UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 22, 2013

NRG YIELD, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation)

001-36002 (Commission File Number) 46-1777204 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

211 Carnegie Center, Princeton, New Jersey 08590 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(609) 524-4500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

In connection with the initial public offering by NRG Yield, Inc. (the "<u>Company</u>") of its Class A common stock covered by the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-189148) (the "<u>Registration Statement</u>"), the Company, as the managing member, entered into that certain Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of NRG Yield LLC ("<u>Yield LLC</u>"), dated as of July 22, 2013 (the "<u>Yield LLC Agreement</u>") with NRG Energy, Inc. ("<u>NRG</u>"), as the other member of Yield LLC.

In addition, the Company entered into the following agreements in connection with the consummation of the Company's initial public offering of its Class A common stock: (i) the Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2013 (the "<u>Registration Rights Agreement</u>"), by and between the Company and NRG; (ii) the Exchange Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2013 (the "<u>Exchange Agreement</u>"), by and among the Company, Yield LLC and NRG; (iii) the Right of First Offer Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2013 (the "<u>ROFO Agreement</u>"), by and between the Company and NRG; (iv) the Management Services Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2013 (the "<u>MSA</u>"), by and between the Company, NRG, Yield LLC and NRG Yield Operating LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Yield LLC ("<u>Yield Operating</u>"); and (v) the Trademark License Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2013 (the "<u>MSA</u>") by and between the Registration Rights Agreement, the ROFO Agreement, the Exchange Agreement, the ROFO Agreement") by and between the Company and NRG. The Yield LLC Agreement, the Registration Rights Agreement, the Exchange Agreement, the ROFO Agreement, the MSA and the License Agreement are filed herewith as Exhibits 4.1, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4 and 10.5, respectively, and are incorporated by reference herein. The terms of these agreements are substantially the same as the terms set forth in the forms of such agreements filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement and as described therein.

On July 22, 2013, Yield Operating entered into a Credit Agreement with Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent, and the other agents and lenders party thereto comprised of a five year revolving credit facility (the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"). The Credit Agreement provides that Yield Operating can borrow, on a revolving basis, up to an aggregate of \$60.0 million (which includes a letter of credit sub-facility) at a rate per annum equal to LIBOR or Base Rate (each as defined in the Credit Agreement) plus 2.00% or 3.00% respectively. The Credit Agreement matures on July 22, 2018. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by Yield LLC and secured by substantially all of the assets of Yield Operating and Yield LLC, subject to certain customary exceptions (including as it relates to excluded project companies). The Credit Agreement contains covenants that, without prior consent of the lenders, limit certain of Yield Operating's activities, including those relating to: mergers; consolidations; the ability to secure additional indebtedness; sales, transfers and other dispositions of property and assets; providing new guarantees; investing in joint ventures; and granting additional security interests. The Credit Agreement also contains customary events of default and related cure provisions. Additionally, Yield Operating is required to comply with certain financial covenants on a quarterly basis and its ability to pay cash dividends is subject to certain restrictions. The foregoing summary of the Credit Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Credit Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.6 and incorporated by reference herein.

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

The disclosures under Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K relating to the Credit Agreement are also responsive to Item 2.03 of this report and are incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.



Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

In connection with the initial public offering, on July 16, 2013, the NRG Yield, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2013 Equity Incentive Plan") became effective, following approval by the Company's board of directors and sole stockholder.

The 2013 Equity Incentive Plan is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.7 and is incorporated herein by reference. The terms of the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan are substantially the same as the terms set forth in the form thereof filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and as described therein.

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

On July 22, 2013, the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "<u>Charter</u>") and the Company's Second Amended and Restated Bylaws (the "<u>Bylaws</u>") became effective. A description of the Company's capital stock, giving effect to the adoption of the Charter and the Bylaws, is described in the Registration Statement. The Charter and the Bylaws are filed herewith as Exhibit 3.1 and Exhibit 3.2, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On July 22, 2013, the Company completed its initial public offering by issuing 22,511,250 shares of its Class A common stock at a price to the public of \$22.00 per share. The proceeds to the Company from this offering, net of underwriting discounts and commissions, were approximately \$468.0 million, of which the Company used approximately \$72.8 million to purchase 3,500,000 newly issued Yield LLC Class A units from Yield LLC and approximately \$395.2 million to acquire 19,011,250 Yield LLC Class A units (which were reclassified from Yield LLC Class B units in connection with such acquisition) from NRG. The rights and privileges of the Class A units and Class B units of Yield LLC are set forth in the Yield LLC Agreement. Yield LLC intends to use the related net proceeds for general corporate purposes.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The Exhibit Index attached to this Form 8-K is incorporated herein by reference.

SIGNATURES

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

NRG Yield, Inc.

By: /s/ David R. Hill

David R. Hill Executive Vice President and General Counsel

July 26, 2013

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Document
3.1	Amended and Restated Charter of NRG Yield, Inc., dated as of July 22, 2013.
3.2	Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of NRG Yield, Inc., dated as of July 22, 2013.
4.1	Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of NRG Yield LLC, dated as of July 22, 2013.
10.1	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2013, by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and NRG Yield, Inc.
10.2	Exchange Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2013, by and among NRG Energy, Inc., NRG Yield, Inc. and NRG Yield LLC.
10.3	Right of First Offer Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2013, by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and NRG Yield, Inc.
10.4	Management Services Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2013, by and between NRG Energy, Inc., NRG Yield, Inc., NRG Yield LLC and NRG Yield Operating LLC
10.5	Trademark License Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2013, by and between NRG Energy, Inc. and NRG Yield, Inc.
10.6	Credit Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2013, by and among NRG Yield Operating LLC, NRG Yield LLC, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent and L/C Issuer, the lenders party thereto, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Goldman Sachs Bank USA and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Book Runners, and Goldman Sachs Bank USA and Citibank, N.A., as Co-Syndication Agents.
10.7	NRG Yield, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan
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AMENDED AND RESTATED

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

OF

NRG YIELD, INC.

NRG Yield, Inc. (the "<u>Corporation</u>") was incorporated under the name NRG Yieldco, Inc. by filing its original certificate of incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on December 20, 2012. The original certificate of incorporation was amended on May 17, 2013 to change the name of the Corporation to NRG Yield, Inc. This Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (this "<u>Certificate</u>") was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Sections 242 and 245 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware ("<u>DGCL</u>"). The original certificate of incorporation of the Corporation is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

ARTICLE ONE

The name of the Corporation is NRG Yield, Inc.

ARTICLE TWO

The address of the Corporation's registered office in the State of Delaware is Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, City of Wilmington, County of New Castle, Delaware 19801. The name of its registered agent at such address is The Corporation Trust Company.

ARTICLE THREE

The nature of the business or purposes to be conducted or promoted is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized under the DGCL.

ARTICLE FOUR

Section 1. <u>Conversion</u>. Immediately upon the filing of this Certificate with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, each share of Common Stock of the Corporation shall automatically be converted into an equal number of fully paid and nonassessable shares of Class B Common Stock.

Section 2. <u>Authorized Shares</u>. The total number of shares of capital stock which the Corporation has authority to issue is 1,010,000,000 shares, consisting of:

(a) 10,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("<u>Preferred Stock</u>");

(b) 500,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Class A Common Stock"); and

(c) 500,000,000 shares of Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Class B Common Stock" and, together with the Class A Common Stock, the "Common Stock").

Section 3. Preferred Stock. The Preferred Stock may be issued from time to time and in one or more series. By resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the total number of directors then in office, the board of directors of the Corporation (the "Board of Directors") is authorized to determine or alter the powers, preferences and rights, and the qualifications, limitations and restrictions granted to or imposed upon any wholly unissued series of Preferred Stock, and within the limitations or restrictions stated in any resolution or resolutions of the Board of Directors adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the total number of directors then in office, originally fixing the number of shares constituting any series of Preferred Stock to increase or decrease (but not below the number of shares of any such series of Preferred Stock, then outstanding) the number of shares of any such series of Preferred Stock and to fix the number of shares of any series of Preferred Stock. In the event that the number of shares of any series of Preferred Stock shall be so decreased, the shares constituting such decrease shall resume the status which such shares had prior to the adoption of the resolution originally fixing the number of shares of such series of Preferred Stock subject to the requirements of applicable law. The powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights of each series of Preferred Stock, and the qualifications, limitations and restrictions granted to or imposed upon, any such series of Preferred Stock may be made dependent upon facts ascertainable outside the resolutions or resolutions providing for the issue of such Preferred Stock, adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the total number of directors then in office, provided that the manner in which such facts shall operate upon the powers, preferences and rights of, and the qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof, if any, may differ from those of any and all other series at any time outstanding. Any of the powers, preferences and rights of, and the qualifications, limitations and restrictions granted to or imposed upon, such series of Preferred Stock is clearly and expressly set forth in the resolution or resolutions providing for the issue of such series of Preferred Stock adopted by the affirmative vote of at least a majority of the total number of directors then in office.

Section 4. <u>Common Stock</u>.

(a) <u>Voting Rights</u>. Except as otherwise provided by the DGCL or this Certificate, and subject to the rights of holders of any series of Preferred Stock, all of the voting power of the stockholders of the Corporation shall be vested in the holders of the Common Stock. Holders of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock shall vote together as a single class on all matters presented to the stockholders of the Corporation for their approval or vote, and each holder of Common Stock shall have one vote for each share held by such holder on all matters voted upon by the stockholders of the Corporation.

(b) <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>.

(i) Subject to the rights of holders of any series of Preferred Stock, the holders of Class A Common Stock shall share ratably in all dividends as may from time to time be declared by the Board of Directors in respect of the Class A Common Stock out of the assets of the Corporation legally available for the payment thereof at such times and in such amounts as the Board of Directors in its discretion shall determine.

(ii) Except as provided in clause (b)(iii) below with respect to stock dividends, dividends and other distributions of cash or property may not be declared or paid on the Class B Common Stock.

(iii) In no event will any stock dividends, stock splits, reverse stock splits, combinations of stock, reclassifications or recapitalizations be declared or made on any Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock, as the case may be, unless contemporaneously therewith, the shares of Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock, respectively, at the time outstanding are treated in the same proportion and the same manner. Stock dividends with respect to Class B Common Stock may only be paid with Class B Common Stock.

(c) Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding Up. In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, after payment or provision for payment of the debts and other liabilities of the Corporation and of the preferential and other amounts, if any, to which the holders of Preferred Stock shall be entitled, the holders of all outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock shall be entitled to receive the remaining assets of the Corporation available for distribution ratably in proportion to the number of shares held by each such stockholder. Except as otherwise provided in this Article FOUR and except for their right to receive payment for the par value of their shares of Class B Common Stock, the holders of shares of Class B Common Stock shall not be entitled to receive any assets of the Corporation in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation.

(d) <u>Retirement of Class B Common Stock</u>. In the event that, pursuant to that certain Exchange Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2013 (the "<u>Exchange Agreement</u>"), by and among NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>NRG</u>"), NRG Yield LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Yield LLC") and the Corporation, NRG or its permitted transferees or assignees exchange a Class B unit of Yield LLC for a share of Class A Common Stock, an equivalent number of outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock shall be subject to mandatory redemption at a price per share equal to its per share par value and thereupon shall automatically and without further action on the part of the Corporation or any holder of Class B Common Stock or other series of stock of the Corporation be cancelled and retired.

(e) <u>Preemptive Rights</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Article FOUR, no holder of Common Stock shall have any preemptive, conversion or other rights to subscribe for additional shares with respect to the Common Stock or any other securities of the Corporation, or to any obligations convertible (directly or indirectly) into securities of the Corporation, whether now or hereafter authorized.

Section 5. <u>Restrictions on Transfer</u>.

(a) <u>Restricted Transfers</u>. Except through a Secondary Market Transaction, no person shall purchase or otherwise acquire (whether through the conversion or exchange of securities convertible into shares of Class A Common Stock or otherwise), and no stockholder of the Corporation shall transfer to any person, shares of Class A Common Stock such that, after giving effect to such purchase, acquisition or other transfer (a "<u>Restricted Transfer</u>"), the transfere,

together with its PUHCA Affiliates, would beneficially own, control and/or hold with power to vote sufficient Class A Common Stock to convey Utility Control without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors.

(b) <u>Purported Transfer in Violation of Restrictions</u>. Unless the approval of the Board of Directors is obtained with respect to a Restricted Transfer, such purported Restricted Transfer shall not be effective to transfer record, beneficial, legal or any other ownership of such Common Stock, and the transfere shall not be entitled to any rights as a stockholder of the Corporation with respect to the Class A Common Stock purported to be purchased, acquired or transferred in the Restricted Transfer (including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends with respect thereto).

(c) <u>Certain Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Section 5 of Article FOUR:

"<u>PUHCA Affiliate</u>" means any person that is an "affiliate" or "associate company" (as such terms are defined in the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005 or regulations thereunder) of another person.

"Secondary Market Transaction" means a purchase or sale of Class A Common Stock by a third-party investor (i) occurring while the Class A Common Stock is publicly-traded, (ii) to which neither the Corporation nor any of its subsidiaries is a party, (iii) over which neither the Corporation nor any of its subsidiaries would, in the ordinary course, have prior notice. A Secondary Market Transaction does not include, among other things, any purchase or sale of the Class A Common Stock in connection with the initial issuance or offering of Class A Common Stock in the Corporation's initial public offering (including the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares) or any reacquisition of Class A Common Stock by the Corporation.

"Utility Control" means the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Yield Public Utility and shall be deemed to exist if a person and its PUHCA Affiliates directly and/or indirectly own, control and/or hold with power to vote 10% or more of the outstanding voting securities of such Yield Public Utility. The percentage of voting securities of a Yield Public Utility directly and/or indirectly owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by a person and its PUHCA Affiliates shall be equal to the sum of: (i) the number of shares of Class A Common Stock owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by such person and its PUHCA Affiliates divided by the total number of shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock then outstanding multiplied by the percentage interest in the Yield Public Utility directly and/or indirectly owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by the Corporation, *plus* (ii) the aggregate percentage of outstanding NRG voting securities owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by NRG divided by the total number of shares of Class B Common Stock owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by NRG divided by the total number of shares of Class B Common Stock owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by NRG divided by the total number of voting shares of NRG then outstanding multiplied by the percentage interest in the Yield Public Utility directly or indirectly owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by NRG divided by the total number of vote by NRG (including, but not limited to, those held through its voting interests in the Corporation), *plus* (iii) the percentage of the Yield Public Utility's outstanding voting securities owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by SNRG (including, but not limited to, those held through its voting interests in the Corporation), *plus* (iii) the percentage of the Yield Public Utility's outstanding voting securities owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by suc

[(A_P / A_{Total} + B_{Total}) * YPU_Y] + [(NRG_P / NRG_{Total}) * YPU_{NRG}] + YPU_P

WHERE:

 A_P = the number of shares of Class A Common Stock owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by such person and its PUHCA Affiliates.

A_{Total} = the total number of shares of Class A Common Stock outstanding.

 B_{Total} = the total number of shares of Class B Common Stock outstanding.

NRG_P = the number of voting shares owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by such person and its PUHCA Affiliates in NRG.

NRG_{Total} = the total number of voting shares of NRG outstanding.

 YPU_Y = the percentage of the voting interests of a Yield Public Utility directly and/or indirectly owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by the Corporation.

YPU_{NRG} = the percentage of the voting interests of a Yield Public Utility directly and/or indirectly owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by NRG.

 YPU_P = the percentage of the voting interests of a Yield Public Utility directly and/or indirectly owned, controlled and/or held with power to vote by such person other than through interests in the Corporation or NRG.

"Yield Public Utility" means any direct or indirect subsidiary of Yield LLC that is a "public utility" (as that term is defined in the Federal Power

Act).

ARTICLE FIVE

The Corporation is to have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE SIX

Except as provided by this Certificate and any duly authorized certificate of designation of any series of Preferred Stock, each director shall be elected by the vote of a plurality of the shares of Common Stock entitled to vote on the election of directors voting as a single class and represented in person or by proxy at any meeting for the election of directors at which a quorum is present.

ARTICLE SEVEN

Section 1. <u>Board of Directors</u>. The business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. In addition to the powers and authority expressly conferred upon them by statute or by this Certificate or the Bylaws of the Corporation (as amended and restated, the "<u>Bylaws</u>"), the directors are hereby empowered to

exercise all such powers and do all such acts and things as may be exercised or done by the Corporation.

Section 2. <u>Number of Directors</u>. Subject to any rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock to elect additional directors under specified circumstances, the Board of Directors shall have no more than sixteen (16) nor less than three (3) members, with the exact number of directors constituting the full board to be determined from time to time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of directors then in office. Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock, newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the size of the Board of Directors may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of directors. Each director shall hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders of the Corporation and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal. Nothing in this Certificate shall preclude a director from serving consecutive terms. Elections of directors need not be by written ballot unless the Bylaws shall so provide.

ARTICLE EIGHT

In furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the Board of Directors is expressly authorized to make, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws by the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of directors then in office in addition to any other vote otherwise required by law.

ARTICLE NINE

Section 1. Indemnification; Limitation of Liability.

(a) To the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL as it now exists or may hereafter be amended, and except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws, (i) no director of the Corporation shall be liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages arising from a breach of fiduciary duty owed to the Corporation or its stockholders; and (ii) the Corporation shall indemnify its officers and directors.

(b) Any repeal or modification of the foregoing paragraph by the stockholders of the Corporation shall not adversely affect any right or protection of a director of the Corporation in respect of any act, omission or condition existing or event or circumstance occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

ARTICLE TEN

Section 1. <u>Removal of Directors</u>. Subject to the rights, if any, of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock to remove directors (with or without cause) and fill the vacancies thereby created (as specified in any duly authorized certificate of designation of any series of Preferred Stock), no director may be removed from office except for cause and the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock then outstanding voting as a single class. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the holders of any class or series of capital stock are entitled by the provisions of this Certificate (including any duly authorized certificate of

designation of any series of Preferred Stock) to elect one or more directors, such director or directors so elected may be removed with or without cause by the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of that class or series entitled to vote.

Section 2. <u>Vacancies in the Board of Directors</u>. Subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock to remove directors and fill the vacancies thereby created (as specified in any duly authorized certificate of designation of any series of Preferred Stock) and subject to Section 2 of Article SEVEN, vacancies occurring on the Board of Directors for any reason may be filled by vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board of Directors, although less than a quorum, at any meeting of the Board of Directors. A person so elected by the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy shall hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders of the Corporation and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal.

ARTICLE ELEVEN

Meetings of stockholders may be held within or without the State of Delaware, as the Bylaws may provide. The books of the Corporation may be kept (subject to any provision contained in the DGCL) outside of the State of Delaware at such place or places as may be designated from time to time by the Board of Directors or in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE TWELVE

Subject to the rights of holders of any series of Preferred Stock to act by written consent as specified in any duly authorized certificate of designation of any series of Preferred Stock, the stockholders of the Corporation may not take any action by written consent in lieu of a meeting, and must take any actions at a duly called annual or special meeting of stockholders and the power of stockholders to consent in writing without a meeting is specifically denied. Except as otherwise required by law, special meetings of stockholders of the Corporation may be called only by the Board of Directors pursuant to a resolution adopted by the affirmative vote of the majority of the total number of directors then in office.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

Section 1. <u>Competition and Corporate Opportunities</u>. To the extent provided in the following paragraphs, the Corporation renounces any interest or expectancy of the Corporation or any of its Affiliated Companies in, or in being offered an opportunity to participate in, any Dual Opportunity presented to NRG or its Affiliated Entities or to a Dual Role Person.

(a) In the event that NRG and its Affiliated Companies acquire knowledge of a potential transaction or matter which may be a Dual Opportunity, neither the Corporation nor any of its Affiliated Companies shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, have any expectancy in such Dual Opportunity. NRG and its Affiliated Companies shall have no duty to communicate or offer to the Corporation or any of its Affiliated Companies, or refrain from engaging directly or indirectly in, any Dual Opportunity, and may pursue or acquire such Dual Opportunity for themselves or direct such Dual Opportunity to another Person.

(b) A Dual Role Person (i) shall have no duty to communicate or offer to the Corporation or any of its Affiliated Companies any Dual Opportunity that such Dual Role Person has communicated or offered to NRG or its Affiliated Companies, (ii) shall not be prohibited from communicating or offering any Dual Opportunity to NRG or its Affiliated Companies, and (iii) shall not be liable to the Corporation or its stockholders for breach of any fiduciary duty as a stockholder, director or officer of the Corporation, as the case may be, resulting from (x) the failure to communicate or offer to the Corporation or any of its Affiliated Companies any Dual Opportunity that such Dual Role Person has communicated or offered to NRG or its Affiliated Companies or (y) the communication or offer to NRG or its Affiliated Companies of any Dual Opportunity, in each case, so long as the Dual Opportunity was not expressly offered in writing to the Dual Role Person solely in his or her capacity as a director or officer of the Corporation.

Section 2. <u>Certain Matters Deemed not Corporate Opportunities</u>. In addition to and notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Article THIRTEEN, the Corporation renounces any interest or expectancy of the Corporation or any of its Affiliated Companies in, or in being offered an opportunity to participate in, any business opportunity that (i) the Corporation is not financially able or contractually permitted or legally able to undertake, (ii) is not in the Corporation's line of business, (iii) is of no practical advantage to the Corporation, and (iv) in which the Corporation has no interest or reasonable expectancy. Moreover, nothing in this Article THIRTEEN shall amend or modify in any respect any written contractual agreement between NRG or its Affiliated Companies, on the one hand, and the Corporation or any of its Affiliated Companies, on the other hand.

Section 3. <u>Certain Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Article THIRTEEN and Article FIFTEEN:

"<u>Affiliated Company</u>" means (i) with respect to the Corporation, any Person controlled by the Corporation, (ii) with respect to NRG, any Person controlled by NRG, other than the Corporation. For purposes of this definition "is controlled by" means the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"<u>Dual Opportunity</u>" means any potential transaction or matter within the same or similar business activities or related lines of business as those in which the Corporation or any of its Affiliated Companies may engage, and/or other business activities that overlap with or compete with those in which the Corporation, directly or indirectly, participates or which may be a corporate opportunity for the Corporation or any of its Affiliated Companies, on the one hand, and for NRG and its Affiliated Companies, on the other hand.

"Dual Role Person" means any individual who is an officer or director of both the Corporation and NRG.

"<u>Person</u>" means an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a limited liability company, an association, a joint stock company, a trust, a joint venture, an unincorporated organization and a governmental entity or any department, agency or political subdivision thereof.

