stock or preferred stock may be to enable our Board of Directors to issue shares to persons friendly to current management, which issuance could render more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of our company by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, and thereby protect the continuity of our management and possibly deprive the stockholders of opportunities to sell their shares at prices higher than prevailing market prices.

### Preferred Stock

Under our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation, we will continue to be authorized to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, none of which is issued and outstanding.

Our Board of Directors is authorized to provide for the issuance of shares of preferred stock in one or more series and to fix the preferences, powers and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, and qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, including the dividend rate, conversion rights, voting rights, redemption rights and liquidation preference and to fix the number of shares to be included in any such series without any further vote or action by our stockholders. Any preferred stock so issued may rank senior to our common stock with respect to the payment of dividends or amounts upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, or both. The issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of our company without further action by the stockholders and may adversely affect the voting and other rights of the holders of common stock. The issuance of preferred stock with voting and conversion rights may adversely affect the voting power of the holders of common stock, including the loss of voting control to others. At present, we have no plans to issue any preferred stock.

### **Corporate Opportunity**

As permitted under the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL"), in our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation, we renounced any interest or expectancy in, or any offer of an opportunity to participate in, specified business opportunities that are presented to us or one or more of our officers, directors or stockholders. In recognition that directors, officers and/or employees of NRG may serve as our directors and/or officers, and NRG and its affiliates, not including us (the "NRG Entities") may engage in similar activities or lines of business that we do, our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides for the allocation of certain corporate opportunities between us and the NRG Entities. Specifically, none of the NRG Entities will have any duty to refrain from engaging directly or indirectly in the same or similar business activities or lines of business that we do. In the event that a director or officer of any NRG Entity who also is one of our directors or officers acquires knowledge of a potential transaction or matter which may be a corporate opportunity for any of the NRG Entities and us, we will not have any expectancy in such corporate opportunity, and the director or officer will not have any duty to present such corporate opportunity to us and may pursue or acquire such corporate opportunity for himself/herself or direct such opportunity to another person. A corporate opportunity that an officer or director of ours who is also a director or officer of any of the NRG Entities acquires knowledge of will not belong to us unless the corporate opportunity at issue is expressly offered in writing to such person solely in his or her capacity as a director or officer of ours. In addition, even if a business opportunity is presented to an officer or director of any of the NRG Entities, the following corporate opportunities will not belong to us: (1) those we are not financially able, contractually permitted or legally able to undertake; (2) those not in our line of business; (3) those of no practical advantage to us; and (4) those in which we have no interest or reasonable expectancy. Except with respect to our directors and/or officers who are also directors and/or officers of any of the NRG Entities, the corporate opportunity doctrine applies as construed pursuant to applicable Delaware laws, without limitation.

### Antitakeover Effects of Delaware Law and Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

In addition to the disproportionate voting rights that NRG will have following this offering as a result of its ownership of our Class B common stock and Class D common stock, some provisions of Delaware law contain, and our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our second amended and restated bylaws described below contain, a number of provisions which may have the effect of encouraging persons considering unsolicited tender offers or other unilateral takeover

proposals to negotiate with our Board of Directors rather than pursue non-negotiated takeover attempts, which we believe may result in an improvement of the terms of any such acquisition in favor of our stockholders. However, they also give our Board of Directors the power to discourage acquisitions that some stockholders may favor.

### **Undesignated Preferred Stock**

The ability to authorize undesignated preferred stock will make it possible for our Board of Directors to issue preferred stock with superior voting, special approval, dividend or other rights or preferences on a discriminatory basis that could impede the success of any attempt to acquire us. These and other provisions may have the effect of deferring, delaying or discouraging hostile takeovers, or changes in control or management of our company.

### Meetings and Elections of Directors

Special Meetings of Stockholders. Our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that a special meeting of stockholders may be called only by our Board of Directors by a resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of directors then in office.

*Elimination of Stockholder Action by Written Consent.* Our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation and our second amended and restated bylaws provide that holders of our common stock cannot act by written consent in lieu of a meeting.

*Vacancies.* Any vacancy occurring on our Board of Directors and any newly created directorship may be filled only by a majority of the directors remaining in office (even if less than a quorum), subject to the rights of holders of any series of preferred stock.

### Amendments

Amendments of Certificate of Incorporation. The provisions described above under "-Special Meetings of Stockholders," "-Elimination of Stockholder Action by Written Consent" and "-Vacancies" may be amended only by the affirmative vote of holders of at least two-thirds of the combined voting power of outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

Amendment of Bylaws. Our Board of Directors has the power to make, alter, amend, change or repeal our bylaws or adopt new bylaws by the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of directors then in office.

### Notice Provisions Relating to Stockholder Proposals and Nominees

Our second amended and restated by laws also impose some procedural requirements on stockholders who wish to make nominations in the election of directors or propose any other business to be brought before an annual or special meeting of stockholders.

Specifically, a stockholder may (i) bring a proposal before an annual meeting of stockholders, (ii) nominate a candidate for election to our Board of Directors at an annual meeting of stockholders, or (iii) nominate a candidate for election to our Board of Directors at a special meeting of stockholders that has been called for the purpose of electing directors, only if such stockholder delivers timely notice to our corporate secretary. The notice must be in writing and must include certain information and comply with the delivery requirements as set forth in the bylaws.

To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be received at our principal executive offices:

- in the case of a nomination or other business in connection with an annual meeting of stockholders, not later than the close of business on the 90th day nor earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to the first anniversary of the previous year's annual meeting of stockholders; provided, however, that if the date of the annual meeting is advanced more than 30 days before or delayed more than 70 days after the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, notice by the stockholder must be delivered not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such annual meeting or the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by us;
- in the case of a nomination in connection with a special meeting of stockholders, not earlier than the 120th day prior to such special meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day before such special meeting or the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by us.

With respect to special meetings of stockholders, our second amended and restated by laws provide that only such business shall be conducted as shall have been stated in the notice of the meeting.

### Delaware Antitakeover Law

We have opted out of Section 203 of the DGCL. However, our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides that in the event NRG and its affiliates cease to beneficially own at least 5% of the total voting power of all the then outstanding shares of our capital stock, we will automatically become subject to Section 203 of the DGCL. Section 203 provides that, subject to certain exceptions specified in the law, a Delaware corporation shall not engage in certain "business combinations" with any "interested stockholder" for a three-year period following the time that the stockholder became an interested stockholder unless:

- prior to such time, our Board of Directors approved either the business combination or the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding certain shares; or
- at or subsequent to that time, the business combination is approved by our Board of Directors and by the affirmative vote of holders of at least  $66^2/3\%$  of the outstanding voting stock that is not owned by the interested stockholder.

Generally, a "business combination" includes a merger, asset or stock sale or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. Subject to certain exceptions, an "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with that person's affiliates and associates, owns, or within the previous three years did own, 15% or more of our voting stock.

Under certain circumstances, Section 203 makes it more difficult for a person who would be an "interested stockholder" to effect various business combinations with a corporation for a three-year period. The provisions of Section 203 may encourage companies interested in acquiring us to negotiate in advance with our Board of Directors because the stockholder approval requirement would be avoided if our Board of Directors approves either the business combination or the transaction that results in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder. These provisions also may make it more difficult to accomplish transactions that stockholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interests.

### Amendments

Any amendments to our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation, subject to the rights of holders of our preferred stock, regarding the provisions thereof summarized under "—Corporate Opportunity" or "—Antitakeover Effects of Delaware Law and Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws" will require the affirmative vote of at least  $66^2/3\%$  of the voting power of all shares of our common stock then outstanding.

### Third Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Yield LLC

The following is a description of the material terms of Yield LLC's third amended and restated limited liability company agreement.

### Governance

Yield Inc. serves as the sole managing member of Yield LLC. As such, Yield Inc., and effectively our Board of Directors, controls the business and affairs of Yield LLC and is responsible for the management of its business. No other member of Yield LLC, in its capacity as such, has any authority or right to control the management of Yield LLC or to bind it in connection with any matter. Any amendment, supplement or waiver of the Yield LLC operating agreement must be approved by a majority of our independent directors.

# Voting and Economic Rights of Members

Yield LLC has issued four classes of units: Class A units and Class C units, which may only be issued to Yield Inc., as the sole managing member, and Class B units and Class D units, which may only be issued to NRG and held by NRG or its permitted transferees. Units of each of the four classes have equivalent economic and other rights, except that upon issuance, each holder of a Class B unit will also be issued a share of our Class B common stock and each holder of a Class D unit will also be issued a share of our Class A common stock, subject to equitable adjustments for stock splits, dividends and reclassifications in accordance with the terms of the Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement (as described below), and each Class D unit is exchangeable for a share of our Class C common stock, subject to equitable adjustments for stock splits, dividends and reclassifications in accordance with the terms of the Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement (as described below), and each Class D unit is exchangeable for a share of our Class C common stock, subject to equitable adjustments for stock splits, dividends and reclassifications in accordance with the terms of the Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement. When NRG or its permitted transferee exchanges a Class B unit of Yield LLC for a share of our Class A common stock, we will automatically redeem and cancel a corresponding share of our Class C common stock, we will automatically redeem and cancel a corresponding share of our Class C common stock, we will automatically redeem and cancel a corresponding share of our Class C common stock, we will automatically redeem and cancel a corresponding share of our Class C common stock, we will automatically redeem and cancel a corresponding share of our Class D common stock, and the Class D unit of Yield LLC for a share of our Class C common stock, we will automatically redeem and cancel a corresponding share of our Class D common stock, and the Class D unit will automatically convert into a Class C unit of Yield LLC issued

Net profits and net losses and distributions by Yield LLC are allocated and made to holders of units in accordance with the respective number of membership units of Yield LLC held. Yield LLC will make distributions to us and NRG for the purpose of funding tax obligations in respect of income of Yield LLC that is allocated to the members of Yield LLC. However, Yield LLC may not make any distributions to its members if doing so would violate any agreement to which it is then a party or any law then applicable to it, have the effect of rendering it insolvent or result in it having net capital lower than that required by applicable law. Additionally, because all of our operations are conducted through NRG Yield Operating, LLC ("Yield Operating LLC"), and Yield Operating LLC's Amended and Restated Credit Agreement restricts the ability of Yield Operating LLC to make distributions to

Yield LLC, Yield LLC may not have any funds available to make distributions to us and NRG (including with respect to tax obligations).

### Coordination of Yield Inc. and Yield LLC

At any time Yield Inc. issues a share of its Class A common stock or Class C common stock for cash, the net proceeds therefrom will promptly be transferred to Yield LLC and Yield LLC will either:

- transfer a newly issued Class A unit of Yield LLC to Yield Inc. in the case of the issuance of a share of Class A common stock, or transfer a newly issued Class C unit of Yield LLC to Yield Inc. in the case of the issuance of a share of Class C common stock; or
  - use the net proceeds to purchase a Class B unit of Yield LLC from NRG in the case of the issuance of a share of Class A common stock, which Class B unit will automatically convert into a Class A unit of Yield LLC when transferred to Yield Inc. or use the net proceeds to purchase a Class D unit of Yield LLC from NRG in the case of the issuance of a share of Class C common stock, which Class D unit will automatically convert into a Class of the issuance of a share of Class C common stock, which Class D unit will automatically convert into a Class C unit of Yield LLC when transferred to Yield Inc.

In the event Yield LLC purchases a Class B unit or a Class D unit of Yield LLC from NRG, Yield Inc. will concurrently redeem and cancel the corresponding share of its Class B common stock or Class D common stock, as applicable.

If Yield Inc. issues other classes or series of equity securities, Yield LLC will issue, and Yield Inc. will use the net proceeds therefrom to purchase, an equal amount of units with designations, preferences and other rights and terms that are substantially the same as Yield Inc.'s newly-issued equity securities. Conversely, if Yield Inc. elects to redeem any shares of its Class A common stock or Class C common stock (or its equity securities of other classes or series) for cash, Yield LLC will, immediately prior to such redemption, redeem an equal number of Class A units or Class C units (or its units of the corresponding classes or series) held by Yield Inc. upon the same terms and for the same price, as the shares of Class A common stock or Class C common stock (or equity securities of such other classes or series) so redeemed.

### Issuances and Transfer of Units

Class A units and Class C units may only be issued to Yield Inc., as the sole managing member of Yield LLC, and are non-transferable except upon redemption by Yield LLC. Class B units and Class D units may only be issued to NRG. Class B units and Class D units may not be transferred without our consent, subject to such conditions as we may specify, except NRG may transfer Class B units or Class D units to a permitted transferee (including an affiliate) without our consent. NRG may not transfer any Class B units or Class D units to any person unless NRG transfers an equal number of shares of our Class B common stock or Class D common stock, as applicable, to the same transferee.

# Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement

We entered into an amended and restated exchange agreement pursuant to which NRG (and certain permitted assignees and permitted transferees who acquire Class B units or Class D units of Yield LLC) may from time to time cause Yield LLC to exchange its Class B units for shares of our Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends and reclassifications, or to exchange its Class D units for shares of our Class C common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustments for stock splits, stock dividends, and reclassifications (the "Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement"). The Amended and Restated Exchange Agreement also provides that, subject to certain exceptions, holders do not have the right to cause Yield LLC to exchange Class B or Class D units if Yield LLC determines that such exchange would be prohibited by



law or regulation or would violate other agreements to which Yield Inc. may be subject, and Yield Inc. may impose additional restrictions on exchange that it determines necessary or advisable so that Yield LLC is not treated as a "publicly traded partnership" for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

When NRG or its permitted transferee exchanges a Class B unit of Yield LLC for a share of our Class A common stock, we will automatically redeem and cancel a corresponding share of our Class B common stock and the Class B unit will automatically convert into a Class A unit when issued to Yield Inc. Similarly, when NRG or its permitted transferee exchanges a Class D unit of Yield LLC for a share of our Class C common stock, we will automatically redeem and cancel a corresponding share of our Class D common stock and the Class D unit of Yield LLC for a share of our Class C common stock, we will automatically redeem and cancel a corresponding share of our Class D common stock and the Class D unit will automatically convert into a Class C unit when issued to Yield Inc. As a result, when a holder exchanges its Class B units for shares of our Class A common stock, or its Class D unit for shares of our Class C common stock, we have reserved for issuance 42,738,750 shares of our Class A common stock, which is the aggregate number of shares of Class A common stock, which is the aggregate number of shares of Class A common stock, which is the aggregate number of shares of Our Class C common stock, which is the aggregate number of shares of Class B units of Yield LLC currently outstanding, and 42,738,750 shares of our Class C common stock, which is the aggregate number of shares of class D units of Yield LLC currently outstanding.

# Indemnification and Exculpation

To the extent permitted by applicable law, Yield LLC will indemnify its managing member, our authorized officers and our other employees and agents from and against any losses, liabilities, damages, costs, expenses, fees or penalties incurred in connection with serving in such capacities, provided that the acts or omissions of these indemnified persons are not the result of fraud, intentional misconduct or a violation of the implied contractual duty of good faith and fair dealing, or any lesser standard of conduct permitted under applicable law.

Such authorized officers and other employees and agents will not be liable to Yield LLC, its members or their affiliates for damages incurred as a result of any acts or omissions of these persons, provided that the acts or omissions of these exculpated persons are not the result of fraud, intentional misconduct or a violation of the implied contractual duty of good faith and fair dealing, or any lesser standard of conduct permitted under applicable law.

### Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement

We entered into an amended and restated registration rights agreement with NRG pursuant to which NRG and its affiliates will be entitled to demand registration rights, including the right to demand that a shelf registration statement be filed, and "piggyback" registration rights, for shares of our Class A common stock that are issuable upon exchange of Class B units of Yield LLC that it owns, and for shares of our Class C common stock that are issuable upon exchange of Class B units of Yield LLC that it owns.



# DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

We may offer secured or unsecured debt securities, which may be convertible or non-convertible. Our debt securities will be issued under an indenture to be entered into between us and Law Debenture Trust Company of New York.

We have summarized certain general features of the debt securities from the indenture. A form of indenture is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. The following description of the terms of the debt securities sets forth certain general terms and provisions. The particular terms of the debt securities offered by any prospectus supplement and the extent, if any, to which these general provisions may apply to the debt securities will be described in the related prospectus supplement.

### General

The aggregate principal amount of debt securities that may be issued under the indenture is unlimited. The debt securities may be issued in one or more series as may be authorized from time to time.

Reference is made to the applicable prospectus supplement for the following terms of the debt securities (if applicable):

- title and aggregate principal amount;
- whether the securities will be senior or subordinated;
- applicable subordination provisions, if any;
- whether securities issued by us will be entitled to the benefits of any form of guarantee;
- conversion or exchange into other securities;
- whether securities issued by us will be secured or unsecured, and if secured, what the collateral will consist of;
- percentage or percentages of principal amount at which such securities will be issued;
- maturity date(s);
- interest rate(s) or the method for determining the interest rate(s);
- dates on which interest will accrue or the method for determining dates on which interest will accrue and dates on which interest will be payable;
- redemption (including upon a "change of control") or early repayment provisions;
- authorized denominations;
- form;
- amount of discount or premium, if any, with which such securities will be issued;
- whether such securities will be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities;
- identity of the depositary for global securities;
- whether a temporary security is to be issued with respect to such series and whether any interest payable prior to the issuance of definitive securities of the series will be credited to the account of the persons entitled thereto;



- the terms upon which beneficial interests in a temporary global security may be exchanged in whole or in part for beneficial interests in a definitive global security or for individual definitive securities;
- conversion or exchange features;
- any covenants applicable to the particular debt securities being issued;
- any defaults and events of default applicable to the particular debt securities being issued;
- currency, currencies or currency units in which the purchase price for, the principal of and any premium and any interest on, such securities will be payable;
- time period within which, the manner in which and the terms and conditions upon which the purchaser of the securities can select the payment currency;
- securities exchange(s) on which the securities will be listed, if any;
- whether any underwriter(s) will act as market maker(s) for the securities;
- extent to which a secondary market for the securities is expected to develop;
- additions to or changes in the events of default with respect to the securities and any change in the right of the trustee or the holders to declare the principal, premium and interest with respect to such securities to be due and payable;
- provisions relating to covenant defeasance and legal defeasance;
- provisions relating to satisfaction and discharge of the indenture;
- provisions relating to the modification of the indenture both with and without the consent of holders of debt securities issued under the indenture; and
- additional terms not inconsistent with the provisions of the indenture.