Section 4. <u>Termination</u>. The provisions of this Article THIRTEEN shall have no further force or effect at such time as (i) the Corporation and NRG are no longer affiliates of each other and (ii) none of the directors and/or officers of NRG serve as directors and/or officers of the Corporation and its Affiliated Companies; *provided, however*, that any such termination shall not terminate the effect of such provisions with respect to any agreement, arrangement or other understanding between the Corporation or an Affiliated Company thereof, on the one hand, and NRG or an Affiliated Company thereof, on the other hand, that was entered into before such time or any transaction entered into in the performance of such agreement, arrangement or other understanding, whether entered into before or after such time.

Section 5. <u>Deemed Notice</u>. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring or obtaining any interest in any capital stock of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice and to have consented to the provisions of this Article THIRTEEN.

Section 6. <u>Severability</u>. The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision, or part of any provision, of this Article THIRTEEN shall not affect the other provisions or parts hereof, and this Article THIRTEEN shall be construed in all respects as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions or parts were omitted.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Certificate or any provisions of law which might otherwise permit a lesser vote or no vote, but in addition to any affirmative vote of the holders of the capital stock required by law or this Certificate (including any duly authorized certificate of designation of any series of Preferred Stock), the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 ²/₃% of the combined voting power of all of the then outstanding shares of the Corporation eligible to be cast in the election of directors generally voting as a single class shall be required to alter, amend or repeal Section 2 of ARTICLE FOUR hereof, ARTICLE EIGHT hereof, ARTICLE NINE hereof, Section 2 of ARTICLE TEN hereof, ARTICLES TWELVE and THIRTEEN hereof, this ARTICLE FOURTEEN, or ARTICLE FIFTEEN hereof or any provision thereof or hereof.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

The Corporation hereby elects not to be governed by Section 203 of the DGCL until such time as NRG and its Affiliated Companies cease to beneficially own at least 5% of the total voting power of all the then outstanding shares of stock of the Corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors voting together as a single class, whereupon the Corporation shall immediately and automatically, without further action on the part of the Corporation or any holder of stock of the Corporation become governed by Section 203 of the DGCL.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN

The Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, be the sole and exclusive forum for any stockholder (including a beneficial owner) to bring (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Corporation, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee of the Corporation to the Corporation or the Corporation's stockholders, (iii) any

action asserting a claim against the Corporation, its directors, officers or employees arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL, this Certificate (as may be amended, altered, changed or repealed) or the Bylaws or (iv) any action asserting a claim against the Corporation, its directors, officers or employees governed by the internal affairs doctrine, except for, as to each of (i) through (iv) above, any claim as to which the Court of Chancery determines that there is an indispensable party not subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery (and the indispensable party does not consent to the personal jurisdiction of the Court of Chancery, or for which the Court of Chancery does not have subject matter jurisdiction. If any provision or provisions of this Article SIXTEEN shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable as applied to any person or entity or circumstance and of the remaining provisions of this Article SIXTEEN (including, without limitation, each portion of any sentence of this Article SIXTEEN containing any such provision held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable) and the application of such provision to other persons or entities and circumstances shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in any shares of the Corporation shall be deemed to have notice of and to have consented to the provisions of this ARTICLE SIXTEEN.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN

Except as expressly provided herein, the Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in this Certificate, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, and all rights conferred upon stockholders, directors or any other person herein are granted subject to this reservation.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation has caused this Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to be signed by the undersigned authorized officer this 22nd day of July of 2013.

NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation

By: <u>/s/ Brian E. Curci</u> Name: Brian E. Curci

Title: Secretary

SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS OF NRG YIELD, INC. A Delaware Corporation

(Amended and Restated as of July 22, 2013)

ARTICLE I OFFICES

Section 1. <u>Registered Office</u>. The registered office of NRG Yield, Inc. (the "<u>Corporation</u>") in the State of Delaware shall be located at 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The name of the Corporation's registered agent at such address shall be The Corporation Trust Company. The registered office and/or registered agent of the Corporation may be changed from time to time by action of the board of directors.

Section 2. <u>Other Offices</u>. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places, both within and without the State of Delaware, as the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "<u>Board of Directors</u>") may from time to time determine or the business of the Corporation may require.

ARTICLE II MEETINGS OF STOCKHOLDERS

Section 1. <u>Annual Meeting</u>. An annual meeting of the stockholders shall be held at such date and time specified by the Board of Directors for the purpose of electing directors and conducting such other proper business as may come before the annual meeting. At the annual meeting, stockholders shall elect directors and transact such other business as properly may be brought before the annual meeting pursuant to <u>Section 11</u> of this ARTICLE II.

Section 2. <u>Special Meetings</u>. Subject to the rights of the holders of any class or series of preferred stock of the Corporation, special meetings of the stockholders may only be called in the manner provided in the certificate of incorporation of the Corporation, as amended and restated from time to time (the "<u>Certificate of Incorporation</u>").

Section 3. <u>Place of Meetings</u>. The Board of Directors may designate any place, either within or without the State of Delaware, as the place of meeting for any annual meeting or for any special meeting. If no designation is made, or if a special meeting be otherwise called, the place of meeting shall be the principal executive office of the Corporation. If for any reason any annual meeting shall not be held during any year, the business thereof may be transacted at any special meeting of the stockholders.

Section 4. <u>Notice</u>. Whenever stockholders are required or permitted to take action at a meeting, written or printed notice stating the place, date, time and, in the case of special meetings, the purpose or purposes, of such meeting, shall be given to each stockholder entitled to vote on the record date, determined in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 3</u> of ARTICLE VI hereof. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United

States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the stockholder at his, her or its address as the same appears on the records of the Corporation. An affidavit of the secretary or an assistant secretary or of the transfer agent of the Corporation that the notice required by this <u>Section 4</u> has been given shall, in the absence of fraud, be *prima facie* evidence of the facts stated therein. Whenever the giving of any notice to stockholders is required by applicable law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, a waiver thereof, given by the person entitled to said notice, whether before or after the event as to which such notice is required, shall be deemed equivalent to notice. Attendance of a person at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except when the person attends for the express purpose of objecting at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any regular or special meeting of the stockholders need be specified in any waiver of notice unless so required by applicable law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws.

Section 5. <u>Stockholders List</u>. The officer having charge of the stock ledger of the Corporation shall make, at least 10 days before every meeting of the stockholders, a complete list of the stockholders entitled to vote at such meeting arranged in alphabetical order, showing the address of each stockholder and the number of shares registered in the name of each stockholder. Such list shall be open to the examination of any stockholder, the stockholder's agent or attorney, at the stockholder's expense, for any purpose germane to the meeting for a period of at least 10 days prior to the meeting, (i) on a reasonably accessible electronic network, provided that the information required to gain access to such list shall be provided with the notice of the meeting or (ii) during ordinary business hours, at the principal place of business of the Corporation. The list shall also be produced and kept at the time and place of the meeting during the whole time thereof, and may be inspected by any stockholder who is present. Except as provided by applicable law, the stock ledger shall be the only evidence as to who are the stockholders entitled to examine the stock ledger, the list of stockholders or the books of the Corporation, or to vote in person or by proxy at any meeting of stockholders.

Section 6. <u>Quorum</u>. The holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote at the meeting of stockholders, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the stockholders, except as otherwise provided by the Delaware General Corporation Law ("<u>DGCL</u>") or by the Certificate of Incorporation. If a quorum is not present, the holders of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting, and entitled to vote at the meeting, may adjourn the meeting to another time and/or place. When a specified item of business requires a vote by the holders of a class or series of shares of capital stock (if the Corporation shall then have outstanding shares of more than one class or series) voting as a class or series, the holders of a majority of the shares of such class or series shall constitute a quorum (as to such class or series) for the transaction of such item of business, except as otherwise provided by the DGCL or by the Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 7. <u>Adjourned Meetings</u>. When a meeting is adjourned to another time and place, notice need not be given of the adjourned meeting if the time and place thereof are announced at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken. At the adjourned meeting the Corporation may transact any business which might have been transacted at the original meeting. If the adjournment is for more than 30 days, or if after the adjournment a new record date is fixed

for the adjourned meeting, a notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to each stockholder of record entitled to vote at the meeting.

Section 8. <u>Vote Required</u>. When a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of the majority in voting power of shares present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the subject matter shall be the act of the stockholders, unless (i) by express provisions of an applicable law, the rules and regulations of any stock exchange applicable to the Corporation, or of the Certificate of Incorporation a different vote is required, in which case such express provision shall govern and control the decision of such question, or (ii) the subject matter is the election of directors, in which case the Certificate of Incorporation shall govern and control the approval of such subject matter.

Section 9. <u>Voting Rights</u>. Except as otherwise provided by the DGCL, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, every stockholder entitled to vote at any meeting of stockholders shall at every meeting of the stockholders be entitled to one vote in person or by proxy for each share of capital stock held by such stockholder which has voting power upon the matter in question.

Section 10. Proxies. Each stockholder entitled to vote at a meeting of stockholders may authorize another person or persons to act for such stockholder by proxy, but no such proxy shall be voted or acted upon after three years from its date, unless the proxy provides for a longer period. A duly executed proxy shall be irrevocable if it states that it is irrevocable and if, and only as long as, it is coupled with an interest sufficient in law to support an irrevocable power. A proxy may be made irrevocable regardless of whether the interest with which it is coupled is an interest in the stock itself or an interest in the Corporation generally. Any proxy is suspended when the person executing the proxy is present at a meeting of stockholders and elects to vote, except that when such proxy is coupled with an interest and the fact of the interest appears on the face of the proxy, the agent named in the proxy shall have all voting and other rights referred to in the proxy, notwithstanding the presence of the person executing the proxy. At each meeting of the stockholders, and before any voting commences, all proxies filed at or before the meeting shall be submitted to and examined by the secretary or a person designated by the secretary, and no shares may be represented or voted under a proxy that has been found to be invalid or irregular.

Section 11. Business Brought Before a Meeting of the Stockholders.

(A) <u>Annual Meetings</u>.

(1) At an annual meeting of the stockholders, only such nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors shall be considered and such business shall be conducted as shall have been properly brought before the meeting. To be properly brought before an annual meeting, nominations and other business must be (a) specified in the notice of meeting (or any supplement thereto) given by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, (b) brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (c) otherwise properly brought before the meeting by a stockholder who (i) is a stockholder of record of the Corporation (and, with respect to any beneficial owner, if different, on whose behalf such business is proposed or such nominations are made, only if such beneficial owner is the

beneficial owner of shares of the Corporation) both at the time the notice provided for in paragraph (A) of this Section 11 is delivered to the secretary of the Corporation and on the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to vote at the annual meeting of stockholders, (ii) is entitled to vote at the meeting, and (iii) complies with the notice procedures set forth in paragraph (A) of this Section 11. For nominations or other business to be properly brought before an annual meeting by a stockholder, the stockholder must have given timely notice thereof in writing and in proper form to the secretary of the Corporation. To be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at the principal executive offices of the Corporation, not later than the close of business on the ninetieth (90th) day nor earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting (provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is advanced more than thirty (30) days before or delayed more than seventy (70) days after such anniversary date, notice by the stockholder must be so delivered not earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the ninetieth (90th) day prior to such annual meeting or the tenth (10th) day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by the Corporation). In no event shall the public announcement of an adjournment or postponement of an annual meeting commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above. Notwithstanding anything in this paragraph to the contrary, in the event that the number of directors to be elected to the Board of Directors at an annual meeting is increased and there is no public announcement by the Corporation naming the nominees for the additional directorships at least one hundred (100) days prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, a stockholder's notice required by paragraph (A) of this Section 11 shall also be considered timely, but only with respect to nominees for the additional directorships, if it shall be delivered to the secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not later than the close of business on the tenth (10th) day following the day on which such public announcement is first made by the Corporation.

(2) A stockholder's notice providing for the nomination of a person or persons for election as a director or directors of the Corporation shall set forth (a) as to the stockholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is made (and for purposes of clauses (ii) through (ix) below, including any interests described therein held by any affiliates or associates (each within the meaning of Rule 12b-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") for purposes of these Bylaws) of such stockholder or beneficial owner or by any member of such stockholder's or beneficial owner's immediate family sharing the same household, in each case as of the date of such stockholder's notice, which information shall be confirmed or updated, if necessary, by such stockholder and beneficial owner (x) not later than ten (10) days after the record date for the notice of the meeting to disclose such ownership as of the record date for the notice of the meeting, and (y) not later than eight (8) business days before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof to disclose such ownership as of the date that is ten (10) business before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof (or if not practicable to provide such updated information not later than eight (8) business days before any adjournment or postponement, on the first practicable date before any such adjournment or postponement)) (i) the name and address of such stockholder, as they appear on the Corporation's books, and of such beneficial owner, (ii) the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation which are, directly or

indirectly, beneficially owned (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) (provided that a person shall in all events be deemed to beneficially own any shares of any class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Corporation as to which such person has a right to acquire beneficial ownership at any time in the future) and owned of record by such stockholder or beneficial owner, (iii) the class or series, if any, and number of options, warrants, puts, calls, convertible securities, stock appreciation rights, or similar rights, obligations or commitments with an exercise or conversion privilege or a settlement payment or mechanism at a price related to any class or series of shares or other securities of the Corporation or with a value derived in whole or in part from the value of any class or series of shares or other securities of the Corporation, whether or not such instrument, right, obligation or commitment shall be subject to in the underlying class or series of shares or other securities of the Corporation (each a " Derivative Security"), which are, directly or indirectly, beneficially owned by such stockholder or beneficial owner, (iv) any agreement, arrangement, understanding, or relationship, including any repurchase or similar so-called "stock borrowing" agreement or arrangement, engaged in, directly or indirectly, by such stockholder or beneficial owner, the purpose or effect of which is to mitigate loss to, reduce the economic risk (of ownership or otherwise) of any class or series of capital stock or other securities of the Corporation by, manage the risk of share price changes for, or increase or decrease the voting power of, such stockholder or beneficial owner with respect to any class or series of capital stock or other securities of the Corporation, or that provides, directly or indirectly, the opportunity to profit from any decrease in the price or value of any class or series of capital stock or other securities of the Corporation, (v) a description of any other direct or indirect opportunity to profit or share in any profit (including any performance-based fees) derived from any increase or decrease in the value of shares or other securities of the Corporation, (vi) any proxy, contract, arrangement, understanding or relationship pursuant to which such stockholder or beneficial owner has a right to vote any shares or other securities of the Corporation, (vii) any rights to dividends on the shares of the Corporation owned beneficially by such stockholder or such beneficial owner that are separated or separable from the underlying shares of the Corporation, (viii) any proportionate interest in shares of the Corporation or Derivative Securities held, directly or indirectly, by a general or limited partnership in which such stockholder or beneficial owner is a general partner or, directly or indirectly, beneficially owns an interest in a general partner, if any, (ix) a description of all agreements, arrangements, and understandings between such stockholder or beneficial owner and any other person(s) (including their name(s)) in connection with or related to the ownership or voting of capital stock of the Corporation or Derivative Securities, (x) any other information relating to such stockholder or beneficial owner that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for the election of directors in a contested election pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, (xi) a statement as to whether either such stockholder or beneficial owner intends to deliver a proxy statement and form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Corporation's voting shares required under applicable law to elect such stockholder's nominees and/or otherwise to solicit proxies from the stockholders in support of such nomination and (xii) a representation that the stockholder is a holder of record of shares of the Corporation entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to propose such nomination, and (b) as to each person whom the stockholder proposes to nominate for election or reelection as a director, (i) all information relating to such person that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be

made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (including such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected), (ii) a description of all direct and indirect compensation and other material agreements, arrangements and understandings during the past three years, and any other material relationships, between or among such stockholder or beneficial owner, if any, and their respective affiliates and associates, or others acting in concert therewith, on the one hand, and each proposed nominee and his or her respective affiliates and associates, or others acting in concert therewith, on the other hand, including all information that would be required to be disclosed pursuant to Rule 404 promulgated under Regulation S-K if the stockholder making the nomination and any beneficial owner on whose behalf the nomination is made, or any affiliate or associate thereof or person acting in concert therewith, were the "registrant" for purposes of such rule and the nominee were a director or executive officer of such registrant, (iii) a completed and signed questionnaire regarding the background and qualifications of such person to serve as a director, a copy of which may be obtained upon request to the Secretary of the Corporation, (iv) all information with respect to such person that would be required to be set forth in a stockholder's notice pursuant to this <u>Section 11</u> if such person were a stockholder or beneficial owner, on whose behalf the nomination was made, submitting a notice providing for the nomination of a person or persons for election as a director or directors of the Corporation in accordance with this <u>Section 11</u>, and (v) such additional information that the Corporation may reasonably request to determine the eligibility or qualifications of such person to serve as a director or an independent director of the Corporation, or that co

(3) A stockholder's notice regarding business proposed to be brought before a meeting of stockholders other than the nomination of persons for election to the Board of Directors shall set forth (a) as to the stockholder giving notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the proposal is made, the information called for by clauses (a)(ii) through (a)(ix) of the immediately preceding paragraph (2) (including any interests described therein held by any affiliates or associates of such stockholder or beneficial owner or by any member of such stockholder's or beneficial owner's immediate family sharing the same household, in each case as of the date of such stockholder's notice, which information shall be confirmed or updated, if necessary, by such stockholder and beneficial owner (x) not later than ten (10) days after the record date for the notice of the meeting to disclose such ownership as of the record date for the notice of the meeting, and (y) not later than eight (8) business days before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof to disclose such ownership as of the date that is ten (10) business before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof to reprovide such updated information not later than eight (8) business desired to be brought before such meeting, (ii) the reasons for conducting such adjournment or postponement), (b) a brief description of (i) the business desired to be brought before such meeting, (ii) the reasons for conducting such business at the meeting and (iii) any material interest of such stockholder or beneficial owner in such business, including the name(s) of such other person(s)) in connection with or related to the proposal of such business by the stockholder, (c) as to the stockholder giving notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is made, (i) a statement as to whether

either such stockholder or beneficial owner intends to deliver a proxy statement and form of proxy to holders of at least the percentage of the Corporation's voting shares required under applicable law to approve the proposal and/or otherwise to solicit proxies from stockholders in support of such proposal and (ii) any other information relating to such stockholder or beneficial owner that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for the election of directors in a contested election pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, (d) if the matter such stockholder proposes to bring before any meeting of stockholders involves an amendment to the Corporation's Bylaws, the specific wording of such proposed amendment, (e) a representation that the stockholder is a holder of record of shares of the Corporation entitled to vote at such meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to propose such business and (f) such additional information that the Corporation may reasonably request regarding such stockholder or beneficial owner, if any, and/or the business that such stockholder proposes to bring before the meeting. The foregoing notice requirements shall be deemed satisfied by a stockholder if the stockholder has notified the Corporation of his or her intention to present a proposal at an annual meeting in compliance with Rule 14a-8 (or any successor thereof) promulgated under the Exchange Act and such stockholder's proposal at an annual meeting in compliance with Rule 14a-8 (or any successor thereof) proxies for such annual meeting.

(4) Notwithstanding anything in these Bylaws to the contrary, only such persons who are nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in paragraph (A) of this <u>Section 11</u> shall be eligible to be elected at an annual meeting to serve as directors and no business shall be conducted at an annual meeting except in accordance with the procedures set forth in this <u>Section 11</u>. The presiding officer of an annual meeting shall, if the facts warrant, determine and declare to the meeting that a nomination was not properly made or any business was not properly brought before the meeting, as the case may be, in accordance with the provisions of this <u>Section 11</u>; if he or she should so determine, he or she shall so declare to the meeting and any such nomination not properly made or any business not properly brought before the meeting, as the case may be, shall not be transacted.

(B) <u>Special Meetings of Stockholders</u>. Only such business shall be conducted at a special meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors may be made at a special meeting of stockholders at which directors are to be elected pursuant to the Corporation's notice of meeting (1) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors has determined that directors shall be elected at such meeting, by any stockholder of the Corporation who (a) is a stockholder of record of the Corporation (and, with respect to any beneficial owner, if different, on whose behalf such nomination or nominations are made, only if such beneficial owner of shares of the Corporation) both at the time the notice provided for in paragraph (B) of this <u>Section 11</u> is delivered to the Corporation, and (c) complies with the notice procedures set forth in the third sentence of paragraph (B) of this <u>Section 11</u>. In the event the Corporation calls a special meeting of stockholders for the purpose of electing one or more directors to the Board of Directors, any such stockholder entitled to vote in such election of directors may nominate a person or persons

(as the case may be) for election to such position(s) as specified in the Corporation's notice of meeting, if the stockholder's notice required by paragraph (A)(2) of this <u>Section 11</u> shall be delivered to the Corporation's secretary at the principal executive offices of the Corporation not earlier than the close of business on the one hundred twentieth (120th) day prior to such special meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the ninetieth (90th) day prior to such special meeting or the tenth (10th) day following the day on which public announcement is first made of the date of the special meeting and of the nominees proposed by the Board of Directors to be elected at such meeting. In no event shall the public announcement of an adjournment or postponement of a special meeting commence a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of a stockholder's notice as described above.

(C) General.

(1) Only such persons who are nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 11 shall be eligible to be elected at an annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation to serve as directors and only such business shall be conducted at a meeting of stockholders as shall have been brought before the meeting in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 11. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 11, if the stockholder (or a qualified representative of the stockholder) does not appear at the annual or special meeting of stockholders of the Corporation to present a nomination or business, such nomination shall be disregarded and such proposed business shall not be transacted, notwithstanding that proxies in respect of such vote may have been received by the Corporation.

(2) For purposes of this section, "<u>public announcement</u>" shall mean disclosure in a press release reported by the Dow Jones News Service, Associated Press or a comparable national news service or in a document publicly filed or furnished by the Corporation with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13, 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

(3) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 11</u>, a stockholder shall also comply with all applicable requirements of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in this <u>Section 11</u>.