One or more series of debt securities may be sold at a substantial discount below their stated principal amount, bearing no interest or interest at a rate which at the time of issuance is below market rates. One or more series of debt securities may be variable rate debt securities that may be exchanged for fixed rate debt securities.

United States federal income tax consequences and special considerations, if any, applicable to any such series will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Debt securities may be issued where the amount of principal and/or interest payable is determined by reference to one or more currency exchange rates, commodity prices, equity indices or other factors. Holders of such securities may receive a principal amount or a payment of interest that is greater than or less than the amount of principal or interest otherwise payable on such dates, depending upon the value of the applicable currencies, commodities, equity indices or other factors to the methods for determining the amount of principal or interest, if any, payable on any date, the currencies, commodities, equity indices or other factors to which the amount payable on such date is linked and certain additional United States federal income tax considerations will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The term "debt securities" includes debt securities denominated in U.S. dollars or, if specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, in any other freely transferable currency or units based on or relating to foreign currencies.

We expect most debt securities to be issued in fully registered form without coupons and in denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof. Subject to the limitations provided in the indenture and as otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, debt

securities that are issued in registered form may be transferred or exchanged at the corporate trust office of the trustee, without the payment of any service charge, other than any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

### **Global Securities**

The debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more global securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, a depositary (the "depositary") identified in the applicable prospectus supplement. Global securities will be issued in registered form and in either temporary or definitive form. Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for the individual debt securities, a global security may not be transferred except as a whole by the depositary for such global security to a nominee of such depositary or by a nominee of such depositary to such depositary or another nominee of such depositary or by such depositary or any such nominee to a successor of such depositary or a nominee of such successor. The specific terms of the depositary arrangement with respect to any debt securities of a series and the rights of and limitations upon owners of beneficial interests in a global security will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### **Governing Law**

The indenture and the debt securities shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to the principles thereof relating to conflicts of law.



# PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

### Initial Offering and Sale of Securities

We may sell securities from time to time in one or more transactions separately or in combination. We may sell the securities of or within any series to or through agents, underwriters, dealers, remarketing firms or other third parties or directly to one or more purchasers or through a combination of any of these methods. We may issue securities as a dividend or distribution. In some cases, we or dealers acting with us or on behalf of us may also purchase securities and reoffer them to the public. We may also offer and sell, or agree to deliver, securities pursuant to, or in connection with, any option agreement or other contractual arrangement.

Agents whom we designate may solicit offers to purchase the securities.

- If required, we will name any agent involved in offering or selling securities, and disclose any commissions that we will pay to the agent, in the applicable prospectus supplement.
- Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, agents will act on a best efforts basis for the period of their appointment.
- Agents may be deemed to be underwriters under the Securities Act of 1933, of any of the securities that they offer or sell.

We may use an underwriter or underwriters in the offer or sale of the securities.

- If we use an underwriter or underwriters, we will execute an underwriting agreement with the underwriter or underwriters at the time that we reach an agreement for the sale of the securities.
- We will include the names of the specific managing underwriter or underwriters, as well as the names of any other underwriters, and the terms of the transactions, including the compensation the underwriters and dealers will receive, in the applicable prospectus supplement.
- The underwriters will use the applicable prospectus supplement, together with this prospectus, to sell the securities.

We may use a dealer to sell the securities.

- If we use a dealer, we will sell the securities to the dealer, as principal.
- The dealer will then sell the securities to the public at varying prices that the dealer will determine at the time it sells the securities.
- We will include the name of the dealer and the terms of the transactions with the dealer in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We may solicit directly offers to purchase the securities, and we may directly sell the securities to institutional or other investors. We will describe the terms of direct sales in the applicable prospectus supplement.

We may engage in "at the market offerings" within the meaning of Rule 415(a)(4) of the Securities Act of 1933, to or through a market maker or into an existing trading market on an exchange or otherwise.

We may also offer and sell securities, if so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, in connection with a remarketing upon their purchase, in accordance with a redemption or repayment pursuant to their terms, or otherwise, by one or more firms referred to as remarketing firms, acting as principals for their own accounts or as our agents. Any remarketing firm will be identified and the terms of its agreement, if any, with us, and its compensation will be described in the applicable

prospectus supplement. Remarketing firms may be deemed to be underwriters under the Securities Act in connection with the securities they remarket.

We may indemnify agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. Agents, underwriters, dealers and remarketing firms, or their affiliates, may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us or our respective affiliates, in the ordinary course of business.

We may authorize agents and underwriters to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase the securities at the public offering price under delayed delivery contracts.

- If we use delayed delivery contracts, we will disclose that we are using them in the prospectus supplement and will tell you when we will demand payment and delivery of the securities under the delayed delivery contracts.
- These delayed delivery contracts will be subject only to the conditions that we describe in the prospectus supplement.
- We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the commission that underwriters and agents soliciting purchases of the securities under delayed contracts will be entitled to receive.

Any underwriter, agent or dealer that is a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority member is not permitted to sell securities in an offering to accounts over which it exercises discretionary authority without the prior specific written approval of its customer.

Unless otherwise specified in connection with a particular underwritten offering of securities, the underwriters will not be obligated to purchase offered securities unless specified conditions are satisfied, and if the underwriters do purchase any offered securities, they will purchase all offered securities.

We may enter into derivative or other hedging transactions involving the securities with third parties, or sell securities not covered by the prospectus to third parties in privately-negotiated transactions. If we so indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, in connection with those derivative transactions, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the related prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions, or may lend securities in order to facilitate short sale transactions by others. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of securities. The third party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment to the registration statement that includes this prospectus).

We may effect sales of securities in connection with forward sale, option or other types of agreements with third parties. Any distribution of securities pursuant to any forward sale agreement may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions that may take place through a stock exchange, including block trades or ordinary broker's transactions, or through broker-dealers acting either as principal or agent, or through privately-negotiated transactions, or through a underwritten public offering, or through a combination of any such methods of sale, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices relating to such prevailing market prices or at negotiated or fixed prices.

We may loan or pledge securities to third parties that in turn may sell the securities using this prospectus and the related prospectus supplement or, if we default in the case of a pledge, may offer and sell the securities from time to time using this prospectus and the related prospectus supplement. Such third parties may transfer their short positions to investors in the securities or in connection with a concurrent offering of other securities offered by this prospectus and the related prospectus supplement or otherwise.

We may sell shares of our common stock under a direct stock purchase and dividend reinvestment plan to be established after the date of this prospectus. The terms of any such plan will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.



# LEGAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the validity of the securities that may be offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Ballard Spahr LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. If legal matters in connection with the offering made by this prospectus are passed on by counsel for the underwriters, dealers or agents, if any, that counsel will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

### EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements and schedule of NRG Yield, Inc. as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2014, and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014 have been incorporated by reference herein and in the prospectus, in reliance upon the reports of KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, except as they relate to GCE Holding LLC as of December 31, 2012 which have been audited by another independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon authority of said firms as experts in accounting and auditing and contain an explanatory paragraph that states that the scope of management's assessment of their effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting excludes the operations of the Alta Wind Portfolio.

The financial statements of GCE Holding LLC at December 31, 2012 and for the year ended December 31, 2012 incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K of NRG Yield, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2014 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report (which contains an explanatory paragraph relating to GCE Holding LLC's related party transactions as described in the "Related Party Transaction" note to the financial statements) of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The combined financial statements of the Alta Wind Portfolio of Terra-Gen Power, LLC as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2013, have been incorporated by reference herein and in the prospectus, in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent auditors, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The financial statements of Laredo Ridge Wind, LLC as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2013, have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus by reference to our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on January 16, 2015, in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of WCEP Holdings, LLC as of December 31, 2013, and for the year ended December 31, 2013, have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus by reference to our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on January 16, 2015, in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The consolidated financial statements of Tapestry Wind, LLC as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2013, incorporated by reference in this prospectus by reference to our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on January 16, 2015, in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

# PRO FORMA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Combined Financial Statements

On August 12, 2014, we acquired the Alta Wind Portfolio of Terra-Gen Power, LLC (the "Alta Wind Portfolio") and on January 2, 2015, we acquired Walnut Creek, Laredo Ridge and the Tapestry projects (the "EME-NYLD-Eligible Assets") from NRG. On June 30, 2014, we acquired El Segundo, TA High Desert and Kansas South (the "Acquired ROFO Assets") from NRG. The acquisitions of the EME-NYLD-Eligible Assets and the Acquired ROFO Assets (collectively, the "Drop Down Assets") was accounted for in accordance with ASC 850-50, Business Combinations—Related Issues, where the assets and liabilities transferred to us relate to interests under common control by NRG and accordingly, were recorded at historical cost. The guidance requires retrospective combination of the entities for all periods presented as if the combination has been in effect since the inception of common control. Accordingly, our consolidated financial statements reflect the transfers as if they had taken place from the beginning of the financial statements period, or from the date the entities were under common control, which was January 1, 2013 for El Segundo, May 13, 2013, for Kansas South, March 28, 2013, for TA High Desert and April 1, 2014, for Laredo Ridge, Walnut Creek and Tapestry. For Kansas South, TA High Desert, Laredo Ridge, Walnut Creek and Tapestry. For Kansas South, TA High Desert, Laredo Ridge, Walnut Creek and Tapestry.

The Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Combined Income Statement (the "pro forma income statement") combines our historical consolidated income statement, the pre-acquisition income statements of the EME-NYLD-Eligible Assets, and the pre-acquisition combined income statement of the Alta Wind Portfolio, to illustrate the potential effect of the above mentioned transactions. The balance sheet as of December 31, 2014 incorporated by reference in this prospectus reflects the acquisitions of the Alta Wind Portfolio and the EME-NYLD-Eligible Assets and accordingly, only the pro forma income statement is presented below. The pro forma income statement was based on the:

- accompanying notes to the Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Combined Financial Statements;
- our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 and notes relating thereto;
- combined financial statements of the Alta Wind Portfolio for the period from January 1, 2014 through August 12, 2014; and
- financial statements of the operating subsidiaries of Laredo Ridge Wind, LLC; Tapestry Wind, LLC; and WCEP Holdings, LLC for the period from January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014.

The pro forma income statement should also be read in conjunction with the following financial statements incorporated by reference in this prospectus:

- our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 and notes relating thereto;
- combined financial statements of the Alta Wind Portfolio for the year ended December 31, 2013 and for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and the notes relating thereto; and
- financial statements of the operating subsidiaries of Laredo Ridge Wind, LLC; Tapestry Wind, LLC; and WCEP Holdings, LLC for the period from January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014 and the notes thereto.

The historical consolidated income statement has been adjusted in the pro forma income statement to give effect to pro forma events that are (1) directly attributable to the Alta Wind Portfolio and the EME-NYLD-Eligible Assets transactions, (2) factually supportable and (3) expected to have a continuing impact on the combined results. The pro forma income statement for the year ended

December 31, 2014 gives effect to the acquisitions and the stock split as if they occurred on January 1, 2014.

As described in the accompanying notes, the pro forma income statement has been prepared using the acquisition method of accounting under GAAP and the regulations of the SEC. The acquisition of the EME-NYLD-Eligible Assets was accounted as a transfer of entities under common control and the purchase price was allocated to the carrying values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of the date of the acquisition.

The impact of the pro forma purchase price adjustments are preliminary, subject to future adjustments, and have been made solely for the purpose of providing the unaudited pro forma combined financial information presented herewith. Differences between these preliminary estimates and the final acquisition accounting will occur and these differences could have a material impact on the accompanying pro forma income statement and the combined company's future results of operations and financial position. The pro forma income statement has been presented for informational purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of what the combined company's results of operations would have been had the acquisitions of the EME-NYLD-Eligible Assets and the Alta Wind Portfolio been completed on the dates indicated. We could incur significant costs to integrate the businesses. The pro forma income statement does not reflect the cost of any integration activities or benefits that may result from synergies that may be derived from any integration activities. In addition, the pro forma income statement does not purport to project the future results of operations of the combined company.



# Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Consolidated Income Statement

# For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

|  | NRG<br>Yield, Inc.<br>As Recast | Alta Wind<br>Portfolio Pre-<br>Acquisition(a)<br>(in millions) | Pro Forma<br>Adjustments<br>Alta Wind<br>Portfolio | EME-NYLD-<br>Eligible<br>Assets Pre-<br>Acquisition(b) | Pro Forma<br>Adjustments<br>EME-NYLD-<br>Eligible Assets | Pro Forma<br>Combined |
|--|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--|-----------------------|
| Operating revenues   |                                 |  |  |  |  |                       |
| Total operating revenues   | \$ 689                          | \$ 158   | )<br>\$ (26(c)                                     | \$ 32  | )(c<br>\$ (5(h)  |                       |
| Operating Costs and Expenses   | 220                             | 26   |  | 0  |  | 20.4                  |
| Cost of operations   | 239                             | 36   |  | 9  | )  | 284                   |
| Depreciation and amortization<br>General and administrative-                         | 166                             | 35   | 1(d)   | 14   | )<br>(4(d)   | ) 212                 |
| affiliate  | 8                               | 3  |  |  |  | 11                    |
| Acquisition-related transaction  |                                 |  |  |  |  |                       |
| and integration costs  | 4                               |  |  |  |  | 4                     |
| Total operating costs and expenses   | 417                             | 74   | 1  | 23   | (4)  | 511                   |
| Operating Income   | 272                             | 84   | (27)   | 9  | (1)  | 337                   |
| Other Income (Expense)   |                                 |  |  |  |  |                       |
| Equity in earnings of  | 27                              |  |  |  |  | 07                    |
| unconsolidated affiliates<br>Other income, net                                       | 27<br>3                         |  |  | _  |  | 27                    |
| Other meome, net   | 5                               |  | )  |  |  | 5                     |
| Interest expense   | (186)                           | (77)   | (16(e)   | (10)   | (5)(i  | ) (294)               |
| Total other expense  | (156)                           | (77)   | (16)   | (10)   | (5)  | (264)                 |
| Net Income Before Taxes  | 116                             | 7  | (43)   | (1)  | (6)  | 73                    |
|  |                                 |  | ) (  | , í  | , í  |                       |
| Income tax expense (benefit)   | 4                               |  | <u>(6(f)</u>                                       |  | 4(j)   |                       |
| Net Income   | 112                             | 7  | (37)   | (1)  | (10)   | 71                    |
| Less: Pre-acquisition net  | 40                              |  |  |  | )  | 17                    |
| income of Drop Down Assets<br>Net Income Excluding Pre-                              | 48                              |  |  |  | <u>(31</u> (k)   | ) 17                  |
| acquisition Net Income of  |                                 |  |  |  |  |                       |
| Drop Down Assets   | 64                              | 7  | (37)   | (1)  | 21   | 54                    |
| Less: Income attributable to   |                                 |  | )  |  |  |                       |
| NRG  | 48                              | _  | (20(g)   | _  | 13(1)  | 41                    |
| Net Income Attributable to NRG<br>Yield, Inc.  | 16                              | 7  | (17)   | (1)  | 8  | 13                    |
| Earnings per share attributable<br>to Class A common<br>stockholders:                |                                 |  |  |  |  |                       |
| Basic and diluted weighted<br>average number of Class A<br>common shares outstanding | 28(n                            | )  |  |  | 4(m  | ) 32(                 |
| Basic and diluted earnings<br>per Class A common                                     | Ì                               |  |  |  | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,                    |                       |
| share  | <u>\$ 0.30(n</u>                | l)   |  |  |  | <u>\$ 0.21</u> (      |
| Earnings per share attributable<br>to Class C common<br>stockholders:                |                                 |  |  |  |  |                       |
| Basic and diluted weighted<br>average number of Class C                              |                                 | 、<br>、   |  |  |  |                       |
| common shares outstanding<br>Basic and diluted earnings<br>per Class C common        | 28(n                            | .)   |  |  | 4(m  | a) 32(                |
| share  | <u>\$ 0.30(n</u>                | 1)   |  |  |  | \$ 0.21               |
|  |                                 | 23   |  |  |  |                       |

### Notes to the Unaudited Pro Forma Condensed Combined Income Statement

- (a) Represents Alta Wind Portfolio's operating results for the period from January 1, 2014 through August 12, 2014, the date of the acquisition.
- (b) Represents the results of the EME-NYLD-Eligible Assets for the period from January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014, prior to the acquisition of the EME-NYLD-Eligible Assets by NRG.
- (c) Represents additional amortization expense resulting from the intangible asset value associated with the acquired power purchase agreements, or PPAs. The terms of the PPAs range from 21 to 27 years.
- (d) Represents the change in depreciation expense resulting from recording the property, plant and equipment at acquisition date fair value. The remaining useful lives of the property, plant and equipment range from 2 to 27 years.
- (e) Reflects the estimated increase in interest expense pertaining to \$500 million of senior notes that we issued on August 5, 2014 at an interest rate of 5.375%. The increase represents the interest that would have been incurred from January 1, 2014 through August 4, 2014.
- (f) Represents the tax impact of the pro forma adjustments for the acquisition of the Alta Wind Portfolio.
- (g) Represents the adjustment to record noncontrolling interest associated with the impact of the acquisition of the Alta Wind Portfolio.
- (h) Reflects an adjustment to conform Edison Mission Energy's ("EME") policy for recording the receipt of cash grants as deferred revenue to the Company's policy of reducing the value of the related property, plant and equipment. EME had recorded revenue related to these cash grants of \$2 million for the pre-acquisition period from January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014.
- Represents the estimated increase in interest expense associated with borrowings by us in connection with the acquisition of the EME-NYLD-Eligible Assets. We borrowed \$210 million on our line of credit at a rate of L+2.25%.
- (j) Represents the tax impact of the pro forma adjustments for the EME-NYLD-Eligible Assets.
- (k) Represents the effect of presenting the EME-NYLD-Eligible Assets as if they were acquired on January 1, 2014.
- (l) Represents the adjustment to record noncontrolling interest associated with the impact of the EME-NYLD-Eligible Assets.
- (m) Represents the issuance of Class A common stock to fund the acquisition of the Alta Wind Portfolio.
- (n) Represents the impact of the stock split, in connection with which each outstanding share of Class A common stock was split into one share of Class A common stock and one share of Class C common stock.

# INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF CERTAIN INFORMATION

The SEC allows the "incorporation by reference" of the information filed by us with the SEC into this prospectus, which means that important information can be disclosed to you by referring you to those documents and those documents will be considered part of this prospectus. Information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the previously filed information. The documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (other than portions of these documents deemed to be "furnished" or not deemed to be "filed") are incorporated by reference herein:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed on February 27, 2015.
- The information specifically incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K from our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A, filed on March 26, 2015.
- Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015, filed on May 8, 2015.
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on August 18, 2014 as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Form 8-K filed on October 14, 2014, January 6, 2015 as amended by Amendment No. 1 to Form 8-K filed on January 16, 2015, February 27, 2015 (in connection with entry into a supplemental indenture), March 9, 2015, March 12, 2015, April 15, 2015, April 16, 2015, May 5, 2015, May 8, 2015 (in connection with entry into a supplemental indenture), May 15, 2015, May 22, 2015, June 9, 2015 and June 18, 2015.
- The description of our Class A common stock and our Class C common stock contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed with the SEC on May 8, 2015, to register such securities under the Exchange Act including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

If you make a request for such information in writing or by telephone, we will provide you, without charge, a copy of any or all of the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Any such request should be directed to:

NRG Yield, Inc. 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, NJ 08540 (609) 524-4500 Attention: Corporate Secretary

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You can inspect and copy any materials we file at the Public Reference Room of the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the Public Reference Room. Our SEC filings will also be available to you on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and through the New York Stock Exchange, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005, on which our Class A common stock and our Class C common stock are listed.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 relating to the securities covered by this prospectus. This prospectus, which forms a part of the registration statement, does not contain all the information that is included in the registration statement. You will find additional information about us in the registration statement. Any statements made in this prospectus concerning the provisions of legal documents are not necessarily complete and you should read the documents that are filed as exhibits to the registration statement or otherwise filed with the SEC for a more complete understanding of the document or matter.

# NRG YIELD

# NRG Yield, Inc.

Class A Common Stock Class C Common Stock Debt Securities Preferred Stock

PROSPECTUS

June 22, 2015

# PART II

# INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

### Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following is a statement of the estimated expenses, to be paid solely by the registrant, of the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered hereby:

|                              | be<br>Paid |
|------------------------------|------------|
| SEC registration fee         | \$ *       |
| Legal fees and expenses      | **         |
| Accounting fees and expenses | **         |
| Stock exchange listing fees. | **         |
| Blue sky fees                | **         |
| Printing fees                | **         |
| Rating agency fees           | **         |
| Trustee's fees and expenses  | **         |
| Miscellaneous                | **         |
| Total                        | \$ **      |

\* In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r), we are deferring payment of the registration fee.

\*\* These fees are calculated based on the securities offered and the number of issuances and accordingly cannot be estimated at this time.

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### Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

### Delaware

Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL allows a corporation to provide in its certificate of incorporation that a director of the corporation will not be personally liable to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except where the director breached the duty of loyalty, failed to act in good faith, engaged in intentional misconduct or knowingly violated a law, authorized the payment of a dividend or approved a stock repurchase in violation of Delaware corporate law or obtained an improper personal benefit. Our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation provides for this limitation of liability.

Section 145 of the DGCL, or Section 145, provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was, is or is threatened to be made, party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of such corporation), by reason of the fact that such person is or was an officer, director, employee or agent of such corporation or is or was serving at the request of such corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was illegal. A Delaware corporation may indemnify any persons who are, were or are a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise. The indemnity may include expenses (including attorneys'

fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit, provided such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the corporation's best interests, provided that no indemnification is permitted without judicial approval if the officer, director, employee or agent is adjudged to be liable to the corporation. Where an officer or director is successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action referred to above, the corporation must indemnify him against the expenses which such officer or director has actually and reasonably incurred.

Section 145 further authorizes a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation or enterprise, against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his or her status as such, whether or not the corporation would otherwise have the power to indemnify him under Section 145.

Our second amended and restated bylaws provide that we must indemnify our directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL and must also pay expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition upon delivery of an undertaking, by or on behalf of an indemnified person, to repay all amounts so advanced if it should be determined ultimately that such person is not entitled to be indemnified.

We have entered into indemnification agreements with certain of our executive officers and directors pursuant to which we agree to indemnify such persons against all expenses and liabilities incurred or paid by such person in connection with any proceeding arising from the fact that such person is or was an officer or director of our company, and to advance expenses as incurred by or on behalf of such person in connection therewith.

The indemnification rights set forth above are not exclusive of any other right which an indemnified person may have or hereafter acquire under any statute, provision of our second amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our second amended and restated bylaws, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

We maintain standard policies of insurance that provide coverage (1) to our directors and officers against loss rising from claims made by reason of breach of duty or other wrongful act and (2) to us with respect to indemnification payments that we may make to such directors and officers.

### Item 16. Exhibits.

See the attached Exhibit Index which is incorporated into this registration statement by reference.

### Item 17. Undertakings.

(a) Each of the undersigned registrants hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
  - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
  - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed



with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if information required to be included in a posteffective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:
  - (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
  - (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersed or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.
- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered to sold to such purchaser by means of any of the

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following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) Each of the undersigned registrants hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of such annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the provisions referred to in Item 15, or otherwise, each of the registrants has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by such registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the securities being registrent in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(d) The undersigned registrants hereby undertake to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act ("Act") in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission under section 305(b)(2) of the Act.

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Princeton, State of New Jersey, on June 22, 2015.

NRG YIELD, INC.

#### /s/ DAVID CRANE

David Crane President and Chief Executive Officer

### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW BY ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints jointly and severally David R. Hill and Brian E. Curci, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agents with full and several power of substitution, for him or her and his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

|     | Signature                                      | Capacity  | Date          |
|-----|--|---|---------------|
| By: | /s/ DAVID CRANE<br>David Crane                 | President and Chief Executive Officer<br>(principal executive officer) and Director                     | June 22, 2015 |
| By: | /s/ KIRKLAND B. ANDREWS<br>Kirkland B. Andrews | Executive Vice President and Chief<br>— Financial Officer (principal financial<br>officer) and Director | June 22, 2015 |
| By: | /s/ DAVID CALLEN<br>David Callen               | Vice President and Chief Accounting<br>Officer (principal accounting officer)                           | June 22, 2015 |
| By: | /s/ JOHN F. CHLEBOWSKI<br>John F. Chlebowski   | Director  | June 22, 2015 |
| By: | /s/ MAURICIO GUTIERREZ<br>Mauricio Gutierrez   | Director  | June 22, 2015 |

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|     | Signature                | Capacity | Date          |
|-----|--------------------------|----------|---------------|
|     |                          |          |               |
| By: | /s/ FERRELL P. MCCLEAN   | Director | June 22, 2015 |
|     | Ferrell P. McClean       |          |               |
| By: | /s/ CHRISTOPHER S. SOTOS | Director | June 22, 2015 |
|     | Christopher S. Sotos     |          |               |
| By: | /s/ BRIAN R. FORD        | Director | June 22, 2015 |
|     | Brian R. Ford            |          |               |

#### EXHIBIT INDEX Exhibit Exhibit Description Number 1.1\* Form of Underwriting Agreement. Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to 3.1 NRG Yield Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 15, 2015). Certificate of Correction to Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated herein by 3.2 reference to Exhibit 3.1 to NRG Yield, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 9, 2015). 3.3 Second Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to NRG Yield Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 26, 2013). Form of Specimen Stock Certificate for Class A Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to NRG 4.1 Yield, Inc.'s Form 8-A/A filed on May 8, 2015). 4.2 Form of Specimen Stock Certificate for Class C Common Stock (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to NRG Yield, Inc.'s Form 8-A/A filed on May 8, 2015). Form of Indenture for Debt Securities, by and between NRG Yield, Inc. and Law Debenture Trust Company of New 4.3 York, as trustee (including form of Debt Security). 4.4\* Form of Certificate of Designation. 4.5\* Form of Specimen Preferred Stock Certificate. 5.1 Opinion of Ballard Spahr LLP. 12.1 Statement of Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges. 23.1Consent of KPMG LLP, independent public registered accounting firm with respect to the audited financials of NRG Yield, Inc. 23.2 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, independent auditors with respect to the audited financials of GCE Holding LLC. Consent of KPMG LLP, independent auditors with respect to the audited financials of the Alta Wind Portfolio of 23.3 Terra-Gen Power, LLC. 23.4 Consent of KPMG LLP, independent auditors with respect to the audited financial statements of Laredo Ridge Wind, LLC. 23.5 Consent of KPMG LLP, independent auditors with respect to the audited financial statements of WCEP

- Holdings, LLC.23.6 Consent of KPMG LLP, independent auditors with respect to the audited financial statements of Tapestry
- Wind, LLC.
- 23.7 Consent of Ballard Spahr LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney (included on signature pages).
- 25.1 T-1 Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 of Law Debenture Trust Company of New York.
- To be filed by an amendment or an exhibit to a document to be incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference to this registration statement, including a Current Report on Form 8-K.

# NRG Yield, Inc.

# INDENTURE

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Dated as of

Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, as Trustee

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# NRG YIELD, INC.

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| §310(a)(1)     | 7.10           |
|----------------|----------------|
| (a)(2)         | 7.10           |
| (a)(3)         | Not Applicable |
| (a)(4)         | Not Applicable |
| (a)(5)         | 7.10           |
| (b)            | 7.10           |
| § 311(a)       | 7.11           |
| (b)            | 7.11           |
| § 312(a)       | 2.6            |
| (b)            | Not Applicable |
| (c)            | Not Applicable |
| §313(a)        | 7.6            |
| (b)(1)         | 7.6            |
| (b)(2)         | 7.6            |
| (c)(1)         | 7.6            |
| (d)            | 7.6            |
| § 314(a)       | 4.3, 11.5      |
| (b)            | Not Applicable |
| (c)(1)         | 11.4           |
| (c)(2)         | 11.4           |
| (c)(3)         | Not Applicable |
| (d)            | Not Applicable |
| (e)            | 11.5           |
| (f)            | Not Applicable |
| § 315(a)       | 7.1            |
| (b)            | 7.5            |
| (c)            | 7.1            |
| $(\mathbf{d})$ | 7.1            |
| (c)            | 6.11           |
| §316(a)        | 2.10           |
| (a)(1)(A)      | 6.5            |
| (a)(1)(B)      | 6.4            |
| (b)            | 9.3            |
| §317(a)(1)     | 6.8            |
| (a)(2)         | 6.9            |
| (b)            | 2.5            |
| § 318(a)       | 11.1           |
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Note: This reconciliation and tie shall not, for any purpose, be deemed to be part of the Indenture.

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#### Indenture, dated as of Trust Company of New York, as trustee ("Trustee").

, between NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Company"), and Law Debenture

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Securities issued under this Indenture.

## ARTICLE I.

#### DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Section 1.1 Definitions.

"Additional Amounts" means any additional amounts which are required hereby or by any Security, under circumstances specified herein or therein, to be paid by the Company in respect of certain taxes imposed on Holders specified herein or therein and which are owing to such Holders.

"Affiliate" of any specified person means any other person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under direct or indirect common control with such specified person. For purposes of this definition, "control", as used with respect to any person, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement or otherwise; provided that beneficial ownership of 10% or more of the Voting Stock of a Person will be deemed to be control. For purposes of this definition, the terms "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with" have correlative meanings.

"Agent" means any Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent.

"Attributable Debt" in respect of a sale and leaseback transaction means, at the time of determination, the present value of the obligation of the lessee for net rental payments during the remaining term of the lease included in such sale and leaseback transaction including any period for which such lease has been extended or may, at the option of the lessor, be extended. Such present value shall be calculated using a discount rate equal to the rate of interest implicit in such transaction, determined in accordance with GAAP; provided, however, that if such sale and leaseback transaction results in a Capital Lease Obligation, the amount of Indebtedness represented thereby will be determined in accordance with the definition of "Capital Lease Obligation."

"Board of Directors" means:

| behalf of such board; | (1) | with respect to a corporation, the board of directors of the corporation or any committee thereof duly authorized to act on |
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|                       | (2) | with respect to a partnership, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the partnership;                            |
| members thereof; and  | (3) | with respect to a limited liability company, the managing member or members or any controlling committee of managing        |
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(4) with respect to any other person, the board or committee of such person serving a similar function.

"Board Resolution" means a copy of a resolution certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Company to have been adopted by the Board of Directors or pursuant to authorization by the Board of Directors and to be in full force and effect on the date of the certificate and delivered to the Trustee.

"Business Day" means any day except a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday in The City of New York on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close and any other day expressly provided for as a "Business Day" in a Board Resolution, Officers' Certificate or supplemental indenture hereto for a particular Series.

"Capital Lease Obligation" means, at the time any determination is to be made, the amount of the liability in respect of a capital lease that would at that time be required to be capitalized on a balance sheet in accordance with GAAP, and the Stated Maturity thereof shall be the date of the last payment of rent or any other amount due under such lease prior to the first date upon which such lease may be prepaid by the lessee without payment of a penalty.

"Capital Stock" means:

(1) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;

(2) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;

interests; and

(3) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership interests (whether general or limited) or membership

(4) any other interest or participation that confers on a person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing person, but excluding from all of the foregoing any debt securities convertible into Capital Stock, whether or not such debt securities include any right of participation with Capital Stock.

"Company" means the party named as such above until a successor replaces it and thereafter means the successor.

"Company Order" means a written order signed in the name of the Company by two Officers, one of whom must be the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer.

"Corporate Trust Office" means the office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business shall be principally administered.

"Default" means any event that is, or with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would be, an Event of Default.

"Depositary" means, with respect to the Securities of any Series issuable or issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities, the person designated as Depositary for such Series by the Company, which Depositary shall be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act; and if at any time there is more than one such person, "Depositary" as used with respect to the Securities of any Series shall mean the Depositary with respect to the Securities of such Series.

"Discount Security" means any Security that provides for an amount less than the stated principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.2.

"Dollars" and "\$" means the currency of The United States of America.

"ECU" means the European Currency Unit as determined by the Commission of the European Union.

"EDGAR" means the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system or any successor thereto.

"Equity Interests" means Capital Stock and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

"Foreign Currency" means any currency or currency unit issued by a government other than the government of The United States of

America.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, which are in effect from time to time.

"Global Security" or "Global Securities" means a Security or Securities, as the case may be, in the form established pursuant to Section 2.2 evidencing all or part of a Series of Securities, issued to the Depositary for such Series or its nominee, and registered in the name of such Depositary or nominee.

"Government Securities" means direct obligations of, or obligations guaranteed by, the United States of America, and the payment for which the United States pledges its full faith and credit.

"Guarantee" means a guarantee other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business, direct or indirect, in any manner including, without limitation, by way of a pledge of assets or through letters of credit or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof, of all or any part of any Indebtedness (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, or by agreements to keep-well, to purchase assets,

goods, securities or services, to take or pay or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise).

"Hedging Obligations" means, with respect to any specified person, the obligations of such person under:

(1) currency exchange, interest rate or commodity swap agreements, currency exchange, interest rate or commodity cap agreements and currency exchange, interest rate or commodity collar agreements, and

(2) (i) agreements or arrangements designed to protect such Person against fluctuations in currency exchange, interest rates, commodity prices or commodity transportation or transmission pricing or availability; (ii) any netting arrangements, power purchase and sale agreements, fuel purchase and sale agreements, swaps, options and other agreements, in each case, that fluctuate in value with fluctuations in energy, power or gas prices; and (iii) agreements or arrangements for commercial or trading activities with respect to the purchase, transmission, distribution, sale, lease or hedge of any energy related commodity or service.