(4) Nothing in this section shall be deemed to (a) affect any rights of stockholders to request inclusion of proposals in the Corporation's proxy statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act, (b) confer upon any stockholder a right to have a nominee or any proposed business included in the Corporation's proxy statement, or (c) affect any rights of the holders of any series of preferred stock to elect directors pursuant to any applicable provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 12. <u>Voting Procedures and Inspectors of Election at Meetings of Stockholders</u>. The Board of Directors, in advance of any meeting of stockholders, may, and shall if required by applicable law, appoint one or more inspectors, who may be employees of the Corporation, to act at the meeting and make a written report thereof. The Board of Directors may designate one or more persons as alternate inspectors to replace any inspector who fails to act. If no inspector or alternate is able to act at a meeting, the person presiding at the meeting may, and shall if required by applicable law, appoint one or more inspectors to act at the meeting. Each inspector, before

entering upon the discharge of his or her duties, shall take and sign an oath faithfully to execute the duties of inspector with strict impartiality and according to the best of his or her ability. The inspectors shall (a) ascertain the number of shares outstanding and the voting power of each, (b) determine the shares represented at the meeting and the validity of proxies and ballots, (c) count all votes and ballots, (d) determine and retain for a reasonable period a record of the disposition of any challenges made to any determination by the inspectors, and (e) certify their determination of the number of shares represented at the meeting and their count of all votes and ballots. The inspectors may appoint or retain other persons or entities to assist the inspectors in the performance of their duties. Unless otherwise provided by the Board of Directors, the date and time of the opening and the closing of the polls for each matter upon which the stockholders will vote at a meeting shall be determined by the person presiding at the meeting and shall be announced at the meeting. No ballot, proxies or votes, or any revocation thereof or change thereto, shall be accepted by the inspectors after the closing of the polls unless the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware upon application by a stockholder shall determine otherwise. In determining the validity and counting of proxies and ballots cast at any meeting of stockholders, the inspectors may consider such information as is permitted by applicable law. No person who is a candidate for office at an election may serve as an inspector at such election.

Conduct of Meetings; Organization. The Board of Directors may adopt by resolution such rules and regulations for the conduct of Section 13. the meeting of stockholders as it shall deem appropriate. The chairman of the Board of Directors shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders. If the chairman of the board is not present at a meeting of the stockholders, the vice chairman shall preside at such meeting. If neither the chairman nor the vice chairman of the board is present at a meeting of the stockholders, the chief executive officer or the president (if the president is a director and is not also the chairman of the board) shall preside at such meeting, and, if the chief executive officer or the president is not present at such meeting, a majority of the directors present at such meeting shall elect one of their members to so preside. Except to the extent inconsistent with such rules and regulations as adopted by the Board of Directors, the person presiding over any meeting of stockholders shall have the right and authority to convene and to adjourn the meeting, to prescribe such rules, regulations and procedures and to do all such acts as, in the judgment of such person, are appropriate for the proper conduct of the meeting. Such rules, regulations or procedures, whether adopted by the Board of Directors or prescribed by the presiding officer of the meeting, may include, without limitation, the following: (i) the establishment of an agenda or order of business for the meeting; (ii) rules and procedures for maintaining order at the meeting and the safety of those present; (iii) limitations on attendance at or participation in the meeting to stockholders of record of the Corporation, their duly authorized and constituted proxies or such other persons as the person presiding over the meeting shall determine; (iv) restrictions on entry to the meeting after the time fixed for the commencement thereof; and (v) limitations on the time allotted to questions or comments by participants. The presiding officer at any meeting of stockholders, in addition to making any other determinations that may be appropriate to the conduct of the meeting, shall, if the facts warrant, determine and declare to the meeting that a matter or business was not properly brought before the meeting and if such presiding officer should so determine, such person shall so declare to the meeting and any such matter or business not properly brought before the meeting shall not be transacted or considered. Unless and to the extent determined by the Board of Directors or the person presiding over the meeting, meetings of stockholders shall not be required to be held in accordance with the rules of parliamentary procedure. The secretary, or in

his or her absence, one of the assistant secretaries, shall act as secretary of the meeting. In case none of the officers above designated to act as the person presiding over the meeting or as secretary of the meeting, respectively, shall be present, a person presiding over the meeting or a secretary of the meeting, as the case may be, shall be designated by the Board of Directors, and in case the Board of Directors has not so acted, in the case of the designation of a person to act as secretary of the meeting, designated by the person presiding over the meeting.

Section 14. Order of Business. The order of business at all meetings of stockholders shall be as determined by the person presiding over the meeting.

ARTICLE III DIRECTORS

Section 1. <u>General Powers</u>. Except as provided in the Certificate of Incorporation, the business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by or under the direction of the Board of Directors. In addition to such powers as are herein and in the Certificate of Incorporation expressly conferred upon it, the Board of Directors shall have and may exercise all the powers of the Corporation, subject to the provisions of the laws of Delaware, the Certificate of Incorporation and these Bylaws.

Section 2. <u>Number, Election and Term of Office</u>. The number of directors which constitute the entire Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be such number as is specified in, and the directors shall be elected and shall hold office only in the manner provided in, the Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 3. <u>Resignation</u>. Any director may resign at any time upon written or electronic notice to the Corporation. Such resignation shall take effect at the time therein specified, and, unless otherwise specified in such resignation, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 4. <u>Vacancies</u>. Vacancies and newly created directorships resulting from any increase in the total number of directors may be filled only in the manner provided in the Certificate of Incorporation.

Section 5. <u>Nominations</u>.

(a) Subject to the provisions contained in the Certificate of Incorporation, only persons who are nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in these Bylaws shall be eligible to serve as directors. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation may be made at a meeting of stockholders (i) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (ii) by any stockholder of the Corporation who was a stockholder of record at the time of giving of notice provided for in these Bylaws, who is entitled to vote generally in the election of directors at the meeting and who shall have complied with the notice procedures set forth in <u>Section 11</u> of ARTICLE II.

(b) Subject to the Certificate of Incorporation, no person shall be eligible to serve as a director of the Corporation unless nominated in accordance with the procedures set forth in <u>Section 11</u> of ARTICLE II. The person presiding over the meeting of the stockholders shall, if

the facts warrant, determine and declare to the meeting that a nomination was not made in accordance with the procedures prescribed by this section, and if he or she should so determine, he or she shall so declare to the meeting and the defective nomination shall be disregarded. A stockholder seeking to nominate a person to serve as a director must also comply with all applicable requirements of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations thereunder with respect to the matters set forth in this section.

Section 6. <u>Annual Meetings</u>. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held without other notice than these Bylaws immediately after, and at the same place as, the annual meeting of stockholders.

Section 7. <u>Other Meetings and Notices</u>. Regular meetings, other than the annual meeting, of the Board of Directors may be held without notice at such time and at such place as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the chief executive officer of the Corporation, the most senior executive officer of the Corporation (if there is no chief executive officer), the chairman of the board, the vice chairman of the board, or a majority of the total number of directors then in office, on at least 24 hours' notice to each director, either personally, by telephone, by mail, by telecopy or by other means of electronic transmission (notice by mail shall be deemed delivered three days after deposit in the U.S. mail).

Section 8. <u>Quorum, Required Vote and Adjournment</u>. A majority of the total number of directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Unless by express provision of an applicable law, the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws a different vote is required, the vote of a majority of directors present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, the directors present thereat may adjourn the meeting. At least 24 hours' notice of any adjourned meeting of the Board of Directors shall be given to each director whether or not present at the time of the adjournment, if such notice shall be given by one of the means specified in <u>Section 7</u> of this ARTICLE III other than by mail, or at least three days' notice if by mail. Any business may be transacted at an adjourned meeting that might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.

Section 9. <u>Committees</u>. The Board of Directors may, by resolution passed by a majority of the total number of directors then in office, designate one or more committees, each committee to consist of one or more of the directors of the Corporation, which to the extent provided in said resolution or resolutions shall have and may exercise the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the business and affairs of the Corporation (including the power and authority to designate other committees of the Board of Directors); *provided, however*, that no such committee shall have power or authority in reference to the following matters: (i) approving or adopting, or recommending to the stockholders, any action or matter expressly required by the DGCL to be submitted to stockholders for approval, or (ii) adopting, amending, or repealing the Bylaws of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may designate one or more directors as alternate members of any committee, who may replace any absent or disqualified member at any meeting of the committee. Such committee or committees shall have such name or names as may be determined from time to time by resolution adopted by the Board of Directors. Each committee shall keep regular minutes of its meetings and report the

same to the Board of Directors upon request. Each committee designated by the Board of Directors shall be formed and function in compliance with applicable law and the rules and regulations of any national securities exchange on which any securities of the Corporation are listed.

Section 10. <u>Committee Rules</u>. Subject to applicable law, the rules and regulations of any national securities exchange on which any securities of the Corporation are listed and these Bylaws, each committee of the Board of Directors may fix its own rules of procedure and shall hold its meetings as provided by such rules, except as may otherwise be provided by a resolution of the Board of Directors designating such committee. Unless otherwise provided in such a resolution, the presence of at least a majority of the members of the committee shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. Unless otherwise provided in such a resolution, in the event that a member and that member's alternate, if alternates are designated by the Board of Directors, of such committee is or are absent or disqualified, the member or members thereof present at any meeting and not disqualified from voting, whether or not such member or members constitute a quorum, may unanimously appoint another member of the Board of Directors to act at the meeting in place of any such absent or disqualified member.

Section 11. <u>Communications Equipment</u>. Members of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof may participate in and act at any meeting of such board or committee through the use of a conference telephone or other communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear and speak with each other, and participation in the meeting pursuant to this section shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

Section 12. Waiver of Notice and Presumption of Assent. Any member of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof who is present at a meeting shall be conclusively presumed to have waived notice of such meeting except when such member attends for the express purpose of objecting at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of any business because the meeting was not lawfully called or convened. Such member shall be conclusively presumed to have assented to any action taken unless his or her dissent shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting or unless his or her written dissent to such action shall be filed with the person acting as the secretary of the meeting. Such right to dissent shall not apply to any member who voted in favor of such action.

Section 13. <u>Action by Written Consent</u>. Unless otherwise restricted by the Certificate of Incorporation or these Bylaws, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Directors, or of any committee thereof, may be taken without a meeting if the number of members of the Board of Directors or the relevant committee thereof, as the case may be required to take the action under consideration by the Board of Directors or any committee thereof, consent thereto in writing, and the writing or writings are filed with the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Directors or committee.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 1. <u>Number</u>. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected by the Board of Directors and shall consist of a chairman of the board, a vice chairman of the board, a chief executive officer, a president, one or more vice-presidents, a secretary, a chief financial officer and such other officers and assistant officers as may be deemed necessary or desirable by the Board of Directors. Any number of offices may be held by the same person, except that neither the chief executive officer nor the president shall also hold the office of secretary. In its discretion, the Board of Directors may choose not to fill any office for any period as it may deem advisable, except that the offices of president and secretary shall be filled as expeditiously as possible.

Section 2. <u>Election and Term of Office</u>. The officers of the Corporation shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its first meeting held after each annual meeting of stockholders or as soon thereafter as convenient. Vacancies may be filled or new offices created and filled at any meeting of the Board of Directors. Each officer shall hold office until a successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier death, resignation or removal as hereinafter provided.

Section 3. <u>Removal</u>. Any officer or agent elected by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board of Directors at its discretion, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed.

Section 4. <u>Vacancies</u>. Any vacancy occurring in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise may be filled by the Board of Directors.

Section 5. <u>Compensation</u>. Subject to applicable law and the rules and regulations of any national securities exchange on which any securities of the Corporation are listed, the compensation of all executive officers shall be approved by the Board of Directors, and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such compensation by virtue of his or her also being a Director of the Corporation.

Section 6. <u>Chairman of the Board and Vice Chairman of the Board</u>. The Board of Directors shall elect, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the total number of directors then in office, a chairman of the Board of Directors and a vice chairman of the Board of Directors. The chairman of the board shall preside at all meetings of the stockholders and of the Board of Directors and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the vice chairman shall preside at such meeting. If neither the chairman nor the vice chairman is present at a meeting of the stockholders or the Board of Directors, the chief executive officer or the president (if the president is a director and is not also the chairman of the Board of Directors) shall preside at such meeting, and, if the chief executive officer or the president is not present at such meeting, a majority of the directors present at such meeting shall elect one of their members to so preside. The vice chairman shall be permitted to attend all meetings of standing committees of the Board of Directors on an ex officio basis.

Section 7. <u>Chief Executive Officer</u>. The chief executive officer shall have the powers and perform the duties incident to that position. Subject to the powers of the Board of Directors, the chief executive officer shall be in the general and active charge of the entire business and affairs of the Corporation, and shall be its chief policy making officer. The chief executive officer shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors or provided in these Bylaws. The chief executive officer is authorized to execute bonds, mortgages and other contracts requiring a seal, under the seal of the Corporation, except where required or permitted by law to be otherwise signed and executed and except where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors to some other officer or agent of the Corporation. Whenever the president is unable to serve, by reason of sickness, absence or otherwise, the chief executive officer shall perform all the duties and responsibilities and exercise all the powers of the president.

Section 8. <u>The President</u>. The president of the Corporation shall, subject to the powers of the Board of Directors and the chief executive officer, have general charge of the business, affairs and property of the Corporation, and control over its officers, agents and employees. The president shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are carried into effect. The president is authorized to execute bonds, mortgages and other contracts requiring a seal, under the seal of the Corporation, except where required or permitted by law to be otherwise signed and executed and except where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board of Directors to some other officer or agent of the Corporation. The president shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by the chief executive officer, the Board of Directors or as may be provided in these Bylaws.

Section 9. <u>Vice Presidents</u>. The vice president, or if there shall be more than one, the vice presidents in the order determined by the Board of Directors, shall, in the absence or disability of the president, act with all of the powers and be subject to all the restrictions of the president. The vice presidents shall also perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of Directors, the chief executive officer, the president or these Bylaws may, from time to time, prescribe. The vice presidents may also be designated as executive vice presidents or senior vice presidents, as the Board of Directors may from time to time prescribe.

Section 10. <u>The Secretary and Assistant Secretaries</u>. The secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, all meetings of the committees thereof and all meetings of the stockholders and record all the proceedings of the meetings in a book or books to be kept for that purpose or shall ensure that his or her designee attends each such meeting to act in such capacity. Under the chairman of the board's supervision, the secretary shall give, or cause to be given, all notices required to be given by these Bylaws or by law; shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Directors, the chief executive officer, the president or these Bylaws may, from time to time, prescribe; and shall have custody of the corporate seal of the Corporation. The secretary, or an assistant secretary, shall have authority to affix the corporate seal to any instrument requiring it and when so affixed, it may be attested by his or her signature of such assistant secretary. The Board of Directors may give general authority to any other officer to affix the seal of the Corporation and to attest the affixing by his or her signature. The assistant secretary, or if there be more than one, any of the assistant secretaries, shall in the absence or disability of the secretary, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the secretary and shall perform such other duties and have such other powers as the Board of

Directors, the chief executive officer, the president, or the secretary may, from time to time, prescribe.

Section 11. <u>The Chief Financial Officer</u>. The chief financial officer shall have the custody of the corporate funds and securities; shall keep full and accurate all books and accounts of the Corporation as shall be necessary or desirable in accordance with applicable law or generally accepted accounting principles; shall deposit all monies and other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation as may be ordered by the chief executive officer or the Board of Directors; shall cause the funds of the Corporation to be disbursed when such disbursements have been duly authorized, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements; shall render to the Board of Directors, at its regular meeting or when the Board of Directors so requires, an account of the Corporation; and shall have such powers and perform such duties as the Board of Directors, the chief executive officer, the president or these Bylaws may, from time to time, prescribe. If required by the Board of Directors, the chief financial officer shall give the Corporation a bond (which shall be rendered every six years) in such sums and with such surety or sureties as shall be satisfactory to the Board of Directors for the faithful performance of the duties of the office of chief financial officer and for the restoration to the Corporation, in case of death, resignation, retirement or removal from office of all books, papers, vouchers, money and other property of whatever kind in the possession or under the control of the chief financial officer belonging to the Corporation.

Section 12. <u>Other Officers, Assistant Officers and Agents</u>. Officers, assistant officers and agents, if any, other than those whose duties are provided for in these Bylaws, shall have such authority and perform such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 13. <u>Absence or Disability of Officers</u>. In the case of the absence or disability of any officer of the Corporation and of any person hereby authorized to act in such officer's place during such officer's absence or disability, the Board of Directors may by resolution delegate the powers and duties of such officer to any other officer or to any director, or to any other person selected by it.

ARTICLE V INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. <u>Right to Indemnification</u>. Each person who was or is made a party or is threatened to be made a party to or is otherwise involved (including involvement as a witness) in any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (a "<u>proceeding</u>"), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the Corporation or a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation or, while a director, officer or employee of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, partner, member, manager, trustee, fiduciary or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, trust or other entity or enterprise, including service with respect to an employee benefit plan (an "<u>indemnitee</u>"), shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Corporation to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL, as the same exists or may hereafter be amended (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to

the extent that such amendment permits the Corporation to provide broader indemnification rights than permitted prior thereto), against all expense, liability and loss (including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines, excise taxes or penalties and amounts paid in settlement) reasonably incurred or suffered by such indemnitee in connection therewith and such indemnification shall continue as to an indemnitee who has ceased to be a director, officer, employee, partner, member, manager, trustee, fiduciary or agent and shall inure to the benefit of the indemnitee's heirs, executors and administrators; provided, however, that, except as provided in <u>Section 2</u> of this ARTICLE V with respect to proceedings to enforce rights to indemnification or advance of expenses, the Corporation shall not indemnify any such indemnitee in connection with a proceeding (or part thereof) initiated by such indemnitee except to the extent such proceeding (or part thereof) was authorized in writing by the Board of Directors of the Corporation. The right to indemnification conferred in this <u>Section 1</u> of this ARTICLE V shall be a contract right and shall include the obligation of the Corporation to pay the expenses incurred by an indemnitee in his or her capacity as a director or officer shall be made only upon delivery to the Corporation of an undertaking (an "<u>undertaking</u>"), by or on behalf of such indemnitee, to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined by final judicial decision from which there is no further right to appeal (a "<u>final adjudication</u>") that such indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses under this <u>Section 1</u> of this ARTICLE V, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation shall be deemed to include any subsidiary for which nominal equity interests have been issued to persons other than the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to the laws of such subsidiary's jurisdiction of incorporation or organization.

Section 2. <u>Procedure for Indemnification</u>. Any indemnification of an indemnitee or advance of expenses under <u>Section 1</u> of this ARTICLE V shall be made promptly, and in any event within thirty days (or, in the case of an advance of expenses, twenty days), upon the written request of the indemnitee. If the Corporation denies a written request for indemnification or advance of expenses, in whole or in part, or if payment in full pursuant to such request is not made within thirty days (or, in the case of an advance of expenses, twenty days), the right to indemnification or advances as granted by this ARTICLE V shall be enforceable by the indemnitee in any court of competent jurisdiction. Such person's costs and expenses incurred in connection with successfully establishing his or her right to indemnification or advance of expenses, in whole or in part, in any such action shall also be indemnified by the Corporation.

Section 3. <u>Insurance</u>. The Corporation may purchase and maintain insurance on its own behalf and on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation or wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation or a wholly owned subsidiary of the Corporation as a director, officer, employee, partner, member, manager, trustee, fiduciary or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, trust or other entity or enterprise against any expense, liability or loss asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, whether or not the Corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such expenses, liability or loss under the DGCL.

Section 4. <u>Amendment or Repeal</u>. Any repeal or modification of the foregoing provisions of this ARTICLE V shall not adversely affect any right or protection hereunder of any indemnitee in respect of any act, omission or condition existing or event or circumstance occurring prior to the time of such repeal or modification.

Section 5. <u>Non-Exclusivity of Rights</u>. The rights to indemnification and to the advance of expenses conferred in this ARTICLE V and in the Certificate of Incorporation shall not be exclusive of any other right which any person may have or hereafter acquire hereunder or under any statute, by-law, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

Section 6. <u>Other Sources</u>. The Corporation's obligation, if any, to indemnify or to advance expenses to any director, officer or employee who was or is serving at its request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another entity shall be reduced by any amount such director, officer or employee may collect as indemnification or advancement of expenses from such other entity.

Section 7. <u>Other Indemnification and Prepayment of Expenses</u>. This ARTICLE V shall not limit the right of the Corporation, to the extent and in the manner permitted by applicable law, to indemnify and to advance expenses to persons other than directors or officers (including employees and agents) with the same or lesser scope and effect as provided herein when and as authorized by appropriate corporate action.

Section 8. <u>Merger or Consolidation</u>. For purposes of this ARTICLE V, references to the "Corporation" shall include, in addition to the corporation resulting from or surviving a consolidation or merger with the Corporation, any constituent corporation (including any constituent of a constituent) absorbed in a consolidation or merger with the Corporation which, if its separate existence had continued, would have had power and authority to indemnify its directors, officers or employees, so that any person who is or was a director or officer of such constituent corporation or a wholly owned subsidiary of such constituent corporation or, while a director, officer or employee of such constituent corporation or a wholly owned subsidiary of such constituent corporation is or was serving at the request of such constituent corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, trust or other entity or enterprise, including service with respect to an employee benefit plan, shall stand in the same position under this ARTICLE V with respect to the resulting or surviving corporation as he or she would have with respect to such constituent corporation if its separate existence had continued.

Section 9. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this ARTICLE V shall be found to be invalid or limited in application by reason of any law or regulation, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions hereof.

ARTICLE VI CERTIFICATES OF STOCK

Section 1. <u>General</u>. Every holder of stock in the Corporation shall be entitled to have a certificate, signed by, or in the name of the Corporation by the president or vice president and



the secretary or an assistant secretary of the Corporation, certifying the number of shares owned by such holder in the Corporation, provided that the Board of Directors may provide by resolution or resolutions that some or all of any or all classes or series of its stock shall be uncertificated shares (except that the foregoing shall not apply to shares represented by a certificate until such certificate is surrendered to the Corporation). If a certificate is countersigned by a transfer agent or a registrar, the required signatures may be facsimiles. In case any officer or officers who have signed, or whose facsimile signature or signatures have been used on, any such certificate or certificates shall cease to be such officer or officers of the Corporation whether because of death, resignation or otherwise before such certificates or certificates have been delivered by the Corporation, such certificate or certificates may nevertheless be issued and delivered as though the person or persons who signed such certificate or certificates or whose facsimile signature or signatures have been used thereon had not ceased to be such officer or officers of the Corporation. All certificates for shares shall be consecutively numbered or otherwise identified. The name of the person to whom the shares represented thereby are issued, with the number of shares and date of issue, shall be entered on the books of the Corporation. Shares of stock of the Corporation shall only be transferred on the books of the Corporation by the holder of record thereof or by such holder's attorney duly authorized in writing, upon surrender to the Corporation of the certificates or certificates for such shares endorsed by the appropriate person or persons, with such evidence of the authenticity of such endorsement, transfer, authorization and other matters as the Corporation may reasonably require, and accompanied by all necessary stock transfer stamps. In that event, it shall be the duty of the Corporation to issue a new certificate to the person entitled thereto, cancel the old certificate or certificates and record the transaction on its books. Each such new certificate will be registered in such name as is requested by the holder of the surrendered certificate and shall be substantially identical in form to the surrendered certificate. Upon the receipt of proper transfer instructions from the registered owner of uncertificated shares, if any, such uncertificated shares shall be cancelled, issuance of new equivalent uncertificated or certificated shares shall be made to the stockholder entitled thereto and the transaction shall recorded upon the books and records of the Corporation. The Board of Directors may appoint one or more transfer agents or registrars or both in connection with the transfer of any class or series of securities of the Corporation.