"Holder" or "Securityholder" means a person in whose name a Security is registered.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any specified person, any indebtedness of such person (excluding accrued expenses and trade payables), whether or not contingent:

- (1) in respect of borrowed money;
- (2) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures or similar instruments or letters of credit (or reimbursement agreements in respect thereof);
- (3) in respect of banker's acceptances;
- (4) representing Capital Lease Obligations or Attributable Debt in respect of sale and leaseback transactions;

(5) representing the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property (including trade payables) or services due more than six months after such property is acquired or such services are completed; or

(6) representing the net amount owing under any Hedging Obligations,

if and to the extent any of the preceding items (other than letters of credit, Attributable Debt and Hedging Obligations) would appear as a liability upon a balance sheet of the specified person prepared in accordance with GAAP. In addition, the term "Indebtedness" includes all Indebtedness of others secured by a Lien on any asset of the specified person (whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by the specified person) and, to the extent not otherwise included, the Guarantee by the specified person of any Indebtedness of any other person; provided, that the amount of such Indebtedness shall be deemed not to exceed the lesser of the amount secured by such Lien and the value of the person's property securing such Lien.

"Indenture" means this Indenture as amended or supplemented from time to time and shall include the form and terms of particular Series of Securities established as contemplated hereunder.

"interest" with respect to any Discount Security which by its terms bears interest only after Maturity, means interest payable after Maturity.

"Lien" means, with respect to any asset:

(1) any mortgage, deed of trust, deed to secure debt, lien (statutory or otherwise), pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance, restriction, collateral assignment, charge or security interest in, on or of such asset;

(2) the interest of a vendor or a lessor under any conditional sale agreement, capital lease or title retention agreement (or any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing) relating to such asset; and

(3) in the case of Equity Interests or debt securities, any purchase option, call or similar right of a third party with respect to such Equity Interests or debt securities.

"Maturity," when used with respect to any Security or installment of principal thereof, means the date on which the principal of such Security or such installment of principal becomes due and payable as therein or herein provided, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption, notice of option to elect repayment or otherwise.

"Officer" means the Chief Executive Officer, the President, any Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary, any Assistant Treasurer or any Assistant Secretary of the Company.

"Officers' Certificate" means a certificate signed by two Officers, one of whom must be the Company's principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer.

"Opinion of Counsel" means a written opinion of legal counsel who is acceptable to the Trustee. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Company who is acceptable to the Trustee.

"person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, limited liability company or government or other entity.

"principal" of a Security means the principal of the Security plus, when appropriate, the premium, if any, on, and any Additional Amounts in respect of, the Security.

"Responsible Officer" means any officer of the Trustee in its Corporate Trust Office (including any managing director, director, vice president, assistant vice president, trust officer or corporate secretary) and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer customarily performing functions similar to those performed by the above

designated officers and also means, any other officer to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of his or her knowledge of and familiarity with a particular subject.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Securities" means the debentures, notes or other debt instruments of the Company of any Series authenticated and delivered under this

Indenture.

"Series" or "Series of Securities" means each series of debentures, notes or other debt instruments of the Company created pursuant to Sections 2.1 and 2.2 hereof.

"Stated Maturity" means, with respect to any installment of interest or principal on any series of Indebtedness, the date on which the payment of interest or principal was scheduled to be paid in the documentation governing such Indebtedness as of the date of the indenture, and will not include any contingent obligations to repay, redeem or repurchase any such interest or principal prior to the date originally scheduled for the payment thereof.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any specified person:

(1) any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency and after giving effect to any voting agreement or stockholders' agreement that effectively transfers voting power) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees of the corporation, association or other business entity is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by that person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that person (or a combination thereof); and

(2) any partnership (a) the sole general partner or the managing general partner of which is such person or a Subsidiary of such person or (b) the only general partners of which are that person or one or more Subsidiaries of that person (or any combination thereof).

"TIA" means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S. Code §§ 77aaa-77bbbb) as in effect on the date of this Indenture; provided, however, that in the event the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 is amended after such date, "TIA" means, to the extent required by any such amendment, the Trust Indenture Act as so amended.

"Trustee" means the person named as the "Trustee" in the first paragraph of this instrument until a successor Trustee shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter "Trustee" shall mean each person who is then a Trustee hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such person, "Trustee" as used with respect to the Securities of any Series shall mean the Trustee with respect to Securities of that Series.

"Voting Stock" of any person as of any date means the Capital Stock of such person that is at the time entitled to vote in the election of the Board of Directors of such person.

## Section 1.2 <u>Other Definitions</u>.

| TERM                             | DEFINED IN<br>SECTION |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| "Bankruptcy Law"                 | 6.1                   |
| "Custodian"                      | 6.1                   |
| "Event of Default"               | 6.1                   |
| "Legal Holiday"                  | 11.7                  |
| "mandatory sinking fund payment" | 12.1                  |
| "optional sinking fund payment"  | 12.1                  |
| "Paying Agent"                   | 2.4                   |
| "Registrar"                      | 2.4                   |
| "Service Agent"                  | 2.4                   |
|                                  |                       |

#### Section 1.3 Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act.

Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the TIA, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture. The following TIA terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

"Commission" means the SEC.

"indenture securities" means the Securities.

"indenture security holder" means a Securityholder.

"indenture to be qualified" means this Indenture.

"indenture trustee" or "institutional trustee" means the Trustee.

"obligor" on the indenture securities means the Company and any successor obligor upon the Securities.

All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the TIA, defined by TIA reference to another statute or defined by SEC rule under the TIA and not otherwise defined herein are used herein as so defined.

#### Section 1.4 <u>Rules of Construction</u>.

(b)

Unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;

an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with generally accepted

accounting principles;

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(c) references to "generally accepted accounting principles" and "GAAP" shall mean generally accepted accounting principles in effect as of the time when and for the period as to which such accounting principles are to be applied;

- (d) "or" is not exclusive;
- (e) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;
- (f) "including" is not limiting; and
- (g) provisions apply to successive events and transactions.

#### ARTICLE II. THE SECURITIES

#### Section 2.1 <u>Issuable in Series</u>.

The aggregate principal amount of Securities that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited. The Securities may be issued in one or more Series. All Securities of a Series shall be identical except as may be set forth in a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture or an Officers' Certificate detailing the adoption of the terms thereof pursuant to the authority granted under a Board Resolution. In the case of Securities of a Series to be issued from time to time, the Board Resolution, Officers' Certificate or supplemental indenture detailing the adoption of the terms thereof pursuant to authority granted under a Board Resolution of the terms thereof pursuant to authority granted under a Board Resolution may provide for the method by which specified terms (such as interest rate, maturity date, record date or date from which interest shall accrue) are to be determined. Securities may differ between Series in respect of any matters, provided that all Series of Securities shall be equally and ratably entitled to the benefits of the Indenture.

#### Section 2.2 Establishment of Terms of Series of Securities.

At or prior to the issuance of any Securities within a Series, the following shall be established (as to the Series generally, in the case of Subsection 2.2.1 and either as to such Securities within the Series or as to the Series generally in the case of Subsections 2.2.2 through 2.2.21) by or pursuant

to a Board Resolution, and set forth or determined in the manner provided in a Board Resolution, supplemental indenture or an Officers' Certificate pursuant to authority granted under a Board Resolution:

2.2.1 the title of the Series (which shall distinguish the Securities of that particular Series from the Securities of any other Series);

2.2.2 the price or prices (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount thereof) at which the Securities of the Series will be issued;

2.2.3 any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of the Series which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Securities

authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of the Series pursuant to Section 2.7, 2.8, 2.11, 3.6 or 9.6);

2.2.4 the date or dates on which the principal of the Securities of the Series is payable;

2.2.5 the rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) per annum or, if applicable, the method used to determine such rate or rates (including, but not limited to, any commodity, commodity index, stock exchange index or financial index) at which the Securities of the Series shall bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which such interest, if any, shall accrue, the date or dates on which such interest, if any, shall commence and be payable and any regular record date for the interest payable on any interest payment date; provided, however, that the method used to determine such rate or rates at which the Securities of the Series shall bear interest must be acceptable to the Trustee;

2.2.6 the place or places where the principal of and interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series shall be payable, where the Securities of such Series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of such Series and this Indenture may be served, and the method of such payment, if by wire transfer, mail or other means;

2.2.7 if applicable, the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the Securities of the Series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Company;

2.2.8 the obligation, if any, of the Company to redeem or purchase the Securities of the Series pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a Holder thereof and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which Securities of the Series shall be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;

2.2.9 the dates, if any, on which and the price or prices at which the Securities of the Series will be repurchased by the Company at the option of the Holders thereof and other detailed terms and provisions of such repurchase obligations;

2.2.10 if other than denominations of \$2,000 and any integral multiple of \$1,000 in excess thereof, the denominations in which the Securities of the Series shall be issuable;

2.2.11 whether the Securities of the Series are to be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities and, in such case, the Depositary for such Global Security or Global Securities, and the terms and conditions, if any, upon which interests in such Global Security or Global Securities may be exchanged in whole or in part for the individual securities represented thereby in definitive form registered in the name or names of Persons other than such Depositary or a nominee or nominees thereof;

2.2.12 if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of the Securities of the Series that shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.2;

2.2.13 the currency of denomination of the Securities of the Series, which may be Dollars or any Foreign Currency, including, but not limited to, the ECU, and if such currency of denomination is a composite currency other than the ECU, the agency or organization, if any, responsible for overseeing such composite currency;

2.2.14 the designation of the currency, currencies or currency units in which payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series will be made;

2.2.15 if payments of principal of or interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series are to be made in one or more currencies or currency units other than that or those in which such Securities are denominated, the manner in which the exchange rate with respect to such payments will be determined;

2.2.16 the manner in which the amounts of payment of principal of or interest, if any, on the Securities of the Series will be determined, if such amounts may be determined by reference to an index based on a currency or currencies or by reference to a commodity, commodity index, stock exchange index or financial index;

2.2.17 the provisions, if any, relating to any security or guarantee provided for the Securities of the Series, and any subordination in right of payment, if any, of the Securities of the Series;

2.2.18 any addition to or change in the Events of Default which applies to any Securities of the Series and any change in the right of the Trustee or the requisite Holders of such Securities to declare the principal amount thereof due and payable pursuant to Section 6.2;

2.2.19 any addition to or change in the covenants set forth in Articles IV or V which applies to Securities of the Series;

2.2.20 any other terms of the Securities of the Series (which may modify or delete any provision of this Indenture insofar as it applies to such Series); and

2.2.21 any depositories, interest rate calculation agents, exchange rate calculation agents or other agents with respect to Securities of such Series if other than those appointed herein.

All Securities of any one Series need not be issued at the same time and may be issued from time to time, consistent with the terms of this Indenture, if so provided by or pursuant to the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officers' Certificate referred to above, and the authorized principal amount of any Series may not be increased to provide for issuances of additional Securities of such Series, unless otherwise provided in such Board Resolution, supplemental indenture or Officers' Certificate.

Section 2.3 <u>Execution and Authentication</u>.

Two Officers shall sign the Securities for the Company by manual or facsimile signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Security no longer holds that office at the time the Security is authenticated, the Security shall nevertheless be valid.

A Security shall not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee or an authenticating agent. The signature shall be conclusive evidence that the Security has been authenticated under this Indenture.

The Trustee shall at any time, and from time to time, authenticate Securities for original issue in the principal amount provided in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officers' Certificate, upon receipt by the Trustee of a Company Order. Each Security shall be dated the date of its authentication unless otherwise provided by a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officers' Certificate.

The aggregate principal amount of Securities of any Series outstanding at any time may not exceed any limit upon the maximum principal amount for such Series set forth in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officers' Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 2.2, except as provided in Section 2.8.

Prior to the issuance of Securities of any Series, the Trustee shall have received and (subject to Section 7.2) shall be fully protected in relying on: (a) the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officers' Certificate establishing the form of the Securities of that Series or of Securities within that Series and the terms of the Securities of that Series or of Securities within that Series, (b) an Officers' Certificate complying with Section 11.4, and (c) an Opinion of Counsel complying with Section 11.4.

The Trustee shall have the right to decline to authenticate and deliver any Securities of such Series: (a) if the Trustee, being advised by counsel, determines that such action may not be taken lawfully; or (b) if the Trustee in good faith shall determine that such action could expose the Trustee to personal liability.

The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Company to authenticate Securities. An authenticating agent may authenticate Securities whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company.

#### Section 2.4 <u>Registrar and Paying Agent</u>.

The Company shall maintain, with respect to each Series of Securities, at the place or places specified with respect to such Series pursuant to Section 2.2, an office or agency where Securities of such Series may be presented or surrendered for payment ("Paying Agent"), where Securities of such Series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange ("Registrar") and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of the Securities of such Series and this Indenture may be served ("Service Agent"). The Registrar shall keep a register with respect to each Series of Securities and to their transfer and exchange. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the name and address, and any change in the name or address, of each Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent. If at any time the Company shall fail to maintain any such required Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent or

shall fail to furnish the Trustee with the name and address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and the Company hereby appoints the Trustee as its agent to receive all such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands; provided, however, that the Trustee shall not serve as an agent or officer for the purpose of service of process on behalf of the Company.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more co-registrars, additional paying agents or additional service agents and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission shall in any manner relieve the Company of its obligations to maintain a Registrar, Paying Agent and Service Agent in each place so specified pursuant to Section 2.2 for Securities of any Series for such purposes. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the name or address of any such co-registrar, additional paying agent or additional service agent. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar; the term "Paying Agent" includes any additional paying agent; and the term "Service Agent" includes any additional service agent.

The Company hereby appoints the Trustee as the initial Registrar, Paying Agent and Service Agent for each Series unless another Registrar, Paying Agent or Service Agent, as the case may be, is appointed prior to the time Securities of that Series are first issued.

#### Section 2.5 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.

The Company shall require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent will hold in trust, for the benefit of Securityholders of any Series of Securities, or the Trustee, all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal of or interest on the Series of Securities, and will notify the Trustee of any default by the Company in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Company at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of Securityholders of any Series of Securities all money held by it as Paying Agent.

#### Section 2.6 <u>Securityholder Lists</u>.

The Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of Securityholders of each Series of Securities and shall otherwise comply with TIA § 312(a). If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee at least ten days before each payment date and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing a list, in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of Securityholders of each Series of Securities.

#### Section 2.7 Transfer and Exchange.

Where Securities of a Series are presented to the Registrar or a co-registrar with a request to register a transfer or to exchange them for an equal principal amount of Securities of the same Series, the Registrar shall register the transfer or make the exchange if the requirements set forth in this Indenture and the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officers' Certificate applicable to such Series of Securities are met with respect to such transfer or exchange. To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Trustee shall authenticate Securities at the Registrar's request. No service charge shall be made for any registration of transfer or exchange (except as otherwise expressly permitted herein), but the Company may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable upon exchanges pursuant to Sections 2.11, 3.6 or 9.6).

Neither the Company nor the Registrar shall be required (a) to issue, register the transfer of, or exchange Securities of any Series for the period beginning at the opening of business fifteen days immediately preceding the mailing of a notice of redemption of Securities of that Series selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of such mailing, or (b) to register the transfer of or exchange Securities of any Series selected, called or being called for redemption as a whole or the portion being redeemed of any such Securities selected, called or being called for redemption in part.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, neither the Trustee nor the Registrar shall have any obligation or duty to monitor, determine or inquire as to compliance with any restrictions on transfer imposed under this Indenture, any Board Resolution, any supplemental indenture hereto, any Officers' Certificate, any Securities or under applicable law with respect to any transfer of any interest in any Securities other than to require delivery of such certificates and other documentation or evidence as are expressly required by, and to do so if and when expressly required by the terms of, this Indenture or the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officers' Certificate applicable to such Series of Securities, and to examine the same to determine substantial compliance as to form with the express requirements hereof or thereof.

#### Section 2.8 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost and Stolen Securities.

If any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Trustee, the Company shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and make available for delivery in exchange therefor a new Security of the same Series and of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

If there shall be delivered to the Company and the Trustee (i) evidence to their satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Security and (ii) such security or indemnity as may be required by them to save each of them and any agent of either of them harmless, then, in the absence of notice to the Company or the Trustee that such Security has been acquired by a bona fide purchaser, the Company shall execute and upon Company Order the Trustee shall authenticate and make available for delivery, in lieu of any such destroyed, lost or stolen

Security, a new Security of the same Series and of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security has become or is about to become due and payable, the Company in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Security, pay such Security.

Upon the issuance of any new Security under this Section, the Company 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 Trustee) connected therewith.

Every new Security of any Series issued pursuant to this Section in lieu of any destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Company, whether or not the destroyed, lost or stolen Security shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Securities of that Series duly issued hereunder.

The provisions of this Section are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Securities.

#### Section 2.9 <u>Outstanding Securities</u>.

Subject to Section 2.10, the Securities outstanding at any time are all the Securities authenticated by the Trustee except for those canceled by it, those delivered to it for cancellation, those reductions in the interest on a Global Security effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof and those described in this Section as not outstanding.

If a Security is replaced pursuant to Section 2.8, it ceases to be outstanding until the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Security is held by a bona fide purchaser.

If the Paying Agent (other than the Company, a Subsidiary of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company) holds on a redemption date or the Maturity of Securities of a Series money sufficient to pay such Securities payable on that date, then on and after that date such Securities of the Series shall cease to be outstanding and interest on such Securities shall cease to accrue.

Notwithstanding Section 2.10, a Security does not cease to be outstanding because the Company or an Affiliate of the Company holds the Security.

In determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of outstanding Securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver hereunder, the principal amount of a Discount Security that shall be deemed to be outstanding for such purposes shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon a declaration of acceleration of the Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.2.

#### Section 2.10 Treasury Securities.

In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Securities of a Series have concurred in any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver Securities of a Series owned by the Company or an Affiliate of the Company shall be disregarded, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver only Securities of a Series that the Trustee has received written notice from the Company, certifying that the relevant Securities of such Series are owned by the Company or an Affiliate of the Company shall be so disregarded.

Upon request of the Trustee, the Company shall promptly furnish to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate listing and identifying all Securities, if any, known by the Company to be owned or held by or for the account of the Company or an Affiliate of the Company, and the Trustee shall be entitled to accept such Officer's Certificate as conclusive evidence of the facts therein set forth and of the fact that all Securities not listed therein are outstanding for the purpose of any such determination.

#### Section 2.11 <u>Temporary Securities</u>.

Until definitive Securities are ready for delivery, the Company may prepare and the Trustee shall authenticate temporary Securities upon a Company Order. Temporary Securities shall be substantially in the form of definitive Securities but may have variations that the Company considers appropriate for temporary Securities. Without unreasonable delay, the Company shall prepare and the Trustee upon request shall authenticate definitive Securities of the same Series and date of maturity in exchange for temporary Securities. Until so exchanged, temporary securities shall have the same rights under this Indenture as the definitive Securities.

#### Section 2.12 <u>Cancellation</u>.

The Company at any time may deliver Securities to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and the Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Securities surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. Upon written request of an Officer, the Trustee shall cancel all Securities surrendered for transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and deliver such canceled Securities to the Company, unless the Company otherwise directs; provided that the Trustee shall not be required to destroy Securities. The Company may not issue new Securities to replace Securities that it has paid or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

#### Section 2.13 <u>Defaulted Interest</u>.

If the Company defaults in a payment of interest on a Series of Securities, it shall pay the defaulted interest, plus, to the extent permitted by law, any interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the persons who are Securityholders of the Series on a subsequent special record date. The Company shall fix the record date and payment date. At least 10 days before the record date, the Company shall mail to the Trustee and to each Securityholder of the Series a notice that states the record date, the payment date and the amount of interest to be paid. The Company may pay defaulted interest in any other lawful manner.

#### Section 2.14 <u>Global Securities</u>.

2.14.1 <u>Terms of Securities</u>. A Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officers' Certificate shall establish whether the Securities of a Series shall be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more Global Securities and the Depositary for such Global Security or Securities.

2.14.2 <u>Transfer and Exchange</u>. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary contained in Section 2.7 of the Indenture and in addition thereto, any Global Security shall be exchangeable pursuant to Section 2.7 of the Indenture for Securities registered in the names of Holders other than the Depositary for such Security or its nominee only if (i) such Depositary notifies the Company that it is unwilling or unable to continue as Depositary for such Global Security or if at any time such Depositary ceases to be a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and, in either case, the Company fails to appoint a successor Depositary registered as a clearing agency under the Exchange Act within 90 days of such event, (ii) the Company executes and delivers to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate to the effect that such Global Security shall be so exchangeable or (iii) an Event of Default with respect to the Securities represented by such Global Security shall have happened and be continuing. Any Global Security that is exchangeable pursuant to the preceding sentence shall be exchangeable for Securities registered in such names as the Depositary shall direct in writing in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Global Security with like tenor and terms.

Except as provided in this Section 2.14.2, a Global Security may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary with respect to such Global Security to a nominee of such Depositary, by a nominee of such Depositary to such Depositary or another nominee of such Depositary or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such a successor Depositary.

2.14.3 Legend. Any Global Security issued hereunder shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

"This Security is a Global Security within the meaning of the Indenture hereinafter referred to and is registered in the name of the Depositary or a nominee of the Depositary. This Security is exchangeable for Securities registered in the name of a person other than the Depositary or its nominee only in the limited circumstances described in the Indenture, and may not be transferred except as a whole by the Depositary to a nominee of the Depositary, by a nominee of the Depositary to the Depositary or another nominee of the Depositary or by the Depositary or any such nominee to a successor Depositary or a nominee of such a successor Depositary."

2.14.4 <u>Acts of Holders</u>. The Depositary, as a Holder, may appoint agents and otherwise authorize participants to give or take any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action which a Holder is entitled to give or take under the Indenture.

2.14.5 <u>Payments</u>. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this Indenture, unless otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.2, payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on any Global Security shall be made to the Holder thereof.

2.14.6 <u>Consents, Declaration and Directions</u>. Except as provided in Section 2.14.5, the Company, the Trustee and any Agent shall treat a person as the Holder of such principal amount of outstanding Securities of such Series represented by a Global Security as shall be specified in a written statement of the Depositary with respect to such Global Security, for purposes of obtaining any consents, declarations, waivers or directions required to be given by the Holders pursuant to this Indenture.

2.14.7 General Provisions for Book-Entry Securities. Members of, or participants in, the Depositary ("Participants") shall have no rights under this Indenture with respect to any Global Security held on their behalf by the Depositary, or the Trustee as its custodian, or under the Global Security, and the Depositary may be treated by the Company, the Trustee and any agent of the Company or the Trustee as the absolute owner of the Global Security for all purposes whatsoever. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent the Company, the Trustee or any agent of the Company or the Trustee from giving effect to any written certification, proxy or other authorization furnished by the Depositary or impair, as between the Depositary and Participants, the operation of customary practices governing the exercise of the rights of a Holder of any Global Security. All notices and communications to be given to the Holders (which shall be the Depositary or its nominee). The rights of beneficial owners in any Global Security shall be exercised only through the Depositary, subject to its applicable rules and procedures. The Trustee, Registrar, Paying Agent and Service Agent may each rely and shall be fully protected in relying upon information furnished by the Depositary with respect to its agent members and other members, participants and any beneficial owners.

#### Section 2.15 CUSIP Numbers.

The Company in issuing the Securities may use "CUSIP" numbers (if then generally in use), and, if so, the Trustee shall use "CUSIP" numbers in notices of redemption as a convenience to Holders; provided that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness of such numbers either as printed on the Securities or as contained in any notice of a redemption and that reliance may be placed only on the other elements of identification printed on the Securities, and any such redemption shall not be affected by any defect in or omission of such numbers.

#### ARTICLE III. REDEMPTION

Section 3.1 <u>Notice to Trustee</u>.

The Company may, with respect to any Series of Securities, reserve the right to redeem and pay the Series of Securities or may covenant to redeem and pay the Series of Securities or any part thereof prior to the Stated Maturity thereof at such time and on such terms

as provided for in such Securities. If a Series of Securities is redeemable and the Company wants or is obligated to redeem prior to the Stated Maturity thereof all or part of the Series of Securities pursuant to the terms of such Securities, it shall notify the Trustee of the redemption date and the principal amount of Series of Securities to be redeemed. The Company shall give the notice at least 45 days, but not more than 60 days, before the redemption date (or such shorter notice as may be acceptable to the Trustee).

#### Section 3.2 Selection of Securities to be Redeemed or Repurchased.

Unless otherwise indicated for a particular Series by a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture or an Officers' Certificate, if less than all the Securities of a Series are to be redeemed or repurchased, the Trustee shall select the Securities of the Series to be redeemed or repurchased on a pro rata basis unless otherwise required by law, rules of the applicable Depositary or applicable stock exchange requirements.

In the event of partial redemption or purchase by lot, the Trustee shall make the selection from Securities of the Series outstanding not previously called for redemption or repurchase. The Trustee may select for redemption or repurchase portions of the principal of Securities of the Series that have denominations larger than \$2,000. Securities of the Series and portions of them it selects shall be in amounts of \$2,000 or whole multiples of \$1,000 in excess of \$2,000 or, with respect to Securities of any Series issuable in other denominations pursuant to Section 2.2.10, the minimum principal denomination for each Series and integral multiples thereof. Provisions of this Indenture that apply to Securities of a Series called for redemption or repurchase also apply to portions of Securities of that Series called for redemption or repurchase.

#### Section 3.3 Notice of Redemption.

At least 30 days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, the Company shall mail a notice of redemption by first-class mail to each Holder whose Securities are to be redeemed, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Securities or a satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture pursuant to Articles 8 or 10 hereof.

The notice shall identify the Securities of the Series to be redeemed and shall state:

- (a) the redemption date;
- (b) the redemption price;
- (c) the name and address of the Paying Agent;

price;

(d) that Securities of the Series called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption

(e)

if any Security is being redeemed in part, the portion of the principal amount of such Security to be redeemed and that, after the redemption date upon

surrender of such Security, a new Security or Securities in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion will be issued upon cancellation of the original Security;

- (f) that interest on Securities of the Series called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date;
- (g) the CUSIP number, if any; and
- (h) any other information as may be required by the terms of the particular Series or the Securities of a Series being redeemed.

At the Company's request, the Trustee shall give the notice of redemption in the Company's name and at its expense *provided*, *however*, that the Company has delivered to the Trustee, at least 45 days prior to the redemption date (or such shorter period as the Trustee in its sole discretion may allow), a written request by an Officer requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in such notice as provided in the preceding paragraph.

#### Section 3.4 Effect of Notice of Redemption.

Once notice of redemption is mailed or published as provided in Section 3.3, Securities of a Series called for redemption become due and payable on the redemption date and at the redemption price. A notice of redemption may not be conditional. Upon surrender to the Paying Agent, such Securities shall be paid at the redemption price plus accrued interest to the redemption date; provided that installments of interest whose Stated Maturity is on or prior to the redemption date shall be payable to the Holders of such Securities (or one or more predecessor Securities) registered at the close of business on the relevant record date therefor according to their terms and the terms of this Indenture.

#### Section 3.5 Deposit of Redemption Price.

One Business Day prior to the redemption date, the Company shall deposit with the Paying Agent money sufficient to pay the redemption price of and accrued interest, if any, on all Securities to be redeemed on that date.

#### Section 3.6 <u>Securities Redeemed in Part</u>.

Upon surrender of a Security that is redeemed in part, the Trustee shall authenticate for the Holder a new Security of the same Series and the same maturity equal in principal amount to the unredeemed portion of the Security surrendered.

#### ARTICLE IV. COVENANTS

Section 4.1 <u>Payment of Principal and Interest.</u>

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of each Series of Securities that it will pay or cause to be paid the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on,

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the Securities of that Series on the dates and in the manner provided in such Securities. Principal, premium, if any, and interest on any Series of Securities will be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent, if other than the Company or a Subsidiary thereof, holds as of 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the due date money deposited by the Company in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal, premium, if any, and interest then due.

### Section 4.2 <u>Maintenance of Office or Agency</u>.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of each Series of Securities that it will maintain an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee for such Securities or an affiliate of such Trustee, Registrar for such Securities or co-registrar) where such Securities may be surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Company in respect of such Securities and this Indenture may be served. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee for such Securities of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Company fails to maintain any such required office or agency or fails to furnish such Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of such Trustee; *provided*, *however*, that the Trustee shall not serve as an agent or officer for the purpose of service of process on behalf of the Company.

The Company may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where Securities may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; provided, however, that no such designation or rescission will in any manner relieve the Company of its obligation described in the preceding paragraph. The Company will give prompt written notice to the Trustee for such Series of Securities of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

With respect to each Series of Securities, the Company hereby designates the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee as one such office or agency of the Company in accordance with Section 2.4 hereof.

#### Section 4.3 <u>Reports</u>.

The Company shall file with the Trustee and the SEC, and transmit to Holders, such information, documents and other reports, and such summaries thereof, as may be required pursuant to the TIA at the times and in the manner provided in the TIA; provided that, unless available on EDGAR, any such information, documents or reports required to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act shall be filed with the Trustee within 30 days after the same is filed with the SEC.

# Section 4.4 <u>Compliance Certificate</u>.

(a) The Company and each guarantor of any Series of Securities (to the extent that such guarantor is so required under the TIA) shall deliver to the Trustee with respect to such Series, within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year, an Officers' Certificate stating that a review of the activities of the Company and its Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year has been made under the supervision of the signing Officers with a view to

determining whether the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to each such Officer signing such certificate, that to the best of his or her knowledge the Company has kept, observed, performed and fulfilled each and every covenant contained in this Indenture and is not in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions and conditions of this Indenture (or, if a Default or Event of Default has occurred, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which he or she may have knowledge and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto) and that to the best of his or her knowledge no event has occurred and remains in existence by reason of which payments on account of the principal of or interest, if any, on the Securities is prohibited or if such event has occurred, a description of the event and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

(b) So long as any of Series of Securities are outstanding, the Company will deliver to the Trustee with respect to such Series, forthwith upon any Officer becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, an Officers' Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Company is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

#### Section 4.5 <u>Taxes</u>.

The Company will pay, and will cause each of its Subsidiaries to pay, prior to delinquency, all material taxes, assessments, and governmental levies except such as are contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings or where the failure to effect such payment is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders of such Securities.

#### Section 4.6 <u>Stay, Extension and Usury Laws.</u>

The Company covenants and agrees (to the extent that it may lawfully do so), that it will not, and each guarantor of such Securities will not, at any time insist upon, plead, or in any manner whatsoever claim or take the benefit or advantage of, any stay, extension or usury law wherever enacted, now or at any time hereafter in force, that may affect the covenants or the performance of this Indenture; and the Company and each of such guarantors (to the extent that it may lawfully do so), as applicable, hereby expressly waives all benefit or advantage of any such law, and covenants that it will not, by resort to any such law, hinder, delay or impede the execution of any power herein granted to the Trustee for such Securities, but will suffer and permit the execution of every such power as though no such law has been enacted.

#### Section 4.7 <u>Corporate Existence</u>.

Subject to Article V hereof, the Company shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect:

(1) its corporate existence, and the corporate, partnership or other existence of each of its Subsidiaries, in accordance with the respective organizational documents (as the same may be amended from time to time) of the Company or any such Subsidiary; and

(2) the rights (charter and statutory), licenses and franchises of the Company and its Subsidiaries provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to

preserve any such right, license or franchise, or the corporate, partnership or other existence of any of its Subsidiaries, if the Board of Directors shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, and that the loss thereof is not adverse in any material respect to the Holders of such Securities.

#### ARTICLE V. SUCCESSORS

Section 5.1 Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets.

The Company covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of each Series of Securities that it shall not, directly or indirectly: (i) consolidate or merge with or into another person (whether or not the Company is the surviving corporation); or (ii) sell, assign, transfer, convey or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to another person, unless:

- (1) either:
  - (A) the Company is the surviving corporation; or

(B) the person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made is a corporation, partnership or limited liability company organized or existing under the laws of the United States, any state of the United States or the District of Columbia;

(2) the person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or the person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made assumes all the obligations of the Company under such Securities and this Indenture pursuant to agreements reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee for such Securities; and

(3) immediately after such transaction, no Default or Event of Default exists.

In addition, the Company will not, directly or indirectly, lease all or substantially all of its properties or assets, in one or more related transactions, to any other person. This Section 5.1 will not apply to:

(4) a merger of the Company with an Affiliate solely for the purpose of reincorporating the Company in another jurisdiction or forming a direct holding company of the Company; or

(5) any sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance, lease or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and its Subsidiaries, including by way of merger or consolidation.

#### Section 5.2 Successor Corporation Substituted.

Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company in a transaction that is subject to, and that complies with the provisions of, Section 5.01 hereof, the successor person formed by such consolidation or into or with which the Company is merged or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for (so that from and after the date of such consolidation, merger, sale, assignment, transfer, lease, conveyance or other disposition, the provisions of this Indenture referring to the "Company" shall refer instead to the successor person and not to the Company), and may exercise every right and power of the Company under this Indenture with the same effect as if such successor person had been named as the Company herein; provided, however, that the predecessor Company shall not be relieved from the obligation to pay the principal of and interest on any Series of Securities except in the case of a sale of all of the Company's assets in a transaction that is subject to, and that complies with the provisions of, Section 5.1 hereof.

# ARTICLE VI.

# DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.1 <u>Events of Default</u>.

"Event of Default," wherever used herein with respect to Securities of any Series, means any one of the following events, unless in the establishing Board Resolution, supplemental indenture or Officers' Certificate, it is provided that such Series shall not have the benefit of said Event of Default:

(a) default in the payment of any interest on any Security of that Series when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 60 days; or

(b) default in payment when due of the principal of, or premium, if any, on any Security of that Series; or

(c) default in the deposit of any sinking fund payment, when and as due in respect of any Security of that Series; or

(d) default in the performance or breach of any covenant or warranty of the Company in this Indenture (other than a covenant or warranty that has been included in this Indenture solely for the benefit of Series of Securities other than that Series), which default continues uncured for a period of 90 days after written notice given by the Trustee for such Securities or Holders of such Securities; or

(e) the Company pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:

(i) commences a voluntary case,

- (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case,
- (iii) consents to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property,
- (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
- (f) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
  - (i) is for relief against the Company in an involuntary case,
  - (ii) appoints a Custodian of the Company or for all or substantially all of its property, or
  - (iii) orders the liquidation of the Company, and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 90 days; or

(g) any other Event of Default provided with respect to Securities of that Series, which is specified in a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officers' Certificate, in accordance with Section 2.2.18.