Section 2. Lost Certificates. The Corporation may issue (i) a new certificate or certificates of stock or (ii) uncertificated shares in place of any certificate or certificates previously issued by the Corporation applicable, in place of any certificate or certificates previously issued by the Corporation alleged to have been lost, stolen or destroyed, upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the person claiming the certificate of stock to be lost, stolen or destroyed. When authorizing such issue of a new certificate or certificates, the Corporation may, in its discretion and as a condition precedent to the issuance thereof, require the owner of such lost, stolen or destroyed certificate or certificates, or his or her legal representative, to give the Corporation a bond sufficient to indemnify the Corporation against any claim that may be made against the Corporation on account of the loss, theft or destruction of any such certificate or the issuance of such new certificate.

Section 3. <u>Fixing a Record Date for Stockholder Meetings</u>. In order that the Corporation may determine the stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at any meeting of stockholders or any adjournment thereof, the Board of Directors may fix a record date, which

record date shall not precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted by the Board of Directors, and which record date shall not be more than 60 nor less than 10 days before the date of such meeting. If no record date is fixed by the Board of Directors, the record date for determining stockholders entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall be the close of business on the next day preceding the day on which notice is first given. A determination of stockholders of record entitled to notice of or to vote at a meeting of stockholders shall apply to any adjournment of the meeting; provided, however, that the Board of Directors may fix a new record date for the adjourned meeting.

Section 4. <u>Fixing a Record Date for Other Purposes</u>. In order that the Corporation may determine: (i) the stockholders entitled to receive payment of any dividend or other distribution or allotment or any rights; or (ii) the stockholders entitled to exercise any rights in respect of any change, conversion or exchange of stock, or for the purposes of any other lawful action, the Board of Directors may fix a record date, which record date shall not precede the date upon which the resolution fixing the record date is adopted, and which record date shall be not more than 60 days nor less than 10 days prior to such action. If no record date is fixed, the record date for determining stockholders for any such purpose shall be at the close of business on the day on which the Board of Directors adopts the resolution relating thereto.

Section 5. <u>Registered Stockholders</u>. Prior to the surrender to the Corporation of the certificate or certificates for a share or shares of stock with a request to record the transfer of such share or shares, the Corporation may treat the registered owner as the person entitled to receive dividends, to vote, to receive notifications and otherwise to exercise all the rights and powers of an owner. The Corporation shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in such share or shares on the part of any other person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof.

Section 6. <u>Subscriptions for Stock</u>. Unless otherwise provided for in any subscription agreement, subscriptions for shares shall be paid in full at such time, or in such installments and at such times, as shall be determined by the Board of Directors. Any call made by the Board of Directors for payment on subscriptions shall be uniform as to all shares of the same class or as to all shares of the same series. In case of default in the payment of any installment or call when such payment is due, the Corporation may proceed to collect the amount due in the same manner as any debt due the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1. <u>Dividends</u>. Dividends upon the capital stock of the Corporation, subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation, may be declared by the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting, in accordance with applicable law. Dividends may be paid in cash, in property or in shares of the capital stock, subject to the provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation. Before payment of any dividend, there may be set aside out of any funds of the Corporation available for dividends such sum or sums as the directors from time to time, in their absolute discretion, think proper as a reserve or reserves to meet contingencies, or for equalizing dividends, or for repairing or maintaining any property of the Corporation, or any other purpose and the directors may modify or abolish any such reserve in the manner in which it was created.

Section 2. <u>Checks, Drafts or Orders</u>. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money by or to the Corporation and all notes and other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Corporation shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation, and in such manner, as shall be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors or a duly authorized committee thereof.

Section 3. <u>Contracts</u>. In addition to the powers otherwise granted to officers pursuant to ARTICLE IV hereof, the Board of Directors may authorize any officer or officers, or any agent or agents, of the Corporation to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 4. Loans. Subject to compliance with applicable law (including, if applicable, Section 13(k) of the Exchange Act), the Corporation may lend money to, or guarantee any obligation of, or otherwise assist any officer or other employee of the Corporation or of its subsidiaries, including any officer or employee who is a director of the Corporation or its subsidiaries, whenever, in the judgment of the directors, such loan, guaranty or assistance may reasonably be expected to benefit the Corporation and would not violate applicable law. The loan, guaranty or other assistance may be with or without interest, and may be unsecured, or secured in such manner as the Board of Directors shall approve, including, without limitation, a pledge of shares of stock of the Corporation, subject to applicable law. Nothing in this Section 4 shall be deemed to deny, limit or restrict the powers of guaranty or warranty of the Corporation at common law or under any statute.

Section 5. <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 6. <u>Corporate Seal</u>. The Board of Directors may provide a corporate seal which shall be in the form of a circle and shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation and the words "Corporate Seal, Delaware." The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or reproduced or otherwise. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no seal shall be required by virtue of this Section.

Section 7. <u>Voting Securities Owned By Corporation</u>. Voting securities in any other company held by the Corporation shall be voted by the chief executive officer, the president or a vice president, unless the Board of Directors specifically confers authority to vote with respect thereto, which authority may be general or confined to specific instances, upon some other person or officer. Any person authorized to vote securities shall have the power to appoint proxies, with general power of substitution.

Section 8. <u>Inspection of Books and Records</u>. The Board of Directors shall have power from time to time to determine to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions and regulations the accounts and books of the Corporation, or any of them, shall be open to the inspection of the stockholders; and no stockholder shall have any right to inspect any account or book or document of the Corporation, except as conferred by the laws of the State of Delaware, unless and until authorized so to do by resolution of the Board of Directors or of the stockholders of the Corporation.

Section 9. <u>Facsimile Signatures</u>. In addition to the provisions for use of facsimile signatures elsewhere specifically authorized in these Bylaws, facsimile signatures of any officer or officers of the Corporation may be used whenever and as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Section 10. <u>Section Headings</u>. Section headings in these Bylaws are for convenience of reference only and shall not be given any substantive effect in limiting or otherwise construing any provision herein.

Section 11. <u>Inconsistent Provisions</u>. In the event that any provision of these Bylaws is or becomes inconsistent with any provision of the Certificate of Incorporation, the DGCL, the Exchange Act or any regulation thereunder, or any other applicable law or regulation, the provision of these Bylaws shall not be given any effect to the extent of such inconsistency but shall otherwise be given full force and effect.

Section 12. <u>Notices</u>. Except as provided in <u>Section 4</u> of ARTICLE II hereof and <u>Section 7</u> of ARTICLE III hereof, all notices referred to herein shall be in writing, shall be delivered personally or by first class mail, postage prepaid, and shall be deemed to have been given when so delivered or mailed to the Corporation at its principal executive offices and to any stockholder at such holder's address as it appears in the stock records of the Corporation (unless otherwise specified in a written notice to the Corporation by such holder).

Section 13. Certificate of Incorporation. Unless the context requires otherwise, references in these Bylaws to the Certificate of Incorporation (as it may be amended and restated from time to time) shall also be deemed to include any duly authorized certificate of designation relating to any series of Preferred Stock of the Corporation that may be outstanding from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be made, amended, altered, changed, added to or repealed as set forth in ARTICLE EIGHT of the Certificate of Incorporation.

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SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED

LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT

NRG YIELD LLC

Dated and effective as of

July 22, 2013

THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY INTERESTS IN NRG YIELD LLC HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE U.S. SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "SECURITIES ACT"), THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS AND ARE BEING SOLD IN RELIANCE UPON EXEMPTIONS FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF THE SECURITIES ACT AND SUCH LAWS. SUCH INTERESTS MAY NOT BE OFFERED FOR SALE, PLEDGED, HYPOTHECATED, SOLD, ASSIGNED OR TRANSFERRED AT ANY TIME EXCEPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH (I) THE SECURITIES ACT, ANY APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE AND ANY OTHER APPLICABLE SECURITIES LAWS; (II) THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT; AND (III) ANY OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS AGREED TO IN WRITING BETWEEN THE MANAGING MEMBER AND THE APPLICABLE MEMBER. THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY INTERESTS MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OF RECORD EXCEPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH LAWS, THIS SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS AGREED TO IN WRITING BETWEEN THE MANAGING MEMBER AND THE APPLICABLE MEMBER. THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY INTERESTS MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OF RECORD EXCEPT IN COMPLIANCE WITH SUCH LAWS, THIS SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT AND ANY OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS AGREED TO IN WRITING BY THE MANAGING MEMBER AND THE APPLICABLE MEMBER. THEREFORE, PURCHASERS AND OTHER TRANSFERES OF SUCH LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY INTERESTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BEAR THE RISK OF THEIR INVESTMENT OR ACQUISITION FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME.

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SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF NRG YIELD LLC

This SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") of NRG Yield LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, dated and effective as of July 16, 2013 (the "<u>Effective Date</u>"), is made by and among the Members (as defined herein).

WHEREAS, as of March 5, 2013, NRG Energy Inc., Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>NRG</u>") and the sole stockholder of NRG Yield, Inc. ("<u>Yield</u>"), formed NRG Yieldco LLC under the Act by executing the Limited Liability Agreement of NRG Yieldco LLC (the "<u>Original Agreement</u>") and filing a Certificate of Formation with the Office of the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, at which time NRG was issued 1,000 Units (the "<u>Existing Units</u>");

WHEREAS, as of May 17, 2013, NRG filed an Amended and Restated Limited Liability Agreement of NRG Yieldco LLC under the Act, which changed NRG Yieldco LLC's name to "NRG Yield LLC" (the "<u>Company</u>") and amended and restated the Original Agreement in its entirety (the "<u>Existing Agreement</u>"); and

WHEREAS, NRG desires to amend and restate the Existing Agreement in connection with Yield's initial public offering to provide, for among other things, the designation of Yield as the Managing Member of the Company and to create another class of limited liability interests of the Company.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and the covenants and provisions hereinafter contained, the Members hereby adopt the following:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 Definitions.

As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the following meanings:

"Act" means the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, as amended.

"<u>Additional Member</u>" means any Person that has been admitted to the Company as a Member pursuant to <u>Section 7.4</u> by virtue of having received its Membership Interest from the Company and not from any other Member or Assignee.

"Adjusted Capital Account" means the Capital Account maintained for each Member as of the end of each Fiscal Year of the Company, (a) increased by any amounts that such Member is obligated to restore under the standards set by Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(c) (or is deemed obligated to restore under Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5)) and (b) decreased by (i) the amount of all losses and deductions that, as of the end of such Fiscal Year, are reasonably expected to be allocated to such Member in subsequent years under Section 706(d) of the Code and Treasury Regulations Section 1.751-1(b)(2)(ii), and (ii) the amount of all distributions that, as of the end of such Fiscal Year, are reasonably expected to be made to such Member in subsequent years in accordance with the terms of this Agreement or otherwise to the extent they exceed offsetting increases to such Member's Capital Account that are reasonably expected to occur during (or prior to) the year in which such distributions are reasonably expected to be made (other than increases as a result of a minimum gain chargeback pursuant to <u>Section 5.1(b)(i) or Section 5.1(b)(i)</u>). The foregoing definition of Adjusted Capital Account is intended to comply with the provisions of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith. The "Adjusted Capital Account" of a Member in respect of a Unit shall be the amount that such Adjusted Capital Account would be if such Unit were the only interest in the Company held by such Member from and after the date on which such Unit was first issued. "Adjusted Property" means any property the Carrying Value of which has been adjusted pursuant to Section 3.3(c)(i) or Section 3.3(c)(ii).

"Affiliate" means, with respect to any Person, any Person directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controlling, Controlled by or under common Control with such Person.

"<u>Agreed Value</u>" of any Contributed Property means the Fair Market Value of such property or other consideration at the time of contribution as determined by the Managing Member, without taking into account any liabilities to which such Contributed Property was subject at such time. The Managing Member shall use such method as it determines to be appropriate to allocate the aggregate Agreed Value of Contributed Properties contributed to the Company in a single transaction or series of related transactions among each separate property on a basis proportional to the Fair Market Value of each Contributed Property.

"Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Agreement.

"<u>Assignee</u>" means any Transferee to which a Member or another Assignee has Transferred all or a portion of its interest in the Company in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, but that is not admitted to the Company as a Member.

"Bankruptcy" means, with respect to any Person, (a) if such Person (i) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, (ii) files a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, (iii) is adjudged a bankrupt or insolvent, or has entered against it an order for relief, in any bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings, (iv) files a petition or answer seeking for itself any reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation or similar relief under any statute, law or regulation, (v) files an answer or other pleading admitting or failing to contest the material allegations of a petition filed against it in any proceeding of this nature, (vi) seeks, consents to or acquiesces in the appointment of a trustee, receiver or liquidator of the Person or of all or any substantial part of its properties, or (b) if 120 days after the commencement of any proceeding against the Person seeking reorganization, arrangement, composition, readjustment, liquidation or similar relief under any statute, law or regulation, if the proceeding has not been dismissed, or if within 90 days after the appointment without such Person's consent or acquiescence of a trustee, receiver or liquidator of such Person or of all or any substantial part of its properties, the appointment is not vacated or stayed, or within 90 days after the expiration of any such stay, the appointment is not vacated. The foregoing definition of "Bankruptcy" is intended to replace and shall supersede and replace the definition of "Bankruptcy" set forth in Sections 18-101(1) and 18-304 of the Act.

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

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

"Capital Account" means the capital account maintained for a Member pursuant to Section 3.3 of this Agreement.

"<u>Capital Contribution</u>" means, with respect to any Member, the amount of any cash or cash equivalents or the Fair Market Value of other property contributed or deemed to be contributed to the Company by such Member with respect to any Unit or other Equity Securities issued by the Company (net of liabilities assumed by the Company or to which such property is subject).

"<u>Carrying Value</u>" means (a) with respect to a Contributed Property, subject to the following sentence, the Agreed Value of such property reduced (but not below zero) by all depreciation, amortization and cost recovery deductions charged to the Members' Capital Accounts in respect of such Contributed Property, and (b) with respect to any other Company property, subject to the following sentence and <u>Section 3.3(b)(iv)</u>, the adjusted basis of such property for federal income tax purposes, all as of the time of determination. The Carrying Value of any property

shall be adjusted from time to time in accordance with <u>Section 3.3(c)(i)</u> and <u>Section 3.3(c)(ii)</u> and to reflect changes, additions or other adjustments to the Carrying Value for dispositions and acquisitions of Company properties, as deemed appropriate by the Managing Member.

"Certificate" means the Certificate of Formation of the Company, as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware.

"Class A Common Stock" means the Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Yield.

"Class A Common Stock Sale" means the sale or issuance by Yield of one or more shares of Class A Common Stock for cash, including in the IPO.

"<u>Class A Member</u>" means a holder of Class A Units as relates to the ownership of such Units, executing this Agreement as a Class A Member or hereafter admitted to the Company as a Class A Member as provided in this Agreement, but does not include any Person who has ceased to be a Member; <u>provided</u>, that that the holder of the Existing Units shall be deemed Class B Member and shall appear on the Schedule of Members as a Class B Member.

"<u>Class A Unit</u>" means a Unit representing a fractional part of the equity interest in the Company having the rights and obligations specified with respect to the Class A Units in this Agreement.

"Class B Common Stock" means the Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Yield.

"<u>Class B Member</u>" means a holder of Class B Units as relates to the ownership of such Units, executing this Agreement as a Class B Member or hereafter admitted to the Company as a Class B Member as provided in this Agreement, but does not include any Person who has ceased to be a Member.

"Class B Unit" means a Unit representing a fractional part of the equity interest in the Company having the rights and obligations specified with respect to the Class B Units in this Agreement.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Company" has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Agreement.

"Company Minimum Gain" has the meaning set forth for the term "partnership minimum gain" in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(d).

"<u>Control</u>" (including the correlative terms "Controlled by" and "Controlling") means, when used with reference to any Person, the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct, or to cause the direction of, the management and policies of such Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

"Contributed Property" means any property contributed to the Company by a Member.

"Economic Risk of Loss" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1(b)(vi).

"Effective Date" has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Agreement.

"Equity Securities" means, as applicable, (i) any capital stock, limited liability company or membership interests, partnership interests, or other equity interest, (ii) any securities directly or indirectly convertible into or exchangeable for any capital stock, limited liability company or membership interests, partnership interests, or other equity interest or containing any profit participation features, (ii) any rights or options directly or indirectly to subscribe for or to purchase any capital stock, limited liability company or membership interests, partnership interest, other equity interest or securities containing any profit participation features or to subscribe for or to purchase any securities directly or indirectly convertible into or exchangeable for any capital stock, limited liability company or membership interest, other equity interests or securities containing any profit participation features or to subscribe for or to purchase any securities directly or indirectly convertible into or exchangeable for any capital stock, limited liability company or membership interests, partnership interests or securities containing any profit

participation features, (iv) any equity appreciation rights, phantom equity rights or other similar rights, or (v) any Equity Securities issued or issuable with respect to the securities referred to in clauses (i) through (iv) above in connection with a combination, recapitalization, merger, consolidation or other reorganization.

"Exchange" means the exchange of Class B Units for Class A Common Stock pursuant to this Agreement and the Exchange Agreement.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder as in effect from time to time.

"Exchange Agreement" means the Exchange Agreement, dated on or about the date hereof among the Managing Member, the Company and the Persons from time to time party thereto, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

"Exchange Election" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2(c)(i).

"Exchange Shares" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2(c)(ii).

"Exchanging Class B Member" means a Class B Member Transferring Class B Units as contemplated in Section 3.2(c).

"Existing Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the recitals hereof.

"Existing Units" has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Agreement.

"Fair Market Value" means, with respect to any assets or securities, the fair market value for such assets or securities as determined in good faith by the Managing Member in its sole discretion.

"Fiscal Year" means the fiscal year of the Company which shall end on December 31 of each calendar year unless, for United States federal income tax purposes, another fiscal year is required. The Company shall have the same fiscal year for United States federal income tax purposes and for accounting purposes.

"GAAP" means accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, consistently applied and maintained throughout the applicable periods.

"HSR Act" has the meaning set forth in Section 7.2.

"Income" means individual items of Company income and gain determined in accordance with the definitions of Net Income and Net Loss.

"<u>Indemnitees</u>" means (a) any Person who is or was a member, partner, shareholder, director, officer, fiduciary or trustee of the Company or any Affiliate of the Company, (b) any Person who is or was serving at the request of the Managing Member as an officer, director, member, partner, fiduciary or trustee of another Person, in each case, acting in such capacity (<u>provided</u> that a Person shall not be an Indemnitee by reason of providing, on a fee-for-services basis, trustee, fiduciary or custodial services) and (c) any Person the Managing Member designates as an "Indemnitee" for purposes of this Agreement.

"IPO" means the initial public offering and sale of Class A Common Stock (as contemplated by Yield's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-189148).

"Loss" means individual items of Company loss and deduction determined in accordance with the definitions of Net Income and Net Loss.

"<u>Managing Member</u>" means, initially, Yield and any assignee to which the managing member of the Company Transfers all Units held by such managing member of the Company that is admitted to the Company as the managing member of the Company, in its capacity as the managing member of the Company.

"<u>Member</u>" means each Person listed on the Schedule of Members on the date hereof (including the Managing Member) and each other Person who is hereafter admitted as a Member in accordance with the terms of this Agreement and the Act. Any reference in this Agreement to any Member shall include such Member's Successors in Interest to the extent such Successors in Interest have become Substituted Members in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

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

"<u>Member Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain</u>" has the meaning set forth for the term "partner nonrecourse debt minimum gain" in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(2).

"<u>Member Nonrecourse Deduction</u>" has the meaning set forth for the term "partner nonrecourse deduction" in Treasury Regulation Section 1.704-2(i)(1).

"Membership Interests" means, collectively, the limited liability company interests of the Members in the Company as represented by Units.

"Membership Interest Certificate" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.7.

"<u>Net Income</u>" means, for any taxable year, the excess, if any, of the Company's items of income and gain for such taxable year over the Company's items of loss and deduction for such taxable year. The items included in the calculation of Net Income shall be determined in accordance with <u>Section 3.3(b)</u> and shall not include any items specially allocated under <u>Section 5.1(b)</u>.

"<u>Net Loss</u>" means, for any taxable year, the excess, if any, of the Company's items of loss and deduction for such taxable year over the Company's items of income and gain for such taxable year. The items included in the calculation of Net Loss shall be determined in accordance with <u>Section 3.3</u> and shall not include any items specially allocated under <u>Section 5.1(b)</u>.

"<u>Nonrecourse Deductions</u>" means any and all items of loss, deduction, or expenditure (including, without limitation, any expenditure described in Section 705(a)(2)(B) of the Code) that, in accordance with the principles of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(b), are attributable to a Nonrecourse Liability.

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

"<u>Officer</u>" means each Person designated as an officer of the Company pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 6.2</u>, subject to any resolution of the Managing Member appointing such Person as an officer of the Company or relating to such appointment.

"Original Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the recitals hereof.

"<u>Percentage Interest</u>" means, with respect to any Member as of any date of determination, the product obtained by multiplying 100% by the quotient obtained by dividing the number of Units held by such Member by the total number of all outstanding Units.

"Permitted Transferee" means with respect to any Person, any Affiliate of such Person.

"Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust or other entity, including any governmental entity.



"<u>Quarterly Estimated Tax Periods</u>" means the two, three, and four calendar month periods with respect to which Federal quarterly estimated tax payments are made. The first such period begins on January 1 and ends on March 31. The second such period begins on April 1 and ends on May 31. The third such period begins on June 1 and ends on August 31. The fourth such period begins on September 1 and ends on December 31.

"Reclassified Units" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.2(c)(i).

"Required Allocations" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1(b)(ix)(A).

"Schedule of Members" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(b).

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder as in effect from time to time.

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association or business entity of which (i) if a corporation, a majority of the total voting power of shares of stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof that 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, or (ii) if a limited liability company, partnership, association or other business entity (other than a corporation), a majority of partnership or other similar ownership interest thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by any Person or one or more Subsidiaries of that Person or a combination thereof. For purposes hereof, a Person or Persons shall be deemed to have a majority ownership interest in a limited liability company, partnership, association or other business entity (other than a corporation) if such Person or Persons shall be allocated a majority of limited liability company, partnership, association or other business entity gains or losses or shall control the management of any such limited liability company, partnership, association or other business entity. For purposes hereof, references to a "<u>Subsidiary</u>" of any Person shall be given effect only at such times that such Person has one or more Subsidiaries and, unless otherwise indicated, the term "<u>Subsidiary</u>" refers to a Subsidiary of the Company.