The term "Bankruptcy Law" means title 11, U.S. Code or any similar Federal or State law for the relief of debtors. The term "Custodian" means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator or similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

#### Section 6.2 <u>Acceleration</u>.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of any Series at the time outstanding occurs and is continuing (other than an Event of Default referred to in Section 6.1(e) or (f)) then in every such case the Trustee or the Holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series may declare the principal amount (or, if any Securities of that Series are Discount Securities, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of such Securities) of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all of the Securities of that Series to be due and payable immediately, by a notice in writing to the Company (and to the Trustee if given by Holders), and upon any such declaration such principal amount (or specified amount) and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, shall become immediately due and payable. If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(e) or (f) shall occur, the principal amount (or specified amount) of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all outstanding Securities shall ipso facto become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder.

At any time after such a declaration of acceleration with respect to any Series has been made, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of that Series, by written notice to the Company and the Trustee, may rescind and annul such declaration and its consequences if the rescission would not conflict with any judgment or decree

and if all existing Events of Default (except nonpayment of principal, interest or premium that has become due solely because of the acceleration) have been cured or waived.

No such rescission shall affect any subsequent Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

#### Section 6.3 Other Remedies.

If an Event of Default with respect to Securities of any Series at the time outstanding occurs and is continuing, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on such Securities or to enforce the performance of any provision of such Securities or this Indenture.

The Trustee for such Securities may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of such Securities or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder of Securities in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. All remedies are cumulative to the extent permitted by law.

#### Section 6.4 <u>Waiver of Past Defaults</u>.

Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any Series by notice to the Trustee for such Securities may on behalf of the Holders of all Securities of such Series waive an existing Default or Event of Default with respect to the Securities of such Series and its consequences hereunder, except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, such Securities (including in connection with an offer to purchase); provided, however, that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any Series may rescind an acceleration of the Securities of such Series and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration. Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or Event of Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

#### Section 6.5 <u>Control by Majority</u>.

Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any Series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee for such Securities or exercising any trust or power conferred on it. However, the Trustee for any Series of Securities may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture that such Trustee determines may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of other Holders of such Securities or that may involve the Trustee in personal liability.

Section 6.6 <u>Limitation on Suits</u>.

A Holder of any Series of Securities may pursue a remedy with respect to this Indenture or such Securities only if:

(1) such Holder gives to the Trustee for such Securities written notice that an Event of Default is continuing;

(2) Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of such Series make a written request to the Trustee for such Securities to pursue the remedy;

(3) such Holder or Holders offer and, if requested, provide to the Trustee for such Securities security or indemnity reasonably satisfactory to such Trustee against any loss, liability or expense;

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such Trustee does not comply with the request within 60 days after receipt of the request and the offer of security or

indemnity; and

(5) during such 60-day period, Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of such Series do not give such Trustee a direction inconsistent with such request.

A Holder of any Series of Securities may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder of such Series of Securities or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder of a Securities of such Series.

#### Section 6.7 <u>Rights of Holders of Security to Receive Payment.</u>

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of a Security of any Series to receive payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest on such Securities, on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Securities (including, if applicable, in connection with an offer to purchase), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

#### Section 6.8 <u>Collection Suit by Trustee</u>.

(4)

If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(a), (b) or (c) hereof with respect to Securities of any Series occurs and is continuing, the Trustee for such Securities is authorized to recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Company for the whole amount of principal of, premium, if any, and interest remaining unpaid on, such Securities and interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, interest and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel.

#### Section 6.9 <u>Trustee May File Proofs of Claim</u>.

The Trustee for each Series of Securities is authorized to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of such Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders of the Securities for which it acts as trustee allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Company (or any other obligor

upon such Securities), its creditors or its property and shall be entitled and empowered to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and any Custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder of such Securities to make such payments to such Trustee, and in the event that such Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to such Holders, to pay to such Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due such Trustee under the Indenture. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due such Trustee under the Indenture. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of such Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due such Trustee (including, without limitation, under Section 7.7 hereof) out of the estate in any such proceeding, shall be denied for any reason, payment of the same shall be secured by a Lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, money, securities and other properties that such Holders may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize such Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder for which it acts as trustee any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Securities or the rights of such Holder, or to authorize such Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any such Holder in any such proceeding.

#### Section 6.10 Priorities.

If the Trustee of any Series of Securities collects any money pursuant to this Article 6, it shall pay out the money in the following order:

<u>First</u>: to the Trustee, its agents and attorneys for amounts due under the Indenture, including payment of all reasonable compensation, expenses, indemnities and liabilities incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and the costs and expenses of collection;

Second: to Holders of such Securities for amounts due and unpaid on such Securities for principal, premium, if any, and interest, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such Securities for principal, premium, if any and interest, respectively; and

Third: to the Company or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct.

The Trustee may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders of Securities pursuant to this Section 6.10.

#### Section 6.11 <u>Undertaking for Costs</u>.

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against any Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.11 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder of a Security pursuant to Section 6.7 hereof, or a suit by

Holders of more than 10% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities of any Series.

# ARTICLE VII. TRUSTEE

Section 7.1 <u>Duties of Trustee</u>.

(h)

(a) If an Event of Default with respect to any Series of Securities has occurred and is continuing, of which a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge, the Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

knowledge:

Except during the continuance of an Event of Default of which a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual

(i) The Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee.

(ii) In the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon Officers' Certificates or Opinions of Counsel furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; however, in the case of any such Officers' Certificates or Opinions of Counsel which by any provisions hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall examine such Officers' Certificates and Opinions of Counsel to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture (but need not confirm or investigate the accuracy of mathematical calculations or other facts stated therein).

(c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(i) This paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section.

(ii) The Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts.

(iii) The Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken, suffered or omitted to be taken by it with respect to Securities of any Series in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such Series relating to the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture with respect to the Securities of such Series.

(d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to this Article VII.

(e) The Trustee may refuse to perform any duty or exercise any right or power at the request or direction of any Holder(s) unless it receives indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

(f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Company. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

(g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties, or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if it shall have reasonable grounds for believing that repayment of such funds or adequate indemnity against such risk is not reasonably assured to it.

(h) The Paying Agent, the Registrar, the Service Agent and any authenticating agent shall be entitled to the same protections, indemnities and immunities as are set forth in this Article VII with respect to the Trustee.

Section 7.2 <u>Rights of Trustee</u>.

(a) The Trustee may conclusively rely on and shall be fully protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.

(b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officers' Certificate. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officers' Certificate.

(c) The Trustee may act through agents, attorneys, custodians or nominees and shall not be responsible for the supervision of or any misconduct or negligence of any agent, attorney, custodian or nominee appointed with due care. No Depositary shall be deemed an agent, attorney, custodian or nominee of the Trustee and the Trustee shall not be responsible for any act or omission by any Depositary.

(d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith which it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers, provided that the Trustee's conduct does not constitute negligence or bad faith.

(e) The Trustee may consult with counsel and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

(f) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders of

Securities unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses and liabilities which might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

(g) The Trustee may consult with counsel of its selection and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder without negligence and in good faith and in reliance thereon.

(h) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.

(i) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has actual knowledge thereof or unless written notice of any event which is in fact such a default is received by the Trustee at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Securities generally or the Securities of a particular Series and this Indenture.

(j) In no event shall the Trustee be liable for the selection of investments or for investment losses incurred thereon. The Trustee shall have no liability in respect of losses incurred as a result of the liquidation of any investment prior to its stated maturity or failure to provide timely written direction.

(k) In no event shall the Trustee be liable for special, indirect, punitive or consequential loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to, loss of profit), even if the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage and regardless of the form of action.

(1) In no event shall the Trustee be liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations under this Indenture or any related documents because of circumstances beyond the Trustee's control, including, but not limited to, a failure, termination, or suspension of a clearing house, securities depositary, settlement system or central payment system in any applicable part of the world or acts of God, flood, war (whether declared or undeclared), civil or military disturbances or hostilities, nuclear or natural catastrophes, political unrest, explosion, severe weather or accident, earthquake, terrorism, fire, riot, labor disturbances, strikes or work stoppages for any reason, embargo, government action, including any laws, ordinances, regulations or the like (whether domestic, federal, state, county or municipal or foreign) which delay, restrict or prohibit the providing of the services contemplated by this Indenture or any related documents, or the unavailability of the Federal Reserve Bank wire or telex or other wire or communication facility, or any other causes beyond the Trustee's control whether or not of the same class or kind as specified above.

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(m) Delivery of reports and other financial information related to the Company to the Trustee is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of such shall not constitute actual or constructive notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Company's compliance with any of its covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely conclusively on Officers' Certificates).

The right of the Trustee to perform any discretionary act enumerated in this Indenture or any related document shall not

be construed as a duty.

Section 7.3 Individual Rights of Trustee.

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Company or an Affiliate of the Company with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

Section 7.4 <u>Trustee's Disclaimer</u>.

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The Trustee shall not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Securities, it shall not be accountable for the Company's use of the proceeds from the Securities, and it shall not be responsible for any statement in the Securities other than its authentication.

# Section 7.5 <u>Notice of Defaults</u>.

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to the Securities of any Series and if it is known to a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, the Trustee shall mail to each Securityholder of the Securities of that Series notice of such Default or Event of Default within 90 days after a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has knowledge of such Default or Event of Default. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of or interest on any Security of any Series, the Trustee may withhold the notice if it in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of Securityholders of that Series.

# Section 7.6 <u>Reports by Trustee to Holders</u>.

Within 60 days after May 15 in each year, and for so long as any Securities remain outstanding, the Trustee shall transmit by mail to all Securityholders, as their names and addresses appear on the register kept by the Registrar a brief report dated as of such May 15, in accordance with, and to the extent required under, TIA § 313(a) (but if no event described in TIA §313(a) has occurred within the twelve months preceding the reporting date, no report need be transmitted). The Trustee also will comply with TIA §313(b)(2) and transmit by mail all reports as required by TIA §313(c).

A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to Securityholders of any Series shall be mailed by the Trustee to the Company and filed by the Company with the SEC and each

stock exchange on which the Securities of that Series are listed. The Company shall promptly notify the Trustee when Securities of any Series are listed on any stock exchange.

# Section 7.7 <u>Compensation and Indemnity</u>.

The Company shall pay to the Trustee from time to time compensation for its services hereunder as the Company and the Trustee shall from time to time agree upon in writing. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Company shall reimburse the Trustee upon request for all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it in addition to the compensation for its services. Such expenses shall include the reasonable compensation and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

The Company shall indemnify each of the Trustee, any predecessor Trustee (including the cost of defending itself) and each of their respective officers, directors, employees, shareholders and agents (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") against any loss, liability or expense, including taxes (other than taxes based upon, measured by or determined by the income of the Trustee) incurred by such Indemnified Parties directly or indirectly arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of its duties under this Indenture as Trustee or Agent; provided, however, that the Company shall not be required to indemnify for any such loss, liability or expense resulting directly from an Indemnified Party's negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct as determined by a final judgment issued by a court of competent jurisdiction. An Indemnified Party shall notify the Company promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity, provided however that failure by such Indemnified Party to so notify the Company shall not relieve the Company of its obligations hereunder. The Company shall defend the claim and the Indemnified Party shall cooperate in the defense. Each Indemnified Party may have one separate counsel and the Company shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. The Company need not pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

To secure the Company's payment obligations in this Section 7.7, the Trustee shall have a lien prior to the Securities of any Series on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal of and interest on particular Securities of that Series.

When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(e) or (f) occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

The provisions of this Section 7.7 shall survive the termination of this Indenture or the earlier resignation or removal of the Trustee.

# Section 7.8 <u>Replacement of Trustee</u>.

A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section 7.8.

The Trustee may resign with respect to the Securities of one or more Series by so notifying the Company at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed resignation. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of any Series may remove the Trustee with respect to that Series by so notifying the Trustee and the Company. The Company may remove the Trustee with respect to Securities of one or more Series if:

(a) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;

Bankruptcy Law;

- (b) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any
- (c) a Custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (d) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason, the Company shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding Securities may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Company.

If a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any one or more Series does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Company or the Holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of the applicable Series may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

A successor Trustee shall deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Company. Upon payment of all amounts owing to retiring Trustee hereunder, the retiring Trustee shall immediately transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee subject to the lien provided for in Section 7.7, and the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective, and the successor Trustee shall have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee with respect to each Series of Securities for which it is acting as Trustee under this Indenture. A successor Trustee shall mail a notice of its succession to each Securityholder of each such Series. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.8, the Company's obligations under Section 7.7 hereof shall continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee with respect to expenses and liabilities incurred by it prior to such replacement.

# Section 7.9 Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.

If the Trustee consolidates with, merges or converts into, or transfers all or substantially all of its corporate trust business to, another corporation, the successor corporation without any further act shall be the successor Trustee.

# Section 7.10 Eligibility; Disqualification.

This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of TIA § 310(a)(1), (2) and (5). The Trustee shall always have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition. The Trustee shall comply with TIA § 310(b).

# Section 7.11 Preferential Collection of Claims Against Company.

The Trustee is subject to TIA § 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA § 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA § 311(a) to the extent indicated therein.

# ARTICLE VIII. LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

# Section 8.1 Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

The Company may at any time, at the option of its Board of Directors evidenced by a resolution set forth in an Officers' Certificate, elect to have either Section 8.2 or 8.3 hereof be applied to all outstanding Securities of any Series upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this Article 8.

### Section 8.2 Legal Defeasance and Discharge.

Upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.1 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.2, the Company and each guarantor, if any, of such Securities will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.4 hereof, be deemed to have been discharged from its or their obligations with respect to all outstanding Securities of such Series (including the related guarantees, if any) on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "Legal Defeasance"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Company and such guarantors, if any, will be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding Securities of such Series (including the related guarantees, if any), which will thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.5 hereof and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in clauses (1) and (2) below, and to have satisfied all its or their other obligations under such Securities, such guarantees, if any, and this Indenture (and the Trustee for such Securities, on demand of and at the expense of the Company, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions which will survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:

(1) the rights of Holders of outstanding Securities of such Series to receive payments in respect of the principal of, or interest or premium, if any, on, such Securities when such payments are due from the trust referred to in Section 8.4 hereof;

(2) the Company's obligations with respect to such Securities under Article 2 and Section 4.2 hereof;

(3) the rights, powers, trusts, duties, indemnities and immunities of the Trustee for such Securities hereunder and the Company's and the guarantors', if any, obligations in connection therewith; and

# (4) this Article 8.

Subject to compliance with this Article 8, the Company may exercise its option under this Section 8.2 notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under Section 8.3 hereof.

# Section 8.3 <u>Covenant Defeasance</u>.

Upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.1 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.3, the Company and each of the guarantors, if any, will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.4 hereof, be released from each of their or its obligations under the covenants specified in a Board Resolution, a supplemental indenture hereto or an Officers' Certificate, in accordance with Section 2.2.18, with respect to the outstanding Securities of the applicable Series on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 8.4 hereof are satisfied (hereinafter, "Covenant Defeasance"), and such Securities will thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders of such Securities (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but will continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Securities will not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Securities of such Series, the Company may omit to comply with and will have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply will not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.1 hereof, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Securities will be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.1 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.3, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.4 hereof, be remainder of the Indenture and such Securities will be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Company's exercise under Section 8.1 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.3, subje

#### Section 8.4 Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance.

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance under either Section 8.2 or 8.3 hereof with respect to Securities of any

Series:

(1) the Company must irrevocably deposit with the Trustee for such Securities, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized investment bank, appraisal firm, or firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on, the outstanding Securities of such Series on the stated date for payment thereof or on the applicable redemption date, as the case may be, and the Company must specify whether such Securities are being defeased to such stated date for payment or to a particular redemption date;

(2) in the case of an election under Section 8.2 hereof, the Company must deliver to the Trustee for such Securities an Opinion of Counsel confirming that:

(A) the Company has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling; or

(B) since the date of this Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of the outstanding Securities of such Series will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;

(3) in the case of an election under Section 8.3 hereof, the Company must deliver to the Trustee for such Securities an Opinion of Counsel confirming that the Holders of such Securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;

(4) no Default or Event of Default with respect to such Securities shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit);

(5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture) to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is bound;

(6) the Company must deliver to the Trustee for such Securities an Officers' Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Company with the intent of preferring the Holders of such Securities over the other creditors of the Company with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any creditors of the Company or others; and

(7) the Company must deliver to the Trustee for such Securities an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent relating to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance have been complied with.

# Section 8.5 Deposited Money and Government Securities to be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions.

Subject to Section 8.6 hereof, all money and non-callable Government Securities (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee, collectively for purposes of this Section 8.5, the "Trustee") pursuant to Section 8.4 hereof in respect of the outstanding Securities of any Series will be held in trust and applied by the Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as Paying Agent) as the Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Securities of all sums due and to become due

thereon in respect of principal, premium, if any, and interest, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Company will pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the cash or noncallable Government Securities deposited pursuant to Section 8.4 hereof or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of the outstanding Securities of the applicable Series.

Notwithstanding anything in this Article 8 to the contrary, the Trustee will deliver or pay to the Company from time to time upon the request of the Company any money or non-callable Government Securities held by it as provided in Section 8.4 hereof which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee (which may be the opinion delivered under Section 8.4(1) hereof), are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

#### Section 8.6 <u>Repayment to Company</u>.

Any money deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent, or then held by the Company, in trust for the payment of the principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any Series of Securities and remaining unclaimed for two years after such principal, premium, if any, or interest has become due and payable shall be paid to the Company on its request or (if then held by the Company) will be discharged from such trust; and the Holders of such Securities will thereafter be permitted to look only to the Company for payment thereof, and all liability of the Trustee or such Paying Agent with respect to such trust money, and all liability of the Company as trustee thereof, will thereupon cease; provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any such repayment, may at the expense of the Company cause to be published once, in the New York Times and The Wall Street Journal (national edition), notice that such money remains unclaimed and that, after a date specified therein, which will not be less than 30 days from the date of such notification or publication, any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Company.