"Substituted Member" means a Person who is admitted as a Member to the Company pursuant to Section 7.5 with all the rights of a Member and who is shown as a Member on the Schedule of Members.

"Successor in Interest" means any (i) trustee, custodian, receiver or other Person acting in any Bankruptcy or reorganization proceeding with respect to, (ii) assignee for the benefit of the creditors of, or (iii) trustee or receiver, or current or former officer, director or partner, or other fiduciary acting for or with respect to the dissolution, liquidation or termination of.

"Tax Matters Member" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.4(d).

"<u>Transfer</u>" means sell, assign, convey, contribute, distribute, give, or otherwise transfer, whether directly or indirectly, voluntarily or involuntarily, by operation of law or otherwise, or any act of the foregoing, including any Transfer upon foreclosure of any pledge, encumbrance, hypothecation or mortgage. The terms "<u>Transferee</u>," "<u>Transferree</u>," "<u>Tran</u>

"Treasury Regulations" means the regulations, including temporary regulations, promulgated by the United States Treasury Department under the Code, as such regulations may be amended from time to time (including corresponding provisions of succeeding regulations).

"Units" means the Class A Units, the Class B Units and any other series of limited liability company interests in the Company denominated as "Units" that is established in accordance with this Agreement, which shall constitute limited liability company interests in the Company as provided in this Agreement and under the Act, entitling the holders thereof to the relative rights, title and interests in the profits, losses, deductions and credits of the Company at any particular time as set forth in this Agreement, and any and all other benefits to which a holder

thereof may be entitled as a Member as provided in this Agreement, together with the obligations of such Member to comply with all terms and provisions of this Agreement.

"<u>Unrealized Gain</u>" attributable to any item of Company property means, as of any date of determination, the excess, if any, of (a) the Fair Market Value of such property as of such date (as determined under <u>Section 3.3(c)</u>) over (b) the Carrying Value of such property as of such date (prior to any adjustment to be made pursuant to <u>Section 3.3(c)</u> as of such date).

"<u>Unrealized Loss</u>" attributable to any item of Company property means, as of any date of determination, the excess, if any, of (a) the Carrying Value of such property as of such date (prior to any adjustment to be made pursuant to <u>Section 3.3(c)</u> as of such date) over (b) the Fair Market Value of such property as of such date (as determined under <u>Section 3.3(c)</u>).

"Yield" has the meaning set forth in the preamble of this Agreement.

"<u>Yield Charter</u>" means that certain amended and restated certificate of incorporation of Yield as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on July 22, 2013 and as further amended from time to time in accordance with its terms.

Section 1.2. Other Definitions. Other terms defined herein have the meanings so given them.

Section 1.3. <u>Construction</u>. Whenever the context requires, the gender of all words used in this Agreement includes the masculine, feminine, and neuter. All references to Articles and Sections refer to articles and sections of this Agreement, all references to "including" shall be construed as meaning "including without limitation" and all references to Exhibits are to Exhibits attached to this Agreement, each of which is made a part for all purposes.

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATIONAL AND OTHER MATTERS

Section 2.1 Formation. The Company was formed as a Delaware limited liability company on March 5, 2013 by the execution and filing of a Certificate of Formation of the Company (the "<u>Certificate</u>") by an authorized person under and pursuant to the Act and the execution of the Original Agreement. The Members agree to continue the Company as a limited liability company under the Act, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement. The rights, powers, duties, obligations and liabilities of the Members shall be determined pursuant to the Act and this Agreement. This Agreement is the "limited liability company agreement" of the Company within the meaning of Section 18-101(7) of the Act. To the extent that this Agreement is inconsistent in any respect with the Act, this Agreement shall, to the extent permitted by the Act, control.

Section 2.2 <u>Name</u>. The name of the Company is hereby renamed "NRG Yield LLC" and the business of the Company shall be conducted under that name, or under any other name adopted by the Managing Member in accordance with the Act. Subject to the Act, the Managing Member may change the name of the Company (and amend this Agreement to reflect such change) at any time and from time to time without the consent of any other Person. Prompt notification of any such change shall be given to all Members.

Section 2.3 <u>Limited Liability</u>. The debts, obligations and liabilities of the Company, whether arising in contract, tort or otherwise, shall be the debts, obligations and liabilities solely of the Company, and a Member shall not be obligated personally for any of such debts, obligations or liabilities solely by reason of being a Member.

Section 2.4 <u>Registered Office: Registered Agent: Principal Office in the United States: Other Offices</u>. The registered office of the Company in the State of Delaware shall be the initial registered office designated in the Certificate or such other office (which need not be a place of business of the Company) as the Managing Member may designate from time to time in the manner provided by law. The registered agent of the Company in the State of Delaware shall be the initial registered agent designated in the Certificate or such other Person or Persons as the Managing Member may designate from time to time in the manner provided by law. The registered agent designate from time to time in the manner provided by law. The registered office of the Company in the United States shall be at the place specified in the Certificate, or such other place(s) as the

Managing Member may designate from time to time. The Company may have such other offices as the Managing Member may determine appropriate.

Section 2.5 <u>Purpose; Powers</u>. The Company may carry on any lawful business, purpose or activity permitted by the Act. The Company may engage in any and all activities necessary, desirable or incidental to the accomplishment of the foregoing. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement and except as prohibited by the Act, (i) the Company may, with the approval of the Managing Member, enter into and perform any and all documents, agreements and instruments, all without any further act, vote or approval of any Member and (ii) the Managing Member may authorize any Person (including any Member or Officer) to enter into and perform any document on behalf of the Company.

Section 2.6 Existing and Good Standing; Foreign Qualification. The Managing Member may take all action which may be necessary or appropriate (i) for the continuation of the Company's valid existence as a limited liability company under the laws of the State of Delaware (and of each other jurisdiction in which such existence is necessary to enable the Company to conduct the business in which it is engaged) and (ii) for the maintenance, preservation and operation of the business of the Company in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement and applicable laws and regulations. The Managing Member may file or cause to be filed for recordation in the office of the appropriate authorities of the State of Delaware, and in the proper office or offices in each other jurisdiction in which the Company is formed or qualified, such certificates (including certificates of limited liability companies and fictitious name certificates) and other documents as are required by the applicable statutes, rules or regulations of any such jurisdiction or as are required to reflect the identity of the Members and the amounts of their respective capital contributions. Each Member shall execute, acknowledge, swear to and deliver all certificates and other instruments conforming to this Agreement that are necessary or appropriate to qualify, or, as appropriate, to continue or terminate such qualification of, the Company as a foreign limited liability company in all such jurisdictions in which the Company may conduct business.

Section 2.7 <u>Term</u>. The Company commenced on the date the Certificate was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, and shall continue in existence until it is liquidated or dissolved in accordance with this Agreement and the Act.

Section 2.8 No State Law Partnership.

(a) The Members intend that the Company shall not be a partnership (including a limited partnership) or joint venture, and that no Member or Officer shall be a partner or joint venture of any other Member or Officer by virtue of this Agreement, for any purposes other than as is set forth in the last sentence of this <u>Section 2.8(a)</u>, and this Agreement shall not be construed to the contrary. The Members intend that the Company shall be treated as a partnership for federal and, if applicable, state or local income tax purposes, as of the date Yield first becomes a Member, and each Member, Assignee and the Company shall file all tax returns and shall otherwise take all tax and financial reporting positions in a manner consistent with such treatment. Neither the Company nor any Member shall take any action inconsistent with such treatment.

(b) So long as the Company is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, to ensure that Units are not traded on an established securities market within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.7704-1(b) or readily tradable on a secondary market or the substantial equivalent thereof within the meaning of Regulations Section 1.7704-1(c), notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, (i) the Company shall not participate in the establishment of any such market or the inclusion of its Units thereon, and (ii) the Company shall not recognize any Transfer made on any such market by: (A) redeeming the Transferor Member (in the case of a redemption or repurchase by the Company); or (B) admitting the Transferee as a Member or otherwise recognizing any rights of the Transferee, such as a right of the Transferee to receive Company distributions (directly or indirectly) or to acquire an interest in the capital or profits of the Company.

Section 2.9 <u>Admission</u>. Yield is hereby designated as the Managing Member of the Company upon its execution of a counterpart signature page to this Agreement and each Member of the Company immediately prior to the effectiveness of this Agreement (including NRG) shall continue as a Member hereunder.

ARTICLE III MEMBERS; CAPITALIZATION

Section 3.1 Members; Units.

(a) <u>Limited Liability Company Interests</u>. Interests in the Company shall be represented by Units, or such other Equity Securities in the Company, or such other Company securities, in each case as the Managing Member may establish in its sole discretion in accordance with the terms hereof. As of the Effective Date, the Units are comprised of two Classes: "Class A Units" and "Class B Units."

(b) Schedule of Units; Schedule of Members. The Company shall maintain a schedule setting forth (i) the name and address of each Member, (ii) the number of Units (by Class) owned by such Member, (iii) the aggregate number of outstanding Units by Class (including rights, options or warrants convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Units), and (iv) the aggregate amount of cash Capital Contributions that have been made by each of the Members and the Fair Market Value of any property other than cash contributed by each of the Members with respect to such Units (including, if applicable, a description and the amount of any liability assumed by the Company or to which contributed property is subject) (such schedule, the "Schedule of Members"). The Schedule of Members shall be the definitive record of ownership of each Unit or other Equity Security in the Company and all relevant information with respect to each Member. The Company shall be entitled to recognize the exclusive right of a Person registered on its records as the owner of Units or other Equity Securities in the Company for all purposes and shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to or interest in Units or other Equity Securities in the Company on the part of any other Person, whether or not it shall have express or other notice thereof, except as otherwise provided by the Act.

(c) <u>Reclassification of Existing Units</u>. The Existing Units shall automatically be reclassified into an equivalent number of Class B Units on the Effective Date.

(d) <u>Class A Units</u>. The Schedule of Members sets forth the identity of all Class A Members and the number of Class A Units held by each Class A Member. The Class A Units shall rank *pari passu* with, and have all the same rights (including the rights to share in Net Income and Net Loss or items thereof and distributions made in accordance with ARTICLE IV) and be subject to all of the same obligations, as the Class B Units.

(c) <u>Class B Units</u>. The Schedule of Members sets forth the identity of all Class B Members and the number of Class B Units held by each Class B Member. Class B Units shall only be issuable to NRG and its Permitted Transferees from and after the Effective Date. Upon the Exchange contemplated in any Exchange Election, the Class B Units covered by such Exchange Election shall be exchanged for Exchange Shares pursuant to the Exchange Agreement and, in connection with such Exchange, reclassified as Class A Units. The Class B Units shall rank *pari passu* with, and have all the same rights (including the rights to share in Net Income and Net Loss or items thereof and distributions made in accordance with ARTICLE IV) and be subject to all of the same obligations, as the Class A Units.

Section 3.2 Class A Common Stock Sale; Exchanges; Authorization and Issuance of Additional Units .

(a) <u>General</u>. Notwithstanding anything expressed or implied to the contrary in this Agreement (including <u>Section 7.4</u> hereof), a Class B Member may not Transfer, directly or indirectly, all or any portion of its Class B Units except in connection with (i) a Class A Common Stock Sale, (ii) a Transfer of such Units in accordance with the procedures set forth in <u>Section 3.2(c)</u> or (iii) a Transfer of Class B Units held by such Class B Member (as an Exchanging Class B Member) to one or more Permitted Transferees in accordance with <u>Section 7.3</u>. No Transfer of any Class B Units by a Class B Member to a Permitted Transferee shall effect a release of the transferring Class B Member's obligations under this Agreement to the Class A Members, and as a condition to such Transfer, each such Permitted Transferee shall expressly assume in writing all of the obligations of the transferring Class B Member, whether arising prior to, on or after the date of Transfer, to the Class A Members.

(b) <u>Class A Common Stock Sale</u>. In connection with any Class A Common Stock Sale, the Managing Member shall cause the Company to use the related net cash proceeds from such sale (upon the receipt thereof from



Yield) to either (i) issue Class A Units, in an amount equal to the number of shares of Class A Common Stock related to such Class A Common Stock Sale, to the Class A Member or (ii) as contemplated in the Exchange Agreement, purchase Class B Units from one or more "Yield LLC Unitholders" under the Exchange Agreement, which Class B Units shall automatically be reclassified into Class A Units upon the consummation of the purchase set forth in this clause (ii). Alternatively, the Managing Member shall cause Yield to use a portion of the net cash proceeds to purchase Class B Units from NRG, which then will convert to Class A Units immediately upon such purchase. The determination of how to apply the net cash proceeds received by the Company from any Class A Common Stock Sale shall be made in the Managing Member's sole discretion.

(c) Exchanges.

(i) <u>Step 1</u>. An Exchanging Class B Member shall deliver to the Managing Member the written election of exchange (an "<u>Exchange</u> <u>Election</u>") as contemplated by <u>Section 2.1(b)</u> of the Exchange Agreement. Upon the Exchange contemplated by an Exchange Election, the number of Class B Units designated in the Exchange Election shall be reclassified into an equal number of Class A Units (such Class A Units, the "<u>Reclassified Units</u>") and such Reclassified Units shall be exchanged as contemplated by <u>Step 2</u> below and the Exchange Agreement.

(ii) <u>Step 2</u>. The Reclassified Units shall be delivered to Yield in exchange for shares of Class A Common Stock ("<u>Exchange Shares</u>") as contemplated by the Exchange Agreement, which Class A Common Stock shall be delivered by or on behalf of the Company to the Exchanging Class B Member (as set forth in the Exchange Election). The Reclassified Units shall be deemed automatically issued to Yield upon the issuance of the Exchange Shares to the Exchanging Class B Member.

(d) Authorization and Issuance of Additional Units . Subject to the limitations on issuing additional Units set forth in this Agreement (including Section 7.4), the requirements set forth in the Exchange Agreement and any applicable listing exchange requirements, the Managing Member may issue additional Classes of Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities from time to time with such rights, obligations, powers, designations, preferences and other terms, which may be different from, including senior to, any then existing or future Classes of Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities, as the Managing Member shall determine from time to time, in its sole discretion, without the vote or consent of any other Member or any other Person, including (i) the right of such Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities to share in Net Income and Net Loss or items thereof, (ii) the right of such Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities to share in Company distributions, (iii) the rights of such Units, other Equity Securities or other Company securities upon dissolution and liquidation of the Company, (iv) whether, and the terms and conditions upon which, the Company may or shall be required to redeem such Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities (including sinking fund provisions), (v) whether such Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities are issued with the privilege of conversion or exchange and, if so, the terms and conditions of such conversion or exchange, (vi) the terms and conditions upon which such Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities will be issued, evidenced by certificates or assigned or transferred, (vii) the terms and conditions of the issuance of such Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities (including, without limitation, the amount and form of consideration, if any, to be received by the Company in respect thereof, the Managing Member being expressly authorized, in its sole discretion, to cause the Company to issue Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities for less than Fair Market Value), and (viii) the right, if any, of the holder of such Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities to vote on Company matters, including matters relating to the relative designations, preferences, rights, powers and duties of such Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities. The Managing Member, without the vote or consent of any other Member or any other Person but subject to Sections 3.1(d) and 3.1(e) and any applicable listing exchange requirements, is authorized (i) to issue any Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities of any such newly established Class, and (ii) to amend this Agreement to reflect the creation of any such new series, the issuance of Units, other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities of such series, and the admission of any Person as a Member which has received Units or other Equity Securities of any such Class, in accordance with this Section 3.2, 7.3 and 9.4. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement to the contrary, any reference to "Units" shall include the Class A Units, the Class B Units and any other series of Units that may be established in accordance with this Agreement.

Section 3.3 Capital Account.

The Managing Member shall maintain for each Member owning Units a separate Capital Account with respect to such Units in accordance (a) with the rules of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv). Such Capital Account shall be increased by (i) the amount of all Capital Contributions made to the Company with respect to such Units pursuant to this Agreement and (ii) all items of Company income and gain (including, without limitation, income and gain exempt from tax) computed in accordance with Section 3.3(b) and allocated with respect to such Units pursuant to Section 5.1, and decreased by (x) the amount of cash or Fair Market Value of all actual and deemed distributions of cash or property made with respect to such Units pursuant to this Agreement and (y) all items of Company deduction and loss computed in accordance with Section 3.3(b) and allocated with respect to such Units pursuant to Section 5.1. The foregoing provisions and the other provisions of this Agreement relating to the maintenance of Capital Accounts are intended to comply with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b) and shall be interpreted and applied in a manner consistent with such Treasury Regulations. In the event the Managing Member shall determine that it is prudent to modify the manner in which the Capital Accounts or any adjustments thereto (including, without limitation, adjustments relating to liabilities which are secured by contributed or distributed property or which are assumed by the Company or any Members) are computed in order to comply with such Treasury Regulations, the Managing Member, without the consent of any other Person, may make such modification, notwithstanding the terms of this Agreement; provided that it is not likely to have a material effect on the amounts distributed or distributable to any Person pursuant to ARTICLE VII hereof upon the dissolution of the Company. The Managing Member, without the consent of any other Person, also shall (i) make any adjustments, notwithstanding the terms of this Agreement, that are necessary or appropriate to maintain equality among the Capital Accounts of the Members and the amount of capital reflected on the Company's balance sheet, as computed for book purposes, in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(q), and (ii) make any appropriate modifications, notwithstanding the terms of this Agreement, in the event unanticipated events might otherwise cause this Agreement not to comply with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b).

(b) For purposes of computing the amount of any item of income, gain, loss or deduction, which is to be allocated pursuant to <u>ARTICLE V</u> and is to be reflected in the Members' Capital Accounts, the determination, recognition and classification of any such item shall be the same as its determination, recognition and classification for federal income tax purposes (including, without limitation, any method of depreciation, cost recovery or amortization used for that purpose); provided, that:

(i) Solely for purposes of this <u>Section 3.3</u>, the Company shall be treated as owning directly its proportionate share (as determined by the Managing Member) of all property owned by any partnership, limited liability company, unincorporated business or other entity or arrangement that is classified as a partnership or disregarded entity for federal income tax purposes, of which the Company is, directly or indirectly, a partner (in the case of a partnership) or owner (in the case of a disregarded entity).

(ii) Except as otherwise provided in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), the computation of all items of income, gain, loss and deduction shall be made without regard to any election under Section 754 of the Code which may be made by the Company and, as to those items described in Section 705(a)(1)(B) or 705(a)(2)(B) of the Code, without regard to the fact that such items are not includable in gross income or are neither currently deductible nor capitalized for federal income tax purposes. To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any Company asset pursuant to Section 734(b) or 743(b) of the Code is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of such adjustment in the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain or loss.

(iii) Any income, gain or loss attributable to the taxable disposition of any Company property shall be determined as if the adjusted basis of such property as of such date of disposition were equal in amount to the Company's Carrying Value with respect to such property as of such date.

(iv) In accordance with the requirements of Section 704(b) of the Code, any deductions for depreciation, cost recovery or amortization attributable to any Contributed Property shall be determined in the manner described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(g)(3) as if the adjusted basis of

such property on the date it was acquired by the Company were equal to the Agreed Value of such property. Upon an adjustment pursuant to <u>Section 3.3(c)</u> to the Carrying Value of any Adjusted Property that is subject to depreciation, cost recovery or amortization, any further deductions for such depreciation, cost recovery or amortization attributable to such property shall be determined in the manner described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(g)(3) and 1.704-3(a)(6)(i) as if the adjusted basis of such property were equal to the Carrying Value of such property immediately following such adjustment; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, if the asset has a zero adjusted basis for federal income tax purposes, depreciation, cost recovery or amortization deductions shall be determined using any method that the Managing Member may adopt.

(c) If a Member transfers an interest in the Company to a new or existing Member, the transferee Member shall succeed to that portion of the transferor's Capital Account that is attributable to the transferred interest. Any reference in this Agreement to a Capital Contribution of, or Distribution to, a Member that has succeeded any other Member shall include any Capital Contributions or Distributions previously made by or to the former Member on account of the interest of such former Member transferred to such successor Member. In addition, the following shall apply:

(i) In accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(f), on an issuance of additional Units for cash or Contributed Property, the Capital Account of all Members and the Carrying Value of each Company property immediately prior to such issuance shall be adjusted upward or downward to reflect any Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss attributable to such Company property, as if such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss had been recognized on an actual sale of each such property immediately prior to such issuance and had been allocated to the Members at such time pursuant to <u>Section 5.1</u> in the same manner as a corresponding item of gain or loss actually recognized during such period would have been allocated. In determining such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss, the aggregate cash amount and Fair Market Value of all Company assets (including, without limitation, cash or cash equivalents) immediately prior to the issuance of additional Units shall be determined by the Managing Member using such method of valuation as it may adopt; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Managing Member, in arriving at such valuation, must take fully into account the Fair Market Value of the Units of all Members at such time. The Managing Member shall allocate such aggregate value among the assets of the Company (in such manner as it determines) to arrive at a Fair Market Value for individual properties.

(ii) In accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(f), immediately prior to any actual or deemed distribution to a Member of any Company property (other than a distribution of cash that is not in redemption or retirement of a Unit), the Capital Accounts of all Members and the Carrying Value of all Company property shall be adjusted upward or downward to reflect any Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss attributable to such Company property, as if such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss had been recognized in a sale of such property immediately prior to such distribution for an amount equal to its Fair Market Value, and had been allocated to the Members, at such time, pursuant to <u>Section 5.1</u> in the same manner as a corresponding item of gain or loss actually recognized during such period would have been allocated. In determining such Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss, the aggregate cash amount and Fair Market Value of all Company assets (including, without limitation, cash or cash equivalents) immediately prior to a distribution shall (A) in the case of an actual distribution that is not made pursuant to <u>ARTICLE VII</u> or in the case of a deemed distribution, be determined and allocated in the same manner as that provided in <u>Section 3.3(c)</u> or (B) in the case of a liquidating distribution pursuant to <u>ARTICLE VII</u>, be determined and allocated by the Person winding up the Company pursuant to <u>Section 7.2(c)</u> using such method of valuation as it may adopt.

(iii) The Managing Member may make the adjustments described in this <u>Section 3.4(d)</u> in the manner set forth herein if the Managing Member determines that such adjustments are necessary or useful to effectuate the intended economic arrangement among the Members, including Members who received Units in connection with the performance of services to or for the benefit of the Company.

(d) Notwithstanding anything expressed or implied to the contrary in this Agreement, in the event the Managing Member shall determine, in its sole and absolute discretion, that it is prudent to modify the manner in which the Capital Accounts, or any debits or credits thereto, are computed in order to effectuate the intended

economic sharing arrangement of the Members, the Managing Member may make such modification, notwithstanding any other provision hereof, without the consent of any other Person.

Section 3.4 <u>No Withdrawal</u>. No Person shall be entitled to withdraw any part of such Person's Capital Contributions or Capital Account or to receive any distribution from the Company, except as expressly provided herein.

Section 3.5 <u>Loans From Members</u>. Loans by Members to the Company shall not be considered Capital Contributions. If any Member shall loan funds to the Company, then the making of such loans shall not result in any increase in the Capital Account balance of such Member. The amount of any such loans shall be a debt of the Company to such Member and shall be payable or collectible in accordance with the terms and conditions upon which such loans are made.

Section 3.6 <u>No Right of Partition</u>. To the fullest extent permitted by law, no Member shall have the right to seek or obtain partition by court decree or operation of law of any property of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or the right to own or use particular or individual assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, or, except as expressly contemplated by this Agreement, be entitled to distributions of specific assets of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

Section 3.7 Non-Certification of Units; Legend; Units are Securities.

(a) Units shall be issued in non-certificated form; <u>provided</u> that the Managing Member may cause the Company to issue certificates to a Member representing the Units held by such Member.

(b) If the Managing Member determines that the Company shall issue certificates representing Units to any Member, the following provisions of this <u>Section 3.8</u> shall apply:

(i) The Company shall issue one or more certificates in the name of such Person in such form as it may approve, subject to <u>Section 3.8(b)(ii)</u> (a "<u>Membership Interest Certificate</u>"), which shall evidence the ownership of the Units represented thereby. Each such Membership Interest Certificate shall be denominated in terms of the number of Units evidenced by such Membership Interest Certificate and shall be signed by the Managing Member or an Officer on behalf of the Company.

(ii) Each Membership Interest Certificate shall bear a legend substantially in the following form:

THIS CERTIFICATE EVIDENCES A CLASS [] UNIT REPRESENTING AN INTEREST IN NRG YIELD LLC AND SHALL CONSTITUTE A "SECURITY" WITHIN THE MEANING OF, AND SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, (I) ARTICLE 8 OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE (INCLUDING SECTION 8-102(A)(15) THEREOF) AS IN EFFECT FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE, AND (II) THE CORRESPONDING PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE OF ANY OTHER APPLICABLE JURISDICTION THAT NOW OR HEREAFTER SUBSTANTIALLY INCLUDES THE 1994 REVISIONS TO ARTICLE 8 THEREOF AS ADOPTED BY THE AMERICAN LAW INSTITUTE AND THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF COMMISSIONERS ON UNIFORM STATE LAWS AND APPROVED BY THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION ON FEBRUARY 14, 1995.

THE INTERESTS IN NRG YIELD LLC REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER SET FORTH IN THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF NRG YIELD LLC, DATED AS OF JULY 22, 2013, BY AND AMONG EACH OF THE MEMBERS FROM TIME TO TIME PARTY THERETO, AS THE SAME MAY BE AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.

(iii) Each Unit shall constitute a "security" within the meaning of, and shall be governed by, (i) Article 8 of the Uniform Commercial Code (including Section 8-102(a)(15) thereof) as in effect from time to time in the State of Delaware, and (ii) the corresponding provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code of any other applicable jurisdiction that now or hereafter substantially includes the 1994 revisions to Article 8 thereof as adopted by the American Law Institute and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws and approved by the American Bar Association on February 14, 1995.

(iv) The Company shall issue a new Membership Interest Certificate in place of any Membership Interest Certificate previously issued if the holder of the Units represented by such Membership Interest Certificate, as reflected on the books and records of the Company:

(A) makes proof by affidavit, in form and substance satisfactory to the Company, that such previously issued Membership Interest Certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed;

(B) requests the issuance of a new Membership Interest Certificate before the Company has notice that such previously issued Membership Interest Certificate has been acquired by a purchaser for value in good faith and without notice of an adverse claim;

(C) if requested by the Company, delivers to the Company such security, in form and substance satisfactory to the Company, as the Managing Member may direct, to indemnify the Company against any claim that may be made on account of the alleged loss, destruction or theft of the previously issued Membership Interest Certificate; and

(D) satisfies any other reasonable requirements imposed by the Company.

(v) Upon a Member's Transfer in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement of any or all Units represented by a Membership Interest Certificate, the Transferee of such Units shall deliver such Membership Interest Certificate, duly endorsed for Transfer by the Transferee, to the Company for cancellation, and the Company shall thereupon issue a new Membership Interest Certificate to such Transferee for the number of Units being Transferred and, if applicable, cause to be issued to such Transferring Member a new Membership Interest Certificate for the number of Units that were represented by the canceled Membership Interest Certificate and that are not being Transferred.

Section 3.8 <u>Outside Activities of the Members</u>. Any Member or any of their respective Affiliates shall be entitled to have business interests and engage in business activities in addition to those relating to the Company, including business interests and activities in direct competition with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries or any Person in which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries has an ownership interest. Neither the Company nor any of the other Members shall have any rights by virtue of this Agreement in any business ventures of any other Member.

ARTICLE IV DISTRIBUTIONS

Section 4.1 <u>Determination of Distributions</u>. Distributions shall be made to the Members pro rata in accordance with their Percentage Interests when and in such amounts as determined by the Managing Member, in accordance with the terms of this Agreement; provided, however that in the event the Company issues Class A Units or securities convertible or exchangeable for Class A Units for less than Fair Market Value, the amount distributed on account of Class B Units relative to Class A Units shall be equitably adjusted by the Managing Member.

Section 4.2 <u>Successors</u>. For purposes of determining the amount of distributions under <u>Section 4.1</u>, each Member shall be treated as having made the Capital Contributions and as having received the distributions made to or received by its predecessors in respect of any of such Member's Units.

Section 4.3 <u>Withholding</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Managing Member is authorized to take any action that may be required to cause the Company to comply with any withholding requirements established under the Code or any other federal, state or local law including pursuant to Sections 1441,

1442, 1445 and 1446 of the Code. To the extent that the Company is required or elects to withhold and pay over to any taxing authority any amount resulting from the allocation or distribution of income to any Member (including by reason of Section 1446 of the Code), the Managing Member may treat the amount withheld as a distribution of cash pursuant to this ARTICLE IV in the amount of such withholding from such Member. Each Member hereby agrees, to the maximum extent permitted by law, to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and the other Members from and against any liability, claim or expense (including, without limitation, any liability for taxes, penalties, additions to tax or interest) with respect to any tax withholdings made or required to be made on behalf of or with respect to such Member. In the event the Company is liquidated and a liability or claim is asserted against, or expense borne by, the Company or any Member for tax withholdings made or required to be made, such person shall have the right to be reimbursed from the Member on whose behalf such tax withholding was made or required to be made

Section 4.4 <u>Limitation</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Company, and the Managing Member on behalf of the Company, shall not be required to make a distribution (a) if such distribution to any Member or Assignee would violate the Act or other applicable law, or (b) in any form other than cash.

ARTICLE V ALLOCATIONS

Section 5.1 Allocations for Capital Account Purposes.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, Net Income and Net Losses (and, to the extent necessary, individual items of income, gain or loss or deduction of the Company) shall be allocated in a manner such that the Capital Account of each Member after giving effect to the special allocations set forth in <u>Section 5.1(b)</u> is, as nearly as possible, equal (proportionately) to (i) the distributions that would be made pursuant to <u>Section 7.2</u> if the Company were dissolved, its affairs wound up and its assets sold for cash equal to their Carrying Value, all Company liabilities were satisfied (limited with respect to each non-recourse liability to the Carrying Value of the assets securing such liability) and the net assets of the Company were distributed to the Members pursuant to this Agreement, <u>minus</u> (ii) such Member's share of Company Minimum Gain and Member Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain, computed immediately prior to the hypothetical sale of assets.

(b) <u>Special Allocations</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this <u>Section 5.1</u>, the following special allocations shall be made for such taxable period:

(i) <u>Company Minimum Gain Chargeback</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this <u>Section 5.1</u>, if there is a net decrease in Company Minimum Gain during any Company taxable period, each Member shall be allocated items of Company income and gain for such period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in the manner and amounts determined according to Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(f) and 1.704-2(j)(2)(i), or any successor provision. For purposes of this <u>Section 5.1(b)</u>, each Member's Adjusted Capital Account balance shall be determined, and the allocation of income and gain required hereunder shall be effected, prior to the application of any other allocations pursuant to this <u>Section 5.1(b)</u> with respect to such taxable period (other than an allocation pursuant to <u>Section 5.1(b)(iii)</u> and <u>Section 5.1(b)(vi)</u>). This <u>Section 5.1(b)(i)</u> is intended to comply with the Company Minimum Gain chargeback requirement in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(f) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.

(ii) <u>Chargeback of Member Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain</u>. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this <u>Section 5.1</u> (other than <u>Section 5.1(b)(i)</u>), except as provided in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(4), if there is a net decrease in Member Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain during any Company taxable period, any Member with a share of Member Nonrecourse Debt Minimum Gain at the beginning of such taxable period shall be allocated items of Company income and gain for such period (and, if necessary, subsequent periods) in the manner and amounts determined according to Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(i)(4), or any successor provisions. For purposes of this <u>Section 5.1(b)</u>, each Member's Adjusted Capital Account balance shall be determined, and the allocation of income and gain required hereunder shall be effected, prior to the application of any other allocations pursuant to this <u>Section 5.1(b)</u>, other than <u>Section 5.1(b)(i)</u> and other than an allocation pursuant to <u>Section 5.1(b)(i)(v)</u> and (<u>(b)(i)(v)</u>, with respect to such taxable period. This <u>Section 5.1(b)(ii)</u> is intended to comply with the



chargeback of items of income and gain requirement in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i)(4) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.

(iii) <u>Qualified Income Offset</u>. In the event any Member unexpectedly receives any adjustments, allocations or distributions described in Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d)(4), (5), or (6), items of Company income and gain shall be specially allocated to such Member in an amount and manner sufficient to eliminate, to the extent required by the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704(b) of the Code, the deficit balance, if any, in its Adjusted Capital Account created by such adjustments, allocations or distributions as quickly as possible, unless such deficit balance is otherwise eliminated pursuant to <u>Section 5.1(b)(i) or (ii)</u>. This <u>Section 5.1(b)(iii)</u> is intended to qualify and be construed as a "qualified income offset" within the meaning of Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(d) and shall be interpreted consistently therewith.

(iv) <u>Gross Income Allocations</u>. In the event any Member has a deficit balance in its Capital Account at the end of any Company taxable period in excess of the sum of (A) the amount such Member is required to restore pursuant to the provisions of this Agreement and (B) the amount such Member is deemed obligated to restore pursuant to Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-2(g) and 1.704-2(i)(5), such Member shall be specially allocated items of Company gross income and gain in the amount of such excess as quickly as possible; provided, that an allocation pursuant to this <u>Section 5.1(b)(iv)</u> shall be made only if and to the extent that such Member would have a deficit balance in its Capital Account as adjusted after all other allocations provided for in this <u>Section 5.1</u> have been tentatively made as if this <u>Section 5.1(b)(iv)</u> were not in this Agreement.

(v) <u>Nonrecourse Deductions</u>. Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable period shall be allocated to the Members in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests. If the Managing Member determines that the Company's Nonrecourse Deductions should be allocated in a different ratio to satisfy the safe harbor requirements of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under Section 704(b) of the Code, the Managing Member is authorized, upon notice to the other Members, to revise the prescribed ratio to the numerically closest ratio that does satisfy such requirements.

(vi) <u>Member Nonrecourse Deductions</u>. Member Nonrecourse Deductions for any taxable period shall be allocated 100% to the Member that bears the "Economic Risk of Loss" (as defined in the Treasury Regulations) with respect to the Member Nonrecourse Debt to which such Member Nonrecourse Deductions are attributable in accordance with Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-2(i). If more than one Member bears the Economic Risk of Loss with respect to a Member Nonrecourse Debt, such Member Nonrecourse Deductions attributable thereto shall be allocated between or among such Members in accordance with the ratios in which they share such Economic Risk of Loss.

(vii) <u>Nonrecourse Liabilities</u>. Nonrecourse Liabilities of the Company described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.752-3(a)(3) shall be allocated to the Members in accordance with their respective Percentage Interests.

(viii) <u>Code Section 754 Adjustments</u>. To the extent an adjustment to the adjusted tax basis of any Company asset pursuant to Section 734(b) or 743(b) of the Code is required, pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-1(b)(2)(iv)(m), to be taken into account in determining Capital Accounts, the amount of such adjustment to the Capital Accounts shall be treated as an item of gain (if the adjustment increases the basis of the asset) or loss (if the adjustment decreases such basis), and such item of gain or loss shall be specially allocated to the Members in a manner consistent with the manner in which their Capital Accounts are required to be adjusted pursuant to such Section of the Treasury Regulations.

(ix) <u>Curative Allocation</u>.

(A) The allocations set forth in Section 5.1(b)(i), (ii), (iii) and (viii) (the "<u>Required Allocations</u>") are intended to comply with certain requirements of the Treasury Regulations. It is the intent of the Members that, to the extent possible, all Required Allocations shall be offset either with other Required Allocations or with special allocations of other items of Company

income, gain, loss or deduction pursuant to this <u>Section 5.1(b)(ix)(A)</u>. Therefore, notwithstanding any other provision of this <u>ARTICLE V</u> (other than the Required Allocations), the Managing Member shall make such offsetting special allocations of Company income, gain, loss or deduction in whatever manner it determines appropriate so that, after such offsetting allocations are made, each Member's Capital Account balance is, to the extent possible, equal to the Capital Account balance such Member would have had if the Required Allocations were not part of this Agreement and all Company items were allocated pursuant to the economic agreement among the Members.

(B) The Managing Member shall, with respect to each taxable period, (1) apply the provisions of Section 5.1(b)(ix)(A) in whatever order is most likely to minimize the economic distortions that might otherwise result from the Required Allocations, and (2) divide all allocations pursuant to Section 5.1(b)(ix)(A) among the Members in a manner that is likely to minimize such economic distortions.

(x) <u>Deficit Capital Accounts</u>. No Member shall be required to pay to the Company, to any other Member or to any third party any deficit balance which may exist from time to time in the Member's Capital Account.

Section 5.2 Allocations for Tax Purposes.

(a) The income, gains, losses and deductions of the Company shall be allocated for federal, state and local income tax purposes among the Members in accordance with the allocation of such income, gains, losses and deductions among the Members for purposes of computing their Capital Accounts; except that if any such allocation is not permitted by the Code or other applicable law, then the Company's subsequent income, gains, losses and deductions for tax purposes shall be allocated among the Members so as to reflect as nearly as possible the allocation set forth herein in computing their Capital Accounts.

(b) In an attempt to eliminate Book-Tax Disparities attributable to a Contributed Property or an Adjusted Property, items of income, gain, loss, depreciation, amortization and cost recovery deductions shall be allocated for federal income tax purposes among the Members as follows:

(i) In the case of a Contributed Property, such items attributable thereto shall be allocated among the Members in the manner provided under Section 704(c) of the Code that takes into account the variation between the Agreed Value of such property and its adjusted basis at the time of contribution.

(ii) In the case of an Adjusted Property, such items shall (A) first, be allocated among the Members in a manner consistent with the principles of Section 704(c) of the Code to take into account the Unrealized Gain or Unrealized Loss attributable to such property and the allocations thereof pursuant to Section 3.3(c)(i) or Section 3.3(c)(ii), and (B) second, in the event such property was originally a Contributed Property, be allocated among the Members in a manner consistent with Section 5.2(b)(i)(A).

(iii) In order to eliminate Book-Tax Disparities, the Managing Member may cause the Company to use any method described in Treasury Regulations Section 1.704-3.

(c) For purposes of determining the items of Company income, gain, loss, deduction, or credit allocable to any Member with respect to any period, such items shall be determined on a daily, monthly, or other basis, as determined by the Managing Member using any permissible method under Code Section 706 and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder.

(d) Tax credits, tax credit recapture and any items related thereto shall be allocated to the Members according to their interests in such items as reasonably determined by the Managing Member taking into account the principles of Treasury Regulations Sections 1.704-1(b)(4)(ii) and 1.704-1T(b)(4)(xi).

(e) Allocations pursuant to this <u>Section 5.2</u> are solely for the purposes of federal, state and local taxes and shall not affect, or in any way be taken into account in computing, any Member's Capital Account or share of Income, Loss, distributions or other Company items pursuant to any provision of this Agreement.

(f) For the proper administration of the Company, the Managing Member shall (i) adopt such conventions as it deems appropriate in determining the amount of depreciation, amortization and cost recovery deductions; (ii) make special allocations for federal income tax purposes of income (including, without limitation, gross income) or deductions; (iii) without the consent of any other Person being required, amend the provisions of this Agreement as appropriate to reflect the proposal or promulgation of Treasury Regulations under Section 704(b) or Section 704(c) of the Code; and (iv) adopt and employ such methods for (A) the maintenance of capital accounts for book and tax purposes, (B) the determination and allocation of adjustments under Sections 734 and 743 of the Code, (C) the determination and allocation of taxable income, tax loss and items thereof under this Agreement and pursuant to the Code, (D) the determination of the identities and tax classification of Members, (E) the provision of tax information and reports to the Members, (F) the adoption of reasonable conventions and methods for the valuation of assets and the determination of tax basis, (G) the allocation of asset values and tax basis, (H) the adoption and maintenance of accounting methods, (I) the recognition of the transfer of Units and (J) tax compliance and other tax-related requirements, including without limitation, the use of computer software, in each case, as it determines in its sole discretion are necessary and appropriate to execute the provisions of this Agreement and to comply with federal, state and local tax law. The Managing Member may adopt such conventions and make such allocations as provided in this <u>Section 5.2(f)</u> without the consent of a Member only if such conventions or allocations would not have a material adverse effect on such affected Member, and if such allocations are consistent with the principles of Section 704 of the Code.

Section 5.3 <u>Members' Tax Reporting</u>. The Members acknowledge and are aware of the income tax consequences of the allocations made pursuant to this <u>ARTICLE V</u> and, except as may otherwise be required by applicable law or regulatory requirements, hereby agree to be bound by the provisions of this <u>ARTICLE V</u> in reporting their shares of Company income, gain, loss, deduction and credit for federal, state and local income tax purposes.

Section 5.4 <u>Certain Costs and Expenses</u>. The Company shall (i) pay, or cause to be paid, all costs, fees, operating expenses and other expenses of the Company (including the costs, fees and expenses of attorneys, accountants or other professionals and the compensation of all personnel providing services to the Company) incurred in pursuing and conducting, or otherwise related to, the activities of the Company, and (ii) reimburse the Managing Member for any costs, fees or expenses incurred by it in connection with serving as the Managing Member. To the extent that the Managing Member determines in its sole discretion that such expenses are related to the business and affairs of the Managing Member that are conducted through the Company and/or its subsidiaries (including expenses that relate to the business and affairs of the Company and/or its subsidiaries and that also relate to other activities of the Managing Member, the Managing Member may cause the Company to pay or bear all expenses of the Managing Member, including, without suggesting any limitation of any kind, costs of securities offerings not borne directly by Members, board of directors compensation and meeting costs, cost of periodic reports to its stockholders, litigation costs and damages arising from litigation, accounting and legal costs and franchise taxes, provided that the Company shall not pay or bear any income tax obligations of the Managing Member.

ARTICLE VI MANAGEMENT

Section 6.1 <u>Managing Member; Delegation of Authority and Duties</u>.

(a) <u>Authority of Managing Member</u>. The business, property and affairs of the Company shall be managed under the sole, absolute and exclusive direction of the Managing Member, which may from time to time delegate authority to Officers or to others to act on behalf of the Company. Without limiting the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 6.1(a)</u>, the Managing Member shall have the sole power to manage or cause the management of the Company, including the power and authority to effectuate the sale, lease, transfer, exchange or other disposition of any, all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (including, but not limited to, the exercise or grant of any conversion, option, privilege or subscription right or any other right available in connection

with any assets at any time held by the Company) or the merger, consolidation, reorganization or other combination of the Company with or into another entity.

(b) Other Members. No Member who is not also a Managing Member, in his or her or its capacity as such, shall participate in or have any control over the business of the Company. Except as expressly provided herein, the Units, other Equity Securities in the Company, or the fact of a Member's admission as a member of the Company do not confer any rights upon the Members to participate in the management of the affairs of the Company. Except as expressly provided herein, no Member who is not also a Managing Member shall have any right to vote on any matter involving the Company, including with respect to any merger, consolidation, combination or conversion of the Company, or any other matter that a Member might otherwise have the ability to vote or consent with respect to under the Act, at law, in equity or otherwise. The conduct, control and management of the Company shall be vested exclusively in the Managing Member. In all matters relating to or arising out of the conduct of the operation of the Company, the decision of the Managing Member shall be the decision of the Company. Except as required by law or expressly provided in Section 6.1(c) or by separate agreement with the Company, no Member who is not also a Managing Member (and acting in such capacity) shall take any part in the management or control of the operation or business of the Company in its capacity as a Member, nor shall any Member who is not also a Managing Member (and acting in such capacity) shall take any part in any respect or assume any obligation or responsibility of the Company or of any other Member.

(c) <u>Delegation by Managing Member</u>. The Company may employ one or more Members from time to time, and such Members, in their capacity as employees or agents of the Company (and not, for clarity, in their capacity as Members of the Company), may take part in the control and management of the business of the Company to the extent such authority and power to act for or on behalf of the Company has been delegated to them by the Managing Member. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Managing Member shall have the power and authority to delegate to one or more other Persons the Managing Member's rights and powers to manage and control the business and affairs of the Company, including to delegate to agents and employees of a Member or the Company (including Officers), and to delegate by a management agreement or another agreement with, or otherwise to, other Persons. The Managing Member may authorize any Person (including any Member or Officer) to enter into and perform any document on behalf of the Company.

Section 6.2 Officers.