#### Section 8.7 <u>Reinstatement</u>.

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any U.S. dollars or non-callable Government Securities in accordance with Section 8.2 or 8.3 hereof, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Company's and any applicable guarantors' obligations under this Indenture and the applicable Securities and the guarantees will be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.2 or 8.3 hereof until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with Section 8.2 or 8.3 hereof, as the case may be; provided, however, that, if the Company makes any payment of principal of, premium, if any, or interest on, any such Securities following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Company will be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Securities to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

#### ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS

#### Section 9.1 <u>Without Consent of Holders</u>.

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Notwithstanding Section 9.2 of this Indenture, the Company and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture or the Securities of one or more Series without the consent of any Securityholder:

(a) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency or to conform the terms hereof, as amended and supplemented, that are applicable to the Securities of any Series to the description of the terms of such Securities in the offering memorandum, prospectus supplement or other offering document applicable to such Securities at the time of initial sale thereof;

(b) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities;

(c) to provide for the assumption of the Company's obligations to the Holders of the Securities by a successor to the Company pursuant to Article 5 hereof;

(d) to make any change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of Securities or that does not adversely affect the legal rights hereunder of any Securityholder;

(e) to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA;

(f) to add to or change or eliminate any provision of this Indenture as shall be necessary or desirable in accordance with any amendments to the Trust Indenture Act;

this Indenture;

to provide for the issuance of and establish the form and terms and conditions of Securities of any Series as permitted by

(h) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more Series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee; or

(i) to add guarantors or co-obligors with respect to any Series of Securities or to release guarantors of Securities in accordance with the terms of the applicable Series of Securities.

Upon the request of the Company accompanied by a resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental indenture, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.2 hereof, the Trustee will join with the Company in the execution of any amended or supplemental indenture authorized or permitted by the terms of this Indenture and to make any further appropriate agreements and

stipulations that may be therein contained, but the Trustee will not be obligated to enter into such amended or supplemental indenture that affects its own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise.

# Section 9.2 <u>With Consent of Holders</u>.

Subject to Section 9.3, the Company and the Trustee may enter into a supplemental indenture with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Securities of each Series affected by such supplemental indenture (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for the Securities of such Series), for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Securityholders of each Series. Except as provided in Section 9.3, the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Securities of each Series by notice to the Trustee (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for the Securities of such Series) may waive compliance by the Company with any provision of this Indenture or the Securities with respect to such Series.

It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders of Securities under this Section 9.2 to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof. Upon the request of the Company accompanied by a resolution of its Board of Directors authorizing the execution of any such amended or supplemental indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence satisfactory to the Trustee of the consent of the Holders of Securities as aforesaid, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 9.7 hereof, the Trustee will join with the Company in the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture unless such amended or supplemental indenture directly affects the Trustee's own rights, duties or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but will not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental Indenture.

After a supplemental indenture or waiver under this section becomes effective, the Company shall mail to the Holders of Securities affected thereby a notice briefly describing the supplemental indenture or waiver. Any failure by the Company to mail such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture or waiver.

# Section 9.3 Limitations.

Without the consent of each Securityholder affected, an amendment or waiver may not (with respect to any Securities held by a nonconsenting Holder):

- (a) change the amount of Securities whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- (b) reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest (including default interest) on any Security;

(c) reduce the principal or change the Stated Maturity of any Security or reduce the amount of, or postpone the date fixed for, the payment of any sinking fund or analogous obligation;

(d) reduce the principal amount of Discount Securities payable upon acceleration of the maturity thereof;

(e) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of or interest, if any, on any Security (except a rescission of acceleration of the Securities of any Series by the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Securities of such Series and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);

(f) make the principal of or interest, if any, on any Security payable in any currency other than that stated in the Security;

(g) make any change in Sections 6.4 or 9.3 (this sentence); or

(h) waive a redemption payment with respect to any Security or change any of the provisions with respect to the redemption of any Securities, except as specifically set forth in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture hereto or Officers' Certificate delivered pursuant to Section 2.2.

# Section 9.4 Compliance with Trust Indenture Act.

Every amendment to this Indenture or the Securities of one or more Series shall be set forth in a supplemental indenture hereto that complies with the TIA as then in effect.

# Section 9.5 <u>Revocation and Effect of Consents.</u>

Until an amendment or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Security is a continuing consent by the Holder and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Security. However, any such Holder or subsequent Holder may revoke the consent as to his Security or portion of a Security if the Trustee receives the notice of revocation before the date the amendment or waiver becomes effective.

Any amendment or waiver once effective shall bind every Securityholder of each Series affected by such amendment or waiver unless it is of the type described in any of clauses (a) through (h) of Section 9.3. In that case, the amendment or waiver shall bind each Holder of a Security who has consented to it and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security.

# Section 9.6 <u>Notation on or Exchange of Securities</u>.

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment or waiver on any Security of any Series thereafter authenticated. The Company in exchange for Securities of that Series may issue and the Trustee shall authenticate upon request new Securities of that Series that reflect the amendment or waiver.

#### Section 9.7 <u>Trustee Protected</u>.

In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Section 7.1) shall be fully protected in relying upon, an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel each stating that the execution of such supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture. The Trustee shall sign all supplemental indentures, except that the Trustee need not sign any supplemental indenture that adversely affects its rights, duties, liabilities, indemnities or immunities.

# ARTICLE X.

# SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

# Section 10.1 <u>Satisfaction and Discharge</u>.

This Indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to a Series of Securities issued hereunder, when:

# (a) either:

(i) all such Securities that have been authenticated, except lost, stolen or destroyed Securities that have been replaced or paid and Securities for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to the Company, have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(ii) all such Securities that have not been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation have become due and payable by reason of the distribution of a notice of redemption or otherwise or will become due and payable within one year and the Company has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders of such Securities, cash in U.S. dollars, non-callable Government Securities, or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire Indebtedness on such Securities not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation for principal, premium, if any, and accrued interest to the date of maturity or redemption;

(b) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit) and the deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any other instrument to which the Company or any guarantor, as applicable, of such Securities is a party or by which the Company or any such guarantor, as applicable, is bound;

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Indenture; and

(c) the Company or any guarantor of such Securities has paid or caused to be paid all sums payable by it under this

(d) the Company has delivered irrevocable instructions to the Trustee for such Securities under this Indenture to apply the deposited money toward the payment of such Securities at maturity or on the redemption date, as the case may be.

In addition, the Company must deliver an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the Trustee for such Securities stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge have been satisfied.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, if money has been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (b) of this Section 10.1, the provisions of Sections 10.2 and 8.6 hereof will survive. In addition, nothing in this Section 10.1 will be deemed to discharge those provisions of Section 7.7 hereof, that, by their terms, survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

#### Section 10.2 <u>Application of Trust Money</u>.

Subject to the provisions of Section 8.6 hereof, all money deposited with a Trustee pursuant to Section 10.1 hereof shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities with respect to which such deposit was made and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Company acting as its own Paying Agent) as such Trustee may determine, to the persons entitled thereto, of the principal (and premium, if any) and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with such Trustee; but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

#### ARTICLE XI. MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 11.1 Trust Indenture Act Controls.

This Indenture is hereby made subject to, and shall be governed by, the provisions of the TIA required or deemed to be part of and to govern indentures qualified under the TIA. If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies, or conflicts with another provision which is required or deemed to be included in this Indenture by the TIA, such required or deemed provision shall control.

Section 11.2 Notices.

Any notice or communication by the Company or the Trustee to the other, or by a Holder to the Company or the Trustee, is duly given if in writing and delivered in person or mailed by first-class mail:

if to the Company:

NRG Yield, Inc. 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, NJ 08540 Attention: General Counsel Telephone: (609) 524-4500 Facsimile: (609) 524-4589

if to the Trustee:

Law Debenture Trust Company of New York 400 Madison Avenue, Suite 4D New York, NY 10017 Attention: Corporate Trust Administration Telephone: (212) 750-6474 Facsimile: (212) 750-1361

The Company or the Trustee by notice to the other may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

Any notice or communication to a Securityholder shall be mailed by first-class mail to his address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Securityholder of any Series or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Securityholders of that or any other Series.

If a notice or communication is mailed or published in the manner provided above, within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the Securityholder receives it.

If the Company mails a notice or communication to Securityholders, it shall mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

#### Section 11.3 Communication by Holders with Other Holders.

Securityholders of any Series may communicate pursuant to TIA 312(b) with other Securityholders of that Series or any other Series with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Securities of that Series or all Series. The Company, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA 312(c).

# Section 11.4 Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent.

Upon any request or application by the Company to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Company shall furnish to the Trustee:

(a) an Officers' Certificate stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and

(b) an Opinion of Counsel stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent have been complied

with.

# Section 11.5 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to TIA 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of TIA 314(e) and shall include:

(a) a statement that the person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;

(b) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

(c) a statement that, in the opinion of such person, he has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and

(d) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

# Section 11.6 <u>Rules by Trustee and Agents</u>.

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or a meeting of Securityholders of one or more Series. Any Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

# Section 11.7 Legal Holidays.

Unless otherwise provided by Board Resolution, Officers' Certificate or supplemental indenture hereto for a particular Series, a "Legal Holiday" is any day that is not a Business Day. If a payment date is a Legal Holiday at a place of payment, payment may be made at that place on the next succeeding day that is not a Legal Holiday, and no interest shall accrue for the intervening period.

# Section 11.8 <u>No Recourse Against Others.</u>

A director, officer, employee or stockholder, as such, of the Company shall not have any liability for any obligations of the Company under the Securities or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligations or their creation. Each Securityholder by accepting a Security waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issue of the Securities.

# Section 11.9 Counterparts.

This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

#### Section 11.10 Governing Laws.

#### THE INTERNAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THIS INDENTURE, THE SECURITIES AND ANY GUARANTEES OF THE SECURITIES WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.

#### Section 11.11 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.

This Indenture may not be used to interpret another indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

#### Section 11.12 Successors.

All agreements of the Company in this Indenture and the Securities shall bind its successor. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successor.

#### Section 11.13 Severability.

In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Securities shall be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

# Section 11.14 <u>Table of Contents, Headings, Etc.</u>

The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table, and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part hereof, and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

#### ARTICLE XII. SINKING FUNDS

#### Section 12.1 Applicability of Article.

The provisions of this Article shall be applicable to any sinking fund for the retirement of the Securities of a Series, except as otherwise permitted or required by any form of Security of such Series issued pursuant to this Indenture.

The minimum amount of any sinking fund payment provided for by the terms of the Securities of any Series is herein referred to as a "mandatory sinking fund payment" and any other amount provided for by the terms of Securities of such Series is herein referred to as an "optional sinking fund payment." If provided for by the terms of Securities of any Series, the cash amount of any sinking fund payment may be subject to reduction as provided in Section

# 12.2. Each sinking fund payment shall be applied to the redemption of Securities of any Series as provided for by the terms of the Securities of such Series.

# Section 12.2 Satisfaction of Sinking Fund Payments with Securities.

The Company may, in satisfaction of all or any part of any sinking fund payment with respect to the Securities of any Series to be made pursuant to the terms of such Securities (1) deliver outstanding Securities of such Series to which such sinking fund payment is applicable (other than any of such Securities previously called for mandatory sinking fund redemption) and (2) apply as credit Securities of such Series to which such sinking fund payment is applicable and which have been repurchased by the Company or redeemed either at the election of the Company pursuant to the terms of such Series of Securities (except pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund) or through the application of permitted optional sinking fund payments or other optional redemptions pursuant to the terms of such Securities, provided that such Securities have not been previously so credited. Such Securities shall be received by the Trustee, together with an Officers' Certificate with respect thereto, not later than 15 days prior to the date on which the Trustee begins the process of selecting Securities for redemption, and shall be credited for such purpose by the Trustee at the price specified in such Securities for redemption through operation of the sinking fund and the amount of such sinking fund payment shall be reduced accordingly. If as a result of the delivery or credit of Securities in lieu of cash payment spursuant to this Section 12.2, the principal amount of Securities of such Series to be redeemed in order to exhaust the aforesaid cash payment shall be less than \$100,000, the Trustee need not call Securities of such Series for redemption, except upon receipt of a Company Order that such action be taken, and such cash payment shall be held by the Trustee or a Paying Agent and applied to the next succeeding sinking fund payment, provided, however, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent upon delivery by the Company Order pay over and deliver to the Company any cash payment so being held by the Trustee or such Paying Agent upon deliv

#### Section 12.3 <u>Redemption of Securities for Sinking Fund</u>.

Not less than 45 days (unless otherwise indicated in the Board Resolution, supplemental indenture or Officers' Certificate in respect of a particular Series of Securities) prior to each sinking fund payment date for any Series of Securities, the Company will deliver to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate specifying the amount of the next ensuing mandatory sinking fund payment for that Series pursuant to the terms of that Series, the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by payment of cash and the portion thereof, if any, which is to be satisfied by delivering and crediting of Securities of that Series pursuant to Section 12.2, and the optional amount, if any, to be added in cash to the next ensuing mandatory sinking fund payment, and the Company shall thereupon be obligated to pay the amount therein specified.

Not less than 30 days (unless otherwise indicated in the Board Resolution, Officers' Certificate or supplemental indenture in respect of a particular Series of Securities) before each such sinking fund payment date the Trustee shall select the Securities to be redeemed upon such sinking fund payment date in the manner specified in Section 3.2 and cause

notice of the redemption thereof to be given in the name of and at the expense of the Company in the manner provided in Section 3.3. Such notice having been duly given, the redemption of such Securities shall be made upon the terms and in the manner stated in Sections 3.4, 3.5 and 3.6.

# Section 12.4 Compliance with Applicable Anti-Terrorism and Anti-Money Laundering Regulations.

In order to comply with laws, rules, regulations and executive orders in effect from time to time applicable to banking institutions, including those relating to the funding of terrorist activities and money laundering ("Relevant Law"), the Trustee is required to obtain, verify and record certain information relating to individuals and entities which maintain a business relationship with the Trustee. Accordingly, each of the parties agrees to provide to the Trustee upon its request from time to time such identifying information and documentation as may be available for such party in order to enable the Trustee to comply with Relevant Law.

[Signatures on following page]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed and attested, all as of the day and year first

above written.

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#### RE: NRG Yield, Inc.

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), in connection with the preparation and filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>") of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3, dated the date hereof (the "<u>Registration Statement</u>"), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Securities Act</u>"), relating to the issuance and/or sale by the Company from time to time of (i) shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the "<u>Class A Common Stock</u>"), (ii) shares of Class C Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the "<u>Class A Common Stock</u>"), (iii) shares of Class C Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the "<u>Class C Common Stock</u>" and, together with the Class A Common Stock, the "<u>Common Stock</u>"), (iii) one or more series of senior or subordinated debt securities of the Company (the "<u>Debt Securities</u>"), and (iv) one or more series of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company (the "<u>Preferred Stock</u>"). The Common Stock, the Debt Securities, and the Preferred Stock are collectively referred to in this opinion as the "<u>Securities</u>."

The Company has informed us that the Securities will be sold or delivered on a delayed or continuous basis from time to time as set forth in the Registration Statement (and any amendments thereto), the prospectus contained therein and any prospectus supplement. We understand that prior to the sale of any Securities under the Registration Statement, the Company will afford us an opportunity to review the operative documents pursuant to which such Securities are to be sold and will file any applicable amendment to the Registration Statement or Current Report on Form 8-K (which may include as an exhibit an amendment to this opinion) or prospectus supplement as we may reasonably consider necessary or appropriate by reason of the terms of the sale of such Securities.

In so acting, we have examined originals or copies (certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction) of (i) the Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company; (ii) the Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company; (iii) the Registration Statement and the exhibits thereto; (iv) the prospectus contained within the Registration Statement; (v) such corporate records, agreements, documents and other instruments; and (vi) such certificates or comparable documents of public officials and other sources believed by us to be reliable, and of

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officers and representatives of the Company, and have made such inquiries of such officers and representatives, as we have deemed relevant and necessary as a basis for the opinions hereinafter set forth.

In such examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed or photostatic copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. As to all questions of fact material to this opinion that have not been independently established, we have relied upon certificates or comparable documents of officers and representatives of the Company.

We have also assumed that (i) the Registration Statement and any amendments or supplements thereto (including any post-effective amendments) will have become effective and comply with all applicable laws and no stop order suspending the Registration Statement's effectiveness will have been issued and remain in effect, in each case, at the time the Securities are offered or issued as contemplated by the Registration Statement, (ii) a prospectus supplement will have been prepared and filed with the Commission describing the Securities offered thereby and will at all relevant times comply with all applicable laws, (iii) the Company has timely filed all necessary reports pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which are incorporated into the Registration Statement by reference, (iv) all Securities will be issued and sold in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement and the appropriate prospectus supplement, (v) a definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement and any other necessary agreement with respect to any Securities will have been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Company and the other party or parties thereto and (vi) any Securities issuable upon conversion, exercise or exchange of any Securities of any Securities duly authorized, created and, if appropriate, reserved for issuance upon such conversion, exercise or exchange.