(a) <u>Designation and Appointment</u>. The Managing Member may, from time to time, employ and retain Persons as may be necessary or appropriate for the conduct of the Company's business, including employees, agents and other Persons (any of whom may be a Member) who may be designated as Officers of the Company, with such titles as and to the extent authorized by the Managing Member. Any number of offices may be held by the same Person. In its discretion, the Managing Member may choose not to fill any office for any period as it may deem advisable. Officers need not be residents of the State of Delaware or Members. Any Officers so designated shall have such authority and perform such duties as the Managing Member may from time to time delegate to them. The Managing Member may assign titles to particular Officers. Each Officer shall hold office until his successor shall be duly designated and shall qualify or until his death or until he shall resign or shall have been removed in the manner hereinafter provided. The salaries or other compensation, if any, of the Officers of the Company shall be fixed from time to time by the Managing Member. Designation of an Officer shall not of itself create any employment or, except as provided in <u>Section 6.4</u>, contractual rights.

(b) <u>Resignation and Removal</u>. Any Officer may resign as such at any time. Such resignation shall be made in writing and shall take effect at the time specified therein, or if no time is specified, at the time of its receipt by the Managing Member. The acceptance of a resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective, unless expressly so provided in the resignation. All employees, agents and Officers shall be subject to the supervision and direction of the Managing Member and may be removed, with or without cause, from such office by the Managing Member and the authority, duties or responsibilities of any employee, agent or Officer of the Company may be suspended by or altered the Managing Member from time to time, in each case in the sole discretion of the Managing Member.

(c) <u>Officers as Agents</u>. The Officers, to the extent of their powers, authority and duties set forth in this Agreement or an Employment Agreement or otherwise vested in them by the Managing Member, are agents of the Company for the purposes of the Company's business and the actions of the Officers taken in accordance with such powers shall bind the Company.

Section 6.3 Liability of Members.

(a) <u>No Personal Liability</u>. Except as otherwise required by applicable law and as expressly set forth in this Agreement, no Member shall have any personal liability whatsoever in such Person's capacity as a Member, whether to the Company, to any of the other Members, to the creditors of the Company or to any other third party, for the debts, liabilities, commitments or any other obligations of the Company or for any losses of the Company. Except as otherwise required by the Act, each Member shall be liable only to make such Member's Capital Contribution to the Company, if applicable, and the other payments provided for expressly herein.

(b) <u>Return of Distributions</u>. In accordance with the Act and the laws of the State of Delaware, a Member may, under certain circumstances, be required to return amounts previously distributed to such Member. It is the intent of the Members that no distribution to any Member pursuant to <u>ARTICLE IV</u> shall be deemed a return of money or other property paid or distributed in violation of the Act. The payment of any such money or distribution of any such property to a Member shall be deemed to be a compromise within the meaning of Section 18-502(b) of the Act, and, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any Member receiving any such money or property shall not be required to return any such money or property to the Company or any other Person. However, if any court of competent jurisdiction holds that, notwithstanding the provisions of this Agreement, any Member is obligated to make any such payment, such obligation shall be the obligation of such Member and not of any other Member.

No Duties. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or any duty otherwise existing at law, in equity or otherwise, the parties hereby agree that the Members (including without limitation, the Managing Member), shall, to the maximum extent permitted by law, including Section 18-1101(c) of the Act, owe no duties (including fiduciary duties) to the Company, the other Members or any other Person who is a party to or otherwise bound by this Agreement; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Section 6.3(c) shall eliminate the implied contractual covenant of good faith and fair dealing. To the extent that, at law or in equity, any Member (including without limitation, the Managing Member) has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Company, to another Member or to another Person who is a party to or otherwise bound by this Agreement, the Members (including without limitation, the Managing Member) acting under this Agreement will not be liable to the Company, to any such other Member or to any such other Person who is a party to or otherwise bound by this Agreement, for their good faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement, to the extent that they restrict or eliminate the duties and liabilities relating thereto of any Member (including without limitation, the Managing Member) otherwise existing at law, in equity or otherwise, are agreed by the parties hereto to replace to that extent such other duties and liabilities of the Members (including without limitation, the Managing Member) relating thereto. The Managing Member may consult with legal counsel, accountants and financial or other advisors and any act or omission suffered or taken by the Managing Member on behalf of the Company or in furtherance of the interests of the Company in good faith in reliance upon and in accordance with the advice of such counsel, accountants or financial or other advisors will be full justification for any such act or omission, and the Managing Member will be fully protected in so acting or omitting to act so long as such counsel or accountants or financial or other advisors were selected with reasonable care. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement or otherwise applicable provision of law or equity, whenever in this Agreement the Managing Member is permitted or required to make a decision (i) in its "sole discretion" or "discretion" or under a grant of similar authority or latitude, the Managing Member shall be entitled to consider only such interests and factors as it desires, including its own interests, and shall, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, have no duty or obligation to give any consideration to any interest of or factors affecting the Company or the other Members, or (ii) in its "good faith" or under another expressed standard, the Managing Member shall act under such express standard and shall not be subject to any other or different standards.

Section 6.4 Indemnification by the Company.

(a) To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law (as the same exists or may hereafter be amended (but, in the case of any such amendment, only to the extent that such amendment permits the Company to provide broader indemnification rights than such law permitted the Company to provide prior to such amendment)) but subject to the limitations expressly provided in this Agreement, all Indemnitees shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Company from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities, joint or several, expenses (including legal fees and expenses), judgments, fines, penalties (including excise and similar taxes and punitive damages), interest, settlements or other amounts arising from any and all claims, demands, actions, suits or proceedings, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, in which any Indemnitee may be involved, or is threatened to be involved, as a party or otherwise, by reason of its acting in the capacity that gave rise to its status as an Indemnite (a "<u>Proceeding</u>"); <u>provided</u>, that the Indemnitee shall not be indemnified and held harmless if there has been a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that, in respect of the matter for which the Indemnitee is seeking indemnification pursuant to this <u>Section 6.4</u>, the Indemnitee acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud, willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the Indemnitee's conduct was unlawful. Any indemnification pursuant to this <u>Section 6.4</u> shall be made only out of the assets of the Company, it being agreed that the Managing Member shall not be personally liable for such indemnification and shall have no obligation to contribute or loan any monies or property to the Company to enable it to effectuate such indemnification.

(b) To the fullest extent permitted by law, expenses (including legal fees and expenses) incurred by an Indemnitee who is indemnified pursuant to <u>Section 6.4(a)</u> in defending any Proceeding shall, from time to time, be advanced by the Company prior to a determination that the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified upon receipt by the Company of any undertaking by or on behalf of the Indemnitee to repay such amount if it shall be determined that the Indemnitee is not entitled to be indemnified as authorized in this <u>Section 6.4</u>.

(c) The rights provided by this <u>Section 6.4</u> shall be deemed contract rights and shall be in addition to any other rights to which an Indemnitee may be entitled under any agreement, pursuant to any vote of the holders of the Membership Interests, as a matter of law or otherwise, both as to actions in the Indemnitee's capacity as an Indemnitee and as to actions in any other capacity and shall continue as to an Indemnitee who has ceased to serve in such capacity and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs, successors, assigns and administrators of the Indemnitee.

(d) The Company may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of the Company and its Subsidiaries and such other Persons as the Managing Member shall determine, against any liability that may be asserted against, or expense that may be incurred by, such Person in connection with the Company's activities or such Person's activities on behalf of the Company, regardless of whether the Company would have the power to indemnify such Person against such liability under the provisions of this Agreement.

(e) For purposes of this Section 6.4, the Company shall be deemed to have requested an Indemnitee to serve as fiduciary of an employee benefit plan whenever the performance by it of its duties to the Company also imposes duties on, or otherwise involves services by, it to the plan or participants or beneficiaries of the plan; excise taxes assessed on an Indemnitee with respect to an employee benefit plan pursuant to applicable law shall constitute "fines" within the meaning of Section 6.4(a); and action taken or omitted by it with respect to any employee benefit plan in the performance of its duties for a purpose reasonably believed by it to be in the best interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the plan shall be deemed to be for a purpose that is in the best interests of the Company.

(f) In no event may an Indemnitee subject the Members to personal liability by reason of the indemnification provisions set forth in this Agreement.

(g) An Indemnitee shall not be denied indemnification in whole or in part under this <u>Section 6.4</u> because the Indemnitee had an interest in the transaction with respect to which the indemnification applies if the transaction was otherwise permitted by the terms of this Agreement.

(h) The provisions of this <u>Section 6.4</u> are for the benefit of the Indemnitees, their heirs, successors, assigns and administrators and shall not be deemed to create any rights for the benefit of any other Persons.

(i) No amendment, modification or repeal of this <u>Section 6.4</u> or any provision hereof shall in any manner terminate, reduce or impair the right of any past, present or future Indemnitee to be indemnified by the Company, nor the obligations of the Company to indemnify any such Indemnitee under and in accordance with the provisions of this <u>Section 6.4</u> as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising from or relating to matters occurring, in whole or in part, prior to such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted. It is expressly acknowledged that the indemnification provided in this <u>Section 6.4</u> could involve indemnification for negligence or under theories of strict liability. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no Indemnitee shall be entitled to any indemnity or advancement of expenses in connection with any Proceeding brought (i) by such Indemnified Person against the Company (other than to enforce the rights of such Indemnitee pursuant to this <u>Section 6.4</u>), any Member or any Officer, or (ii) by or in the right of the Company, without the prior written consent of the Managing Member.

Section 6.5 Liability of Indemnitees.

(a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, no Indemnitee shall be liable for monetary damages to the Company, the Members or any other Persons who have acquired interests in the Company, for losses sustained or liabilities incurred as a result of any act or omission of an Indemnitee unless there has been a final and nonappealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining that, in respect of the matter in question, the Indemnitee acted in bad faith or engaged in fraud, willful misconduct or, in the case of a criminal matter, acted with knowledge that the Indemnitee's conduct was criminal.

(b) The Managing Member may exercise any of the powers granted to it by this Agreement and perform any of the duties imposed upon it hereunder either directly or by or through its agents, and the Managing Member shall not be responsible for any misconduct or negligence on the part of any such agent appointed by the Managing Member in good faith.

(c) To the extent that, at law or in equity, an Indemnitee has duties (including fiduciary duties) and liabilities relating thereto to the Company or to the Members, the Managing Member and any other Indemnitee acting in connection with the Company's business or affairs shall not be liable to the Company or to any Member for its good faith reliance on the provisions of this Agreement.

(d) Any amendment, modification or repeal of this <u>Section 6.5</u> or any provision hereof shall be prospective only and shall not in any way affect the limitations on the liability of the Indemnitees under this <u>Section 6.5</u> as in effect immediately prior to such amendment, modification or repeal with respect to claims arising from or relating to matters occurring, in whole or in part, prior to such amendment, modification or repeal, regardless of when such claims may arise or be asserted.

Section 6.6 <u>Investment Representations of Members</u>. Each Member hereby represents, warrants and acknowledges to the Company that: (a) such Member has such knowledge and experience in financial and business matters and is capable of evaluating the merits and risks of an investment in the Company and is making an informed investment decision with respect thereto; (b) such Member is acquiring interests in the Company for investment only and not with a view to, or for resale in connection with, any distribution to the public or public offering thereof; and (c) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement have been duly authorized by such Member.

ARTICLE VII WITHDRAWAL; DISSOLUTION; TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP INTERESTS; ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

Section 7.1 <u>Member Withdrawal</u>. No Member shall have the power or right to withdraw or otherwise resign or be expelled from the Company prior to the dissolution and winding up of the Company except pursuant to a Transfer permitted under this Agreement.

Section 7.2 <u>Dissolution</u>.

(a) Events. The Company shall be dissolved and its affairs shall be wound up on the first to occur of (i) the determination of the Managing Member, (ii) the entry of a decree of judicial dissolution of the Company under Section 18-802 of the Act or (iii) the termination of the legal existence of the last remaining Member or the occurrence of any other event which terminates the continued membership of the last remaining Member in the Company unless the Company is continued without dissolution in a manner permitted by the Act. In the event of a dissolution pursuant to clause (i) of the immediately preceding sentence, the relative economic rights of each Class of Units immediately prior to such dissolution shall be preserved to the greatest extent practicable with respect to distributions made to Members pursuant to <u>Section 7.2(c)</u> below in connection with the winding up of the Company, taking into consideration tax and other legal constraints that may adversely affect one or more parties hereto and subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations, unless, with respect to any Class of Units, holders of not less than 90% of the Units of such Class consent in writing to a treatment other than as described above.

(b) <u>Actions Upon Dissolution</u>. When the Company is dissolved, the business and property of the Company shall be wound up and liquidated by the Managing Member or, in the event of the unavailability of the Managing Member or if the Managing Member shall so determine, such Member or other liquidating trustee as shall be named by the Managing Member.

(c) <u>Priority</u>. A reasonable time shall be allowed for the orderly winding up of the business and affairs of the Company and the liquidation of its assets pursuant to <u>Section 7.2</u> to minimize any losses otherwise attendant upon such winding up. Upon dissolution of the Company, the assets of the Company shall be applied in the following manner and order of priority: (i) to creditors, including Members who are creditors, to the extent otherwise permitted by law, in satisfaction of liabilities of the Company (including all contingent, conditional or unmatured claims), whether by payment or the making of reasonable provision for payment thereof; and (ii) the balance shall be distributed to the Members in accordance with <u>ARTICLE IV</u>.

(d) <u>Cancellation of Certificate</u>. The Company shall terminate when (i) all of the assets of the Company, after payment of or due provision for all debts liabilities and obligations of the Company, shall have been distributed to the Members in the manner provided for in this Agreement and (ii) the Certificate shall have been canceled in the manner required by the Act.

(e) <u>Return of Capital</u>. The liquidators of the Company shall not be personally liable for the return of Capital Contributions or any portion thereof to the Members (it being understood that any such return shall be made solely from Company assets).

(f) <u>Hart Scott Rodino</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement, in the event the Hart Scott Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended (the "<u>HSR Act</u>"), is applicable to any Member by reason of the fact that any assets of the Company will be distributed to such Member in connection with the dissolution of the Company, the distribution of any assets of the Company shall not be consummated until such time as the applicable waiting periods (and extensions thereof) under the HSR Act have expired or otherwise been terminated with respect to each such Member.

Section 7.3 <u>Transfer by Members</u>. No Member may Transfer all or any portion of its Units or other interests or rights in the Company except as provided in <u>Section 3.2</u> or otherwise with the written consent of the Managing Member in its sole discretion; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, subject to the provisions of <u>Section 7.4(c)</u> (other than the provisions of <u>Section 7.4(c)(v)</u> to the extent that such provisions relate to the delivery of legal and/or tax opinions), without the consent of the Managing Member, a Member may, at any time, Transfer any of such Member's Units pursuant to the Exchange Agreement. In addition, unless the Managing Member determines in good faith that a proposed Transfer would violate <u>Section 7.4(c)</u> below, the Managing Member shall be deemed to have consented to a Transfer (i) by a Class B Member of Class B Units then held by such Member to a Permitted Transferee or (ii) to a Successor in Interest; <u>provided</u>, that in connection with any such Transfer, the transferor shall transfer an equivalent number of shares of Class B Common Stock to the transferee, in accordance with the terms of the Yield Charter. Any purported Transfer of all or a portion of a Member's Units or other interests in the Company not complying with this <u>Section 7.3</u> shall be void and shall not create any obligation on the part of the Company or the other Members to recognize that Transfer or to deal with the Person to which the Transfer purportedly was

made. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Class A Units shall not be Transferable, except to a transferring Class A Member's Successor in Interest or pursuant to the Exchange Agreement.

Section 7.4 Admission or Substitution of New Members.

(a) Admission. Without the consent of any other Person, the Managing Member shall have the right to admit as a Substituted Member or an Additional Member, any Person who acquires an interest in the Company, or any part thereof, from a Member or from the Company. Concurrently with the admission of a Substituted Member or an Additional Member, the Managing Member shall forthwith (i) amend the Schedule of Members to reflect the name and address of such Substituted Member or Additional Member and to eliminate or modify, as applicable, the name and address of the Transferring Member with regard to the Transferred Units and (ii) cause any necessary papers to be filed and recorded and notice to be given wherever and to the extent required showing the substitution of a Transferee as a Substituted Member in place of the Transferring Member, or the admission of an Additional Member, in each case, at the expense, including payment of any professional and filing fees incurred, of such Substituted Member or Additional Member.

(b) <u>Conditions and Limitations</u>. The admission of any Person as a Substituted Member or an Additional Member shall be conditioned upon such Person's written acceptance and adoption of all the terms and provisions of this Agreement by execution and delivery of the Adoption Agreement in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> or such other written instrument(s) in form and substance satisfactory to the Managing Member on behalf of the Company.

(c) <u>Prohibited Transfers</u>. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this Agreement, unless each of the Members agrees otherwise in writing, in no event may any Transfer of a Unit or other interest in the Company be made by any Member or Assignee if:

(i) such Transfer is made to any Person who lacks the legal right, power or capacity to own such Unit or other interest in the Company;

(ii) except as otherwise provided pursuant to the Exchange Agreement, such Transfer (which solely for purposes of this <u>Section 7.4(c)</u> shall include the issuance of Units upon the exercise of an option or warrant to acquire such Unit) would not be within (or would cause the Company to fail to qualify for) one or more of the safe harbors described in paragraphs (e), (f), (g), (h) or (j) of Treasury Regulations Section 1.7704-1 or otherwise would pose a material risk that the Company could be treated as a "publicly traded partnership" within the meaning of Section 7704 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder;

(iii) such Transfer would require the registration of such transferred Unit or other interest in the Company or of any Class of Unit or other interest in the Company pursuant to any applicable United States federal or state securities laws (including, without limitation, the Securities Act or the Exchange Act) or other non-U.S. securities laws (including Canadian provincial or territorial securities laws) or would constitute a non-exempt distribution pursuant to applicable provincial or state securities laws;

(iv) such Transfer would cause any portion of the assets of the Company to become "plan assets" of any "benefit plan investor" within the meaning of regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Labor at Section 2510.3-101 of Part 2510 of Chapter XXV, Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations as modified by Section 3(42) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from time to time; or

(v) to the extent requested by the Managing Member, the Company does not receive such legal and/or tax opinions and written instruments (including, without limitation, copies of any instruments of Transfer and such Assignee's consent to be bound by this Agreement as an Assignee) that are in a form satisfactory to the Managing Member, as determined in the Managing Member's sole discretion.

In addition, notwithstanding any contrary provision in this Agreement, to the extent the Managing Member shall determine that interests in the Company do not meet or will not meet the requirements of Treasury Regulation section 1.7704-1(h) or could cause the Company to be treated as a publicly traded partnership within the meaning of Section 7704 of the Code, the Managing Member may impose such restrictions on the Transfer of Units or other interests in the Company as the Managing Member may determine to be necessary or advisable so that the Company is not treated as a publicly traded partnership taxable as a corporation under Section 7704 of the Code.

Any Transfer in violation of Section 7.3 or this Section 7.4(c) shall be null and void *ab initio* and of no effect.

(d) Effect of Transfer to Substituted Member. Following the Transfer of any Unit or other interest in the Company that is permitted under Sections 7.3 and 7.4, the Transferee of such Unit or other interest in the Company shall be treated as having made all of the Capital Contributions in respect of, and received all of the distributions received in respect of, such Unit or other interest in the Company, shall succeed to the Capital Account balance associated with such Unit or other interest in the Company, shall receive allocations and distributions under <u>ARTICLE IV</u> and <u>ARTICLE V</u> in respect of such Unit or other interest in the Company and otherwise shall become a Substituted Member entitled to all the rights of a Member with respect to such Unit or other interest in the Company.

Section 7.5 <u>Additional Requirements</u>. Notwithstanding any contrary provision in this Agreement, for the avoidance of doubt, the Managing Member may impose such vesting requirements, forfeiture provisions, Transfer restrictions, minimum retained ownership requirements or other similar provisions with respect to any interests in the Company that are outstanding as of the date of this Agreement or are created hereafter, with the written consent of the holder of such interests in the Company. Such requirements, provisions and restrictions need not be uniform among holders of interests in the Company and may be waived or released by the Managing Member in its sole discretion with respect to all or a portion of the interests in the Company owned by any one or more Members or Assignees at any time and from time to time, and such actions or omissions by the Managing Member shall not constitute the breach of this Agreement or of any duty hereunder or otherwise existing at law, in equity or otherwise.

Section 7.6 <u>Bankruptcy</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Bankruptcy of a Member shall not cause such Member to cease to be a member of the Company and upon the occurrence of such an event, the Company shall continue without dissolution.

Section 7.7 <u>Registration Rights</u>. The Class B Member shall have the Registration Rights set forth in the Registration Rights Agreement entered into in connection with the IPO.

Section 7.8 <u>Mandatory Exchange</u>. The Managing Member may, with the consent of each of the Class B Members who, together with its Affiliates and Permitted Transferees, beneficially own at least 75% of the Class B Units, require all Members holding Class B Units to exchange all such Units held by them pursuant to the Exchange Agreement. Any exchange of Class B Units pursuant to this <u>Section 7.8</u> shall be treated as a transfer of Units governed by <u>Section 3.2(c)</u>.

ARTICLE VIII BOOKS AND RECORDS; FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION; TAX MATTERS

Section 8.1 <u>Books and Records.</u> The Company shall keep at its principal executive office (i) correct and complete books and records of account (which, in the case of financial records, shall be kept in accordance with GAAP), (ii) minutes of the proceedings of meetings of the Members, (iii) a current list of the directors and officers of the Company and its Subsidiaries and their respective residence addresses, and (iv) a record containing the names and addresses of all Members, the total number of Units held by each Member, and the dates when they respectively became the owners of record thereof. Any of the foregoing books, minutes or records may be in written form or in any other form capable of being converted into written form within a reasonable time. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, notwithstanding the rights set forth in Section 18-305 of the Act, no Member shall have the right to obtain information from the Company.

Section 8.2 Information.

(a) The Members shall be supplied at the Company's expense with all other Company information reasonably necessary to enable each Member to prepare its federal, state, and local income tax returns on a timely basis.

(b) All determinations, valuations and other matters of judgment required to be made for ordinary course accounting purposes under this Agreement shall be made by the Managing Member and shall be conclusive and binding on all Members, their Successors in Interest and any other Person who is a party to or otherwise bound by this Agreement, and to the fullest extent permitted by law or as otherwise provided in this Agreement, no such Person shall have the right to an accounting or an appraisal of the assets of the Company or any successor thereto.

Section 8.3 <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The Fiscal Year of the Company shall end on December 31st unless otherwise determined by the Managing Member in its sole discretion in accordance with Section 706 of the Code.

Section 8.4 Certain Tax Matters.