Based on the foregoing, and subject to the qualifications stated herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. <u>Common Stock</u>. Assuming that the issuance and terms of any Common Stock and the terms of the offering thereof have been duly authorized, when (i) the Company has received the consideration therefor specified in any applicable underwriting agreement or purchase agreement approved by the Company's board of directors or any authorized committee thereof, (ii) the consideration for such Common Stock is at least equal to the aggregate par value of such Common Stock, and (iii) in the case of any Common Stock to be issued upon the exchange or conversion of Debt Securities, Preferred Stock, and other rights that are exchangeable for or convertible into Common Stock, there has been due exercise of such exchange or conversion rights in accordance with the terms of the applicable instruments, such Common Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

2. Debt Securities. Assuming that the issuance and terms of any Debt Securities and the terms of the offering thereof have been duly authorized, when (i) an indenture filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement (an "<u>Indenture</u>") has been duly executed, authorized and delivered by all parties thereto substantially in the form so filed, and any applicable supplemental indenture relating to such Debt Securities has been duly executed, authorized and delivered by all parties thereto, (ii) the terms of the Debt Securities to be issued under the applicable Indenture and any applicable supplemental indenture so as not to violate any applicable law, affect the enforceability of such Debt Securities or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding on the Company and so as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company, and (iii) the Debt Securities have been duly executed and authenticated in accordance with any underwriting agreement, purchase agreement or similar arrangement approved by the Company's board of directors or any authorized committee thereof, such Debt Securities will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company, in accordance with their terms.

3. <u>Preferred Stock</u>. Assuming that the issuance and terms of any series of Preferred Stock and the terms of the offering thereof have been duly authorized, when (i) a Certificate of Designation fixing and determining the terms of the Preferred Stock has been duly filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware and accepted for recording, (ii) the Company has received the consideration therefor specified in any applicable underwriting agreement or purchase agreement approved by the Company's board of directors or any authorized committee thereof, and (iii) the consideration for such Preferred Stock is at least equal to the aggregate par value of such Preferred Stock, such Preferred Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

The opinions expressed above with respect to validity, binding effect and enforceability are subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization, moratorium and similar laws affecting creditors' rights and remedies generally, and subject, as to enforceability, to general principles of equity, including principles of commercial reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing (regardless of whether enforcement is sought in a proceeding at law or in equity) and except that rights to indemnification and contribution thereunder may be limited by federal or state securities laws or public policy relating thereto.

We express no opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the federal laws of the United States of America and the laws of the State of Delaware and the State of New York.

We hereby consent to the use of this letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to any and all references to our firm in the prospectus which is a part of the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the Securities Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Ballard Spahr LLP

#### NRG YIELD, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES COMPUTATION OF RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

|  |                | he Three |                                 |      |             |      |          |                    |          |      |    |      |
|--|----------------|----------|---------------------------------|------|-------------|------|----------|--------------------|----------|------|----|------|
|  |                | hs Ended | For the Year Ended December 31, |      |             |      |          |                    |          |      |    |      |
|  | March 31, 2015 |          | 2014 2013 (b)                   |      | 2012(a) (b) |      | 2011 (b) |                    | 2010 (b) |      |    |      |
|  |                |          |                                 |      |             | (in  | ı mil    | llions, except rat | io)      |      |    |      |
| Earnings:  |                |          |                                 |      |             |      |          |                    |          |      |    |      |
| (Loss) Income from continuing operations before income tax | \$             | (20)     | \$                              | 116  | \$          | 140  | \$       | 22                 | \$       | 23   | \$ | 11   |
| Less:  |                |          |                                 |      |             |      |          |                    |          |      |    |      |
| Equity in earnings of unconsolidated affiliates            |                | (1)      |                                 | (27) |             | (22) |          | (19)               |          | (13) |    | (1)  |
| Capitalized interest                                       |                | —        |                                 |      |             | (18) |          | (31)               |          | (4)  |    | (1)  |
| Add:   |                |          |                                 |      |             |      |          |                    |          |      |    |      |
| Fixed charges  |                | 70       |                                 | 188  |             | 70   |          | 60                 |          | 24   |    | 14   |
| Distributions from unconsolidated affiliates               |                | 37       |                                 | 24   |             | 15   |          | 20                 |          | 8    |    |      |
| Amortization of capitalized interest                       |                | 1        |                                 | 2    |             | 2    |          | 1                  |          |      |    | —    |
| Total Earnings:  | \$             | 87       | \$                              | 303  | \$          | 187  | \$       | 53                 | \$       | 38   | \$ | 23   |
|  |                |          |                                 |      |             |      |          |                    |          |      |    |      |
| Fixed Charges:   |                |          |                                 |      |             |      |          |                    |          |      |    |      |
| Interest expense   |                | 67       |                                 | 175  |             | 47   |          | 28                 |          | 19   |    | 13   |
| Capitalized interest                                       |                |          |                                 | _    |             | 18   |          | 31                 |          | 4    |    | 1    |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs                        |                | 2        |                                 | 7    |             | 4    |          |                    |          |      |    |      |
| Amortization of debt discount                              |                | 1        |                                 | 4    |             |      |          | _                  |          |      |    |      |
| Approximation of interest in rental expense                |                |          |                                 | 2    |             | 1    |          | 1                  |          | 1    |    |      |
| Total Fixed Charges:                                       | \$             | 70       | \$                              | 188  | \$          | 70   | \$       | 60                 | \$       | 24   | \$ | 14   |
| Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges                |                | 1.24     |                                 | 1.66 | _           | 2.67 | _        | 0.88               |          | 1.58 |    | 1.64 |

(a) The ratio coverage for the year ended December 31, 2012 was less than 1:1. NRG Yield, Inc. would have needed to generate additional earnings of \$7 million to achieve a ratio coverage of 1:1 for that year.

(b) For all periods prior to NRG Yield, Inc.'s initial public offering on July 22, 2013, the accompanying combined financial statements represent the combination of the assets that the Company acquired and were prepared using NRG's historical basis in the assets and liabilities. For the purposes of the combined financial statements, the term "NRG Yield, Inc. and Subsidiaries" represents the accounting predecessor, or the combination of the acquired businesses. For all periods subsequent to the NRG Yield, Inc. initial public offering, the accompanying audited consolidated financial statements represent the consolidated results of the Company.

#### **Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors NRG Yield, Inc.:

We consent to the use of our report dated May 22, 2015, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of NRG Yield, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2014, and the related financial statement schedule and to the use of our report dated February 27, 2015 on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, incorporated herein by reference and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectus.

Our report dated February 27, 2015, on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, contains an explanatory paragraph that states that the scope of management's assessment of their effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included the Company's consolidated operations except for the operations of Alta Wind Portfolio, which the Company acquired in August 2014. Alta Wind Portfolio represented 43% of the Company's consolidated total assets and 8% of consolidated operating revenues as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting of NRG Yield, Inc. also excluded an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting of Alta Wind Portfolio.

/s/ KPMG LLP Philadelphia, Pennsylvania June 19, 2015

# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of NRG Yield, Inc. of our report dated April 26, 2013 relating to the financial statements of GCE Holding LLC, which appears in NRG Yield, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Boston, MA June 22, 2015

The Board of Directors NRG Yield, Inc.:

We consent to the use of our report dated June 16, 2014, with respect to the combined balance sheets of the Alta Wind Portfolio of Terra-Gen Power, LLC as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related combined statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), members' capital, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2013, incorporated by reference herein and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectus.

/s/ KPMG LLP

New York, New York June 19, 2015

The Management Committee Laredo Ridge Wind, LLC:

We consent to the use of our report dated March 28, 2014, with respect to the balance sheets of Laredo Ridge Wind, LLC as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, the related statements of income, comprehensive income (loss), member's equity and cash flows for each of the years in the two year period ended December 31, 2013, incorporated herein by reference and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectus.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Los Angeles, California June 19, 2015

The Management Committee WCEP Holdings, LLC and subsidiaries:

We consent to the use of our report dated April 30, 2014, with respect to the consolidated balance sheet of WCEP Holdings, LLC as of December 31, 2013, and the related consolidated statement of income, comprehensive income, member's equity and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2013, incorporated herein by reference and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectus.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Los Angeles, California June 19, 2015

The Management Committee Tapestry Wind, LLC and subsidiaries:

We consent to the use of our report dated April 23, 2014, with respect to the consolidated balance sheets of Tapestry Wind, LLC as of December 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income (loss), member's equity and cash flows for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2013, incorporated herein by reference and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectus.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Los Angeles, California June 19, 2015

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# Form T-1

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

CHECK IF AN APPLICATION TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY OF A TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO SECTION 305(b)(2) □

# LAW DEBENTURE TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK

(Exact name of trustee as specified in its charter)

New York

(Jurisdiction of incorporation or organization if not a U.S. national bank)

01-0622605 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**400 Madison Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York** (Address of principal executive offices) **10017** (Zip Code)

Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, 400 Madison Avenue, 4th Floor New York, NY 10017, James D. Heaney, Managing Director, (212) 750-6474 (Name, address and telephone number of agent for services)

# NRG Yield, Inc.

(Exact name of obligor as specified in its charter)

Delaware State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

> 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey (Address of principal executive offices)

46-1777204 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> **08540** (Zip Code)

**Debt Securities** 

(Title of the indenture securities)

(Exact name of trustee as spe

# 1. General information. Furnish the following information as to the trustee:

### (a) Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.

| Name   | Address   |
|--|---|
| Superintendent of Banks of the State of New York | One State Street, New York, N.Y. 10004-1417 and One Commerce Plaza,<br>Albany, NY 12257 |

#### (b) Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.

Yes.

# 2. Affiliations with Obligor.

#### If the obligor is an affiliate of the trustee, describe each such affiliation.

None.

# 3-14.

No responses are included for Items 3-14 of this Form T-1 because the obligor is not in default as provided under Item 13.

# 15. Foreign Trustee.

Not applicable.

### 16. List of Exhibits.

Exhibits identified in parentheses below, on file with the Commission, are incorporated herein by reference as an exhibit hereto, pursuant to Rule 7a-29 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (the "Act") and 17 C.F.R. 229.10(d).

- 1. A copy of the articles of association of the trustee as now in effect. (see Exhibit 1 to Form T-1 filed in connection with Registration Statement No. 333-127469, which is incorporated by reference).
- 2. A copy of the certificate of authority of the trustee to commence business, if not contained in the articles of association. (see Exhibit 2 to Form T-1 filed in connection with Registration Statement No. 333-127469, which is incorporated by reference).

- 3. A copy of the existing bylaws of the trustee, or instruments corresponding thereto. (see Exhibit 3 to Form T-1 filed in connection with Registration Statement No. 333-127469, which is incorporated by reference).
- 4. The consents of the trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Act. (see Exhibit 4 to Form T-1 filed in connection with Registration Statement 333-133414, which is incorporated by reference).
- 5. A copy of the latest report of condition of the trustee published pursuant to law or the requirements of its supervising or examining authority.

# SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 the trustee, Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, a trust company organized and existing under the laws of New York, has duly caused this statement of eligibility to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of New York, and State of New York, on the 12th day of June, 2015.

Law Debenture Trust Company of New York (Trustee)

By: /S/ James D. Heaney

James D. Heaney Managing Director

#### Exhibit 5

# T-1 Item 16

# Consolidated Report of Condition (attached as Exhibit 5 hereto) of

# LAW DEBENTURE TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK

of 400 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017,

a limited purpose trust company ("LDTC-NY") and U.S. subsidiary of Law Debenture Corporation plc, London, England ("Law Debenture"), at the close of business December 31, 2014, published with the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council/Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Consolidated Laws of the State of New York Banking Department license granted on May 8, 2002.

I, Sam Pau, Controller of Law Debenture Trust Company of New York do hereby declare that this Report of Condition has been prepared in conformance with instructions issued by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System and is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this certificate the 12th of June, 2015.

/S/ Sam Pau Sam Pau Controller Law Debenture Trust Company of New York

I, James D. Heaney, Managing Director of Law Debenture Trust Company of New York, do hereby attest that the signature set forth above is the true and genuine signature of Sam Pau of Law Debenture Trust Company of New York.

/S/ James D. Heaney

Attested by: James D. Heaney Its: Managing Director Consolidated Report of Condition for Insured Commercial and State-Chartered Savings Banks for December 31, 2014 All schedules are to be reported in thousands of dollars. Unless otherwise indicated, report the amount outstanding as of the last business day of the quarter.

Schedule RC-Balance Sheet

Dollar Amounts in Thousands RCON Bil Mil Thou ASSETS VSSETS 1. Cash and balances due from depository institutions (from Schedule RC-A): ... a. Noninterest-bearing balances and currency and coin<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_\_b. Interest-bearing balances<sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_\_b. 0081 0071 1.a. 1.b. 689 534 49 1754 2.a. 2.b. 1773 B987 B989 3.a. 3.b. 5369 4.a. 4.b. 4.c. 4.d. B529 3545 2145 5. 6. 5 8. 9. 10. 8. 9. 2130 3656 Contraction and the intervention in the exact vention
 Contraction assets:
 a. Goodwill.
 b. Other intangible assets (from Schedule RC-M).....
11. Other assets (from Schedule RC-F).
12. Total assets (sum of items 1 through 11)...... 10.a. 10.b. 289 11. 482 12. 3163 0426 2160 2170 3 53

<sup>1</sup>Includes cash items in process of collection and unposted debits. <sup>2</sup>Includes time certificates of deposit not held for trading. <sup>3</sup> Includes all securities research agreement, regardless of maturity. <sup>4</sup> Includes noninterest-bearing demand, time and savings deposits.



#### Schedule RC-Continued

|      |  | mounts in Th | ousands | RCON         | Bil | Mil  | Thou |
|------|--|--------------|---------|--------------|-----|------|------|
| 13.  | LITIES   |              |         |              |     |      |      |
|      | Deposits:  |              |         |              |     |      |      |
|      | a. In domestic offices (sum of totals of columns A and C fro   | m Schedule   | RC-E)   | 2200         |     |      |      |
|      | (1) Noninterest-bearing <sup>1</sup>   |              |         |              |     |      |      |
|      | (2) Interest-bearing   |              |         |              |     |      |      |
|      | b. Not applicable  |              |         |              |     |      |      |
| 14.  | Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreemen   |              |         | 0000         |     |      |      |
|      | a. Federal funds purchased <sup>2</sup>  |              |         | B993<br>B995 |     |      |      |
|      | <li>b. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase<sup>3</sup></li>                               |              |         | 3548         |     |      |      |
|      | Trading liabilities (from Schedule RC-D)   |              |         | 3548         |     |      |      |
| 16.  | Other borrowed money (includes mortgage indebtedness and<br>capitalized leases) (from Schedule RC-M) |              |         | 3190         |     |      |      |
| 17   | and 18. Not applicable   |              |         | 2180         |     |      |      |
|      | Subordinated notes and debentures <sup>4</sup>   |              | ŀ       | 3200         |     |      |      |
|      | Other liabilities (from Schedule RC-G)   |              |         | 2930         |     | 9    | 041  |
| 21   | Total liabilities (sum of items 13 through 20)   |              |         | 2948         |     | 9    | 041  |
|      | Not applicable   |              |         | 2040         |     | 0    | 041  |
|      | JITY CAPITAL   |              |         |              |     |      |      |
| E-ar | Bank Equity Capital  |              |         |              |     |      |      |
| 23   | Perpetual preferred stock and related surplus  |              |         | 3838         |     |      |      |
|      | Common stock   |              |         | 3230         |     |      | 1    |
| 25   | Surplus (excludes all surplus related to preferred stock)  |              |         | 3839         |     | 49   | 876  |
|      | a. Retained earnings   |              |         | 3632         |     |      | 316  |
|      | <ul> <li>Accumulated other comprehensive income<sup>5</sup></li> </ul>                               |              |         | B530         |     |      |      |
|      | c. Other equity capital components6  |              |         | A130         |     |      |      |
| 27.  | a. Total bank equity capital (sum of items 23 through 26   | 6.c)         |         | 3210         |     | 50   | 193  |
|      | b. Noncontrolling (minority) interests in consolidated si  |              |         | 3000         |     |      |      |
| 28   | Total equity capital (sum of items 27.a and 27.b)  |              | ŀ       | G105         |     | 50   | 193  |
| 20.  | Total liabilities and equity capital (sum of items 21 and 25   | 91           |         | 3300         |     | 59   | 482  |
| 20.  | Total nabilities and equity capital (sum of items 21 and 20  | oj           | L       | 3300         |     | - 39 | 402  |

3 = Attestation on bank management's assertion on the effectiveness of the bank's internal control over financial reporting by a certified public accounting firm
7 = Compilation of the bank' financial statements by external is 8 = Other audit procedures (excluding tax preparation work)

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9 = No external audit work

To be reported with the March Report of Condition.

2. Bank's fiscal year-end date .....

Includes total demand deposits and noninterest-bearing time and savings deposits.
 <sup>2</sup>Report overnight Federal Home Loan Bank advances in Schedule RC, item 16, "Other borrowed money."
 Includes all securities repurchase agreements, regardless of maturity.
 Includes limited-life preferred stock and related surplus.
 Includes limited-life preferred stock and accumulated defined benefit pension and other postretirement plan adjustments.
 Includes treasury stock and unearned Employee Stock Ownership Plan shares.