(a) <u>Preparation of Returns</u>. The Managing Member shall cause to be prepared all federal, state and local tax returns of the Company for each year for which such returns are required to be filed and shall cause such returns to be timely filed. The Managing Member shall determine the appropriate treatment of each item of income, gain, loss, deduction and credit of the Company and the accounting methods and conventions under the tax laws of the United States of America, the several states and other relevant jurisdictions as to the treatment of any such item or any other method or procedure related to the preparation of such tax returns. Except as specifically provided otherwise in this Agreement, the Managing Member may cause the Company to make or refrain from making any and all elections permitted by such tax laws. As promptly as practicable after the end of each Fiscal Year, the Managing Member shall cause the Company to provide to each Member a Schedule K-1 for such Fiscal Year. Additionally, the Managing Member shall cause the Company to provide on a timely basis to each Member, to the extent commercially reasonable and available to the Company without undue cost, any information reasonably required by the Member to prepare, or in connection with an audit of, such Member's income tax returns.

(b) <u>Consistent Treatment</u>. Each Member agrees that it shall not, except as otherwise required by applicable law or regulatory requirements, (i) treat, on its individual income tax returns, any item of income, gain, loss, deduction or credit relating to its interest in the Company in a manner inconsistent with the treatment of such item by the Company as reflected on the Form K-1 or other information statement furnished by the Company to such Member for use in preparing its income tax returns or (ii) file any claim for refund relating to any such item based on, or which would result in, such inconsistent treatment.

(c) Duties of the Tax Matters Member. In respect of an income tax audit of any tax return of the Company, the filing of any amended return or claim for refund in connection with any item of income, gain, loss, deduction or credit reflected on any tax return of the Company, or any administrative or judicial proceedings arising out of or in connection with any such audit, amended return, claim for refund or denial of such claim, (i) the Managing Member shall direct the Tax Matters Member to act for, and such action shall be final and binding upon, the Company and all Members except to the extent a Member shall properly elect to be excluded from such proceeding pursuant to the Code, (ii) all expenses incurred by the Tax Matters Member in connection therewith (including attorneys', accountants' and other experts' fees and disbursements) shall be expenses of, and payable by, the Company, (iii) no Member shall have the right to (A) participate in the audit of any Company tax return, (B) file any amended return or claim for refund in connection with any item of income, gain, loss, deduction or credit (other than items which are not partnership items within the meaning of Code Section 6231(a)(4) or which cease to be partnership items under Code Section 6231(b)) reflected on any tax return of the Company, (C) participate in any administrative or judicial proceedings conducted by the Company or the Tax Matters Member arising out of or in connection with any such audit, amended return, claim for refund or denial of such claim, or (D) appeal, challenge or otherwise protest any adverse findings in any such audit conducted by the Company or the Tax Matters Member or with respect to any such amended return or claim for refund filed by the Company or the Tax Matters Member or in any such administrative or judicial proceedings conducted by the Company or the Tax Matters Member and (iv) the Tax Matters Member or in any such administrative or judicial proceedings conducted by the Company or the Tax Matters Member and (iv) the Tax

partnership administrative adjustment is filed with a District Court or the Court of Claims and the IRS has elected to assess income tax against a Member with respect to that final partnership administrative adjustment (rather than suspending assessments until the District Court or Court of Claims proceedings become final), such Member shall be permitted to file a claim for refund within such period of time as to avoid application of any statute of limitations which would otherwise prevent the Member from having any claim based on the final outcome of that review.

(d) <u>Tax Matters Member</u>. The Company and each Member hereby designate the Managing Member as the "tax matters partner" for purposes of Code Section 6231(a)(7) (the "<u>Tax Matters Member</u>").

(e) <u>Certain Filings</u>. Upon the Transfer of an interest in the Company (within the meaning of the Code), a sale of Company assets or a liquidation of the Company, the Members shall provide the Managing Member with information and shall make tax filings as reasonably requested by the Managing Member and required under applicable law.

(f) <u>Section 754 Election</u>. The Managing Member shall cause the Company to make and to maintain and keep in effect at all times, in accordance with Sections 734, 743 and 754 of the Code and applicable Treasury Regulations and comparable state law provisions, an election to adjust basis in the event (i) any Class B Unit is Transferred in accordance with this Agreement or the Exchange Agreement or (ii) any Company property is distributed to any Member.

ARTICLE IX MISCELLANEOUS

Section 9.1 <u>Separate Agreements; Schedules</u>. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, including <u>Section 9.4</u>, or of any other binding agreement between the Company and any Member, the Managing Member may, or may cause the Company to, without the approval of any other Member or other Person, enter into separate agreements with individual Members with respect to any matter, which have the effect of establishing rights under, or altering, supplementing or amending the terms of, this Agreement or any such separate agreement. The parties hereto agree that any terms contained in any such separate agreement shall govern with respect to such Member(s) party thereto notwithstanding the provisions of this Agreement. The Managing Member may from time to time execute and deliver to the Members schedules which set forth information contained in the books and records of the Company and any other matters deemed appropriate by the Managing Member. Such schedules shall be for information purposes only and shall not be deemed to be part of this Agreement for any purpose whatsoever.

Section 9.2 <u>Governing Law; Disputes</u>. (a) THIS AGREEMENT IS GOVERNED BY AND SHALL BE CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, EXCLUDING ANY CONFLICT OF LAWS RULE OR PRINCIPLE THAT MIGHT REFER THE GOVERNANCE OR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS AGREEMENT TO THE LAW OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION.

(b) Any dispute, controversy or claim solely arising out of, relating to or in connection with the rights or obligations of the Class A Member vis-à-vis any of the Class B Members shall be finally settled by arbitration. The arbitration shall take place in Wilmington, Delaware and be conducted in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association (the "<u>AAA</u>") then in effect (except as they may be modified by mutual agreement of the Class A Member and the affected Class B Member). The arbitration shall be conducted by three neutral, impartial and independent arbitrators, who shall be appointed by the AAA, at least one of whom shall be a retired judge or a senior partner at one of the nationally recognized Delaware-based law firms. The arbitration award shall be final and binding on the parties. Judgment upon the award may be entered by any court having jurisdiction thereof or having jurisdiction over the relevant party or its assets. The costs of the arbitration shall be borne by the Company. Performance under this Agreement shall continue if reasonably possible during any arbitration proceedings. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the parties hereto may bring an action or special proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction for the purpose of compelling a party to arbitrate and/or seeking temporary or preliminary relief in aid of an arbitration hereunder.

(c) Each party agrees that it shall bring any action, suit, demand or proceeding (including counterclaims) in respect of any claim arising out of or related to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby, exclusively in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware or any Delaware State court, in



each case, sitting in the City of Wilmington, Delaware (the "<u>Chosen Courts</u>"), and solely in connection with claims arising under this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby (i) irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Chosen Courts, (ii) waives any objection to laying venue in any such action, suit, demand or proceeding in the Chosen Courts, (iii) waives any objection that the Chosen Courts are an inconvenient forum or do not have jurisdiction over any Party and (iv) agrees that service of process upon such party in any such action, suit, demand or proceeding shall be effective if notice is given in accordance with <u>Section 9.5</u>.

(d) EACH PARTY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, SUIT, DEMAND OR PROCEEDING (INCLUDING COUNTERCLAIMS) ARISING OUT OF OR RELATED TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

Section 9.3 <u>Parties in Interest</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective Successors in Interest; <u>provided</u> that no Person claiming by, through or under a Member (whether as such Member's Successor in Interest or otherwise), as distinct from such Member itself, shall have any rights as, or in respect to, a Member (including the right to approve or vote on any matter or to notice thereof), and nothing in this Agreement (express or implied) is intended to confer upon any other Person any rights or remedies of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

Section 9.4 Amendments and Waivers. This Agreement may be amended, supplemented, waived or modified by the written consent of the Managing Member in its sole discretion without the approval of any other Member or other Person; provided that except as otherwise provided herein (including, without limitation, in Section 3.2), no amendment may (i) modify the limited liability of any Member, or increase the liabilities or obligations of any Member, in each case, without the consent of each such affected Member; or (ii) materially and adversely affect the rights of a holder of Class A Units or Class B Units, in their capacity as holders of Class A Units or Class B Units, in relation to other classes of Equity Securities of the Company, without the consent of the holders of a majority of such classes of Units; and provided, further that so long as the Managing Member is Yield, any such amendment, supplement or waiver must be approved by a majority of Yield's independent directors (as determined in accordance with the applicable listing rules of the exchange on which Yield's common stock is listed as of the time of such amendment, supplement or waiver). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Managing Member may, without the written consent of any other Member or any other Person, amend, supplement, waive or modify any provision of this Agreement and execute, swear to, acknowledge, deliver, file and record whatever documents may be required in connection therewith, to: (1) reflect any amendment, supplement, waiver or modification that the Managing Member determines to be necessary or appropriate in connection with the creation, authorization or issuance of any Class of Units or other Equity Securities in the Company or other Company securities in accordance with this Agreement; (2) reflect the admission, substitution, withdrawal or removal of Members in accordance with this Agreement; (3) reflect a change in the name of the Company, the location of the principal place of business of the Company, the registered agent of the Company or the registered office of the Company; (4) reflect any amendment, supplement, waiver or modification that the Managing Member determines in its sole discretion to be necessary or appropriate to address changes in tax laws; (5) reflect a change in the Fiscal Year or taxable year of the Company and any other changes that the Managing Member determines to be necessary or appropriate as a result of a change in the Fiscal Year or taxable year of the Company, including a change in the dates on which distributions are to be made by the Company; or (6) cure any ambiguity, mistake, defect or inconsistency; provided further, that the books and records of the Company (including the Schedule of Members) shall be deemed amended from time to reflect the admission of a new Member, the withdrawal or resignation of a Member, the adjustment of the Units or other interests in the Company resulting from any issuance, Transfer or other disposition of Units or other interests in the Company, in each case that is made in accordance with the provisions hereof. If an amendment has been approved in accordance with this Agreement, such amendment shall be adopted and effective with respect to all Members. Upon obtaining such approvals as may be required by this Agreement, and without further action or execution on the part of any other Member or other Person, any amendment to this Agreement may be implemented and reflected in a writing executed solely by the Managing Member and the other Members shall be deemed a party to and bound by such amendment.

No failure or delay by any party in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder (other than a failure or delay beyond a period of time specified herein) shall operate as a waiver thereof nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power or privilege.

The rights and remedies herein provided shall be cumulative and not exclusive of any rights or remedies provided by law.

Section 9.5 <u>Notices</u>. Whenever notice is required or permitted by this Agreement to be given, such notice shall be in writing and shall be given to any Member at such Member's address or facsimile number shown in the Company's books and records, or, if given to the Company, at the following address:

NRG Yield LLC 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 Attention: General Counsel Fax: (609) 524-4501

With a copy (which shall not constitute notice to the Company) to:

Kirkland & Ellis LLP 300 North LaSalle Chicago, Illinois 60654 Attention: Gerald T. Nowak, P.C. Facsimile: (312) 862-2000

Each proper notice shall be effective upon any of the following: (a) personal delivery to the recipient, (b) when sent by facsimile to the recipient (with confirmation of receipt), (c) one Business Day after being sent to the recipient by reputable overnight courier service (charges prepaid) or (d) three Business Days after being deposited in the mails (first class or airmail postage prepaid).

Section 9.6 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed simultaneously in two or more separate counterparts, any one of which need not contain the signatures of more than one party, but each of which shall be an original and all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement binding on all the parties hereto.

Section 9.7 <u>Power of Attorney</u>. Each Member hereby irrevocably appoints the Managing Member as such Member's true and lawful representative and attorney in fact, each acting alone, in such Member's name, place and stead, (a) to make, execute, sign and file all instruments, documents and certificates which, from time to time, may be required to set forth any amendment to this Agreement or which may be required by this Agreement or by the laws of the United States of America, the State of Delaware or any other state in which the Company shall determine to do business, or any political subdivision or agency thereof and (b) to execute, implement and continue the valid and subsisting existence of the Company or to qualify and continue the Company as a foreign limited liability company in all jurisdictions in which the Company may conduct business. Such power of attorney is coupled with an interest and shall survive and continue in full force and effect notwithstanding the subsequent withdrawal from the Company of any Member for any reason and shall survive and shall not be affected by the disability, incapacity, bankruptcy or dissolution of such Member. No power of attorney granted in this Agreement shall revoke any previously granted power of attorney.

Section 9.8 Entire Agreement. This Agreement, the Exchange Agreement and the other documents and agreements referred to herein or entered into concurrently herewith embody the entire agreement and understanding of the parties hereto in respect of the subject matter contained herein; provided that such other agreements and documents shall not be deemed to be a part of, a modification of or an amendment to this Agreement. There are no restrictions, promises, representations, warranties, covenants or undertakings, other than those expressly set forth or referred to herein. This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings between the parties with respect to such subject matter, including the Original LLC Agreement.

Section 9.9 <u>Remedies</u>. Each Member shall have all rights and remedies set forth in this Agreement and all rights and remedies that such Person has been granted at any time under any other agreement or contract and all of the rights that such Person has under any applicable law. Any Person having any rights under any provision of this Agreement or any other agreements contemplated hereby shall be entitled to enforce such rights specifically

(without posting a bond or other security) to recover damages by reason of any breach of any provision of this Agreement and to exercise all other rights granted by applicable law.

Section 9.10 <u>Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under any applicable law or rule in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision or any other jurisdiction, but this Agreement shall be reformed, construed and enforced in such jurisdiction as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

Section 9.11 <u>Creditors</u>. None of the provisions of this Agreement shall be for the benefit of or enforceable by any creditors of the Company or any of its Affiliates, and no creditor who makes a loan to the Company or any of its Affiliates may have or acquire (except pursuant to the terms of a separate agreement executed by the Company in favor of such creditor) at any time as a result of making the loan any direct or indirect interest in Company profits, losses, distributions, capital or property other than as a secured creditor.

Section 9.12 <u>Waiver</u>. No failure by any party to insist upon the strict performance of any covenant, duty, agreement or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof shall constitute a waiver of any such breach or any other covenant, duty, agreement or condition.

Section 9.13 <u>Further Action</u>. The parties agree to execute and deliver all documents, provide all information and take or refrain from taking such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Agreement.

Section 9.14 <u>Delivery by Facsimile or Email</u>. This Agreement, the agreements referred to herein, and each other agreement or instrument entered into in connection herewith or therewith or contemplated hereby or thereby, and any amendments hereto or thereto, to the extent signed and delivered by means of a facsimile machine or email with scan or facsimile attachment, shall be treated in all manner and respects as an original agreement or instrument and shall be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. At the request of any party hereto or to any such agreement or instrument, each other party hereto or thereto shall re execute original forms thereof and deliver them to all other parties. No party hereto or to any such agreement or instrument shall raise the use of a facsimile machine or email to deliver a signature or the fact that any signature or agreement or instrument was transmitted or communicated through the use of a facsimile machine or email as a defense to the formation or enforceability of a contract, and each such party forever waives any such defense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement.

MANAGING MEMBER

NRG YIELD, INC.

By: /s/ G. Gary Garcia

Name:G. Gary GarciaTitle:Vice President and Treasurer

OTHER MEMBERS

NRG ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Brian E. Curci Name: H

Title:

Brian E. Curci Secretary

[Signature Page to Second A&R Yield LLC Agreement]

EXHIBIT A

Adoption Agreement

This Adoption Agreement is executed by the undersigned pursuant to the Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of NRG Yield LLC (the "<u>Company</u>"), dated as of July 22, 2013, as amended, restated or supplemented from time to time, a copy of which is attached hereto and is incorporated herein by reference (the "<u>Agreement</u>"). By the execution of this Adoption Agreement, the undersigned agrees as follows:

1. <u>Acknowledgment</u>. The undersigned acknowledges that he/she is acquiring [] Class B Units of the Company as a Class B Member, subject to the terms and conditions of the Agreement (including the Exhibits thereto), as amended from time to time. Capitalized terms used herein without definition are defined in the Agreement and are used herein with the same meanings set forth therein.

2. <u>Agreement</u>. The undersigned hereby joins in, and agrees to be bound by, subject to, and enjoy the benefit of the applicable rights set forth in, the Agreement (including the Exhibits thereto), as amended from time to time, with the same force and effect as if he/she were originally a party thereto.

3. <u>Notice</u>. Any notice required or permitted by the Agreement shall be given to the undersigned at the address listed below.

EXECUTED AND DATED on this day of , 20 .

[Name]

Notice Address:

Facsimile:

Exhibit 10.1

Execution Version

NRG YIELD, INC.

REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

July 22, 2013

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NRG YIELD, INC.

REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

THIS REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made as of July 22, 2013, between NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>NRG</u>"). Except as otherwise specified herein, all capitalized terms used in this Agreement are defined in <u>Section 1</u>. This Agreement shall become effective immediately prior to the consummation of the initial public offering of the Company's Class A Common Stock on the date first above written (the "<u>Effective Time</u>").

WHEREAS, as of the date hereof, NRG owns all of the outstanding shares of the Company's Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and all of the outstanding common units of NRG Yield, LLC ("<u>Yield LLC</u>"), an indirect subsidiary of the Company;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Second Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of Yield LLC (the "<u>Yield Operating Agreement</u>"), the common units of Yield LLC held by NRG will be reclassified into Class B common units of Yield and such units, in accordance with the terms of the related Exchange Agreement dated as of the date hereof (the "<u>Exchange Agreement</u>") by and among NRG, the Company and Yield LLC and the Yield Operating Agreement, will be exchangeable into shares of the Company's Class A common stock;

WHEREAS, NRG is contemplating causing the Company to make an initial public offering of shares of the Company's Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of NRG agreeing to undertake an initial public offering of the Company's Class A common stock, the Company has agreed to grant to NRG rights with respect to the registration of the Registrable Securities (as defined below) held by NRG as of the Effective Time on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties to this Agreement hereby agree as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. The following terms shall have the meanings set forth below.

"Acquired Common" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.

"Affiliate" of any Person means any other Person controlled by, controlling or under common control with such Person; provided that the Company and its Subsidiaries shall not be deemed to be Affiliates of any holder of Registrable Securities. As used in this definition, "control" (including, with its correlative meanings, "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with") shall mean possession, directly or indirectly, of power to direct or cause

the direction of management or policies (whether through ownership of securities, by contract or otherwise).

"Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the recitals.

"Automatic Shelf Registration Statement" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(a).

"<u>Capital Stock</u>" means (i) with respect to any Person that is a corporation, any and all shares, interests or equivalents in capital stock of such corporation (whether voting or nonvoting and whether common or preferred) and (ii) with respect to any Person that is not a corporation, individual or governmental entity, any and all partnership, membership, limited liability company or other equity interests of such Person that confer on the holder thereof the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or the distribution of assets of, the issuing Person, including in each case any and all warrants, rights (including conversion and exchange rights) and options to purchase any of the foregoing.

"Closing" has the meaning set forth in the Purchase Agreement.

"Common Stock" means the Company's Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

"Company" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"<u>Contribution Agreements</u>" means (i) that certain Contribution Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, by and between Yield LLC and NRG and (ii) that certain Contribution Agreement, dated as of the date hereof, by and among NRG Yield Operating LLC, NRG Solar PV LLC, NRG Solar Ventures, NRG Solar Sunrise LLC, NRG Thermal Solar LLC, NRG Connecticut Peaking Development LLC, NRG Solar LLC, NRG Repowering Holdings LLC, and NRG.

"Demand Registrations" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(a).

"End of Suspension Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(f)(ii).

"Effective Time" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, or any successor federal law then in force, together with all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Exchange Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the preamble.

"FINRA" means the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority.

"Follow-On Holdback Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(a)(ii).

"Free Writing Prospectus" means a free-writing prospectus, as defined in Rule 405.

"Holdback Extension" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(a)(iii).

"Holdback Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(a)(ii).

"Holder" means a holder of Registrable Securities.

"Indemnified Parties" has the meaning set forth in Section 7(a).

"Joinder" has the meaning set forth in Section 9.

"Long-Form Registrations" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(a).

"<u>Person</u>" means an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a limited liability company, an association, a joint stock company, a trust, a joint venture, an unincorporated organization and a governmental entity or any department, agency or political subdivision thereof.

"Piggyback Registrations" has the meaning set forth in Section 3(a).

"Public Offering" means any sale or distribution by the Company and/or holders of Registrable Securities to the public of Common Stock of the Company pursuant to an offering registered under the Securities Act.

"Registrable Securities" means (i) any Common Stock issuable upon the exchange of Class B common units of Yield LLC held by NRG or its Affiliates in accordance with the terms of the Exchange Agreement; (ii) any Capital Stock of the Company or any Subsidiary issued or issuable with respect to the securities referred to in <u>clause (i)</u> above by way of dividend, distribution, split or combination of securities, or any recapitalization, merger, consolidation or other reorganization; and (iii) any other Common Stock held by NRG and its Affiliates. As to any particular Registrable Securities, such securities shall cease to be Registrable Securities when they have been (a) sold or distributed pursuant to a Public Offering, (b) sold in compliance with Rule 144 following the consummation of the Company's initial Public Offering, or (c) repurchased by the Company or a Subsidiary of the Company. For purposes of this Agreement, a Person shall be deemed to be a holder of Registrable Securities (upon conversion or exercise in connection with a transfer of securities or otherwise, but disregarding any restrictions or limitations upon the exercise of such right), whether or not such acquisition has actually been effected, and such Person shall be entitled to exercise the rights of a holder of Registrable Securities hereunder; <u>provided</u> a holder of Registrable Securities may only request that Registrable Securities in the form of Capital Stock of the Company registered or to be registered as a class under Section 12 of the Exchange Act be registrable Securities held by any Person (other than NRG and its Affiliates) that may be sold under Rule 144(b)(1)(i) without limitation under any other of the requirements of Rule 144 shall not be deemed to be Registrable Securities upon notice from the Company to such Person and the Company shall, at such Person's request, remove the legend provided for in <u>Section 12</u>.

"Registration Expenses" has the meaning set forth in Section 6(a).

"<u>Rule 144</u>", "<u>Rule 158</u>", "<u>Rule 405</u>", "<u>Rule 415</u>" and "<u>Rule 462</u>" mean, in each case, such rule promulgated under the Securities Act (or any successor provision) by the Securities and Exchange Commission, as the same shall be amended from time to time, or any successor rule then in force.

"Sale Transaction" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(a).

"Securities" has the meaning set forth in Section 4(a).

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended from time to time, or any successor federal law then in force, together with all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Shelf Offering" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(d)(ii).

"Shelf Offering Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(d)(ii).

"Shelf Offering Request" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(d)(ii).

"Shelf Registration" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(a).

"Shelf Registrable Securities" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(d)(ii).

"Shelf Registration Statement" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(d)(i).

"Short-Form Registrations" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(a).

"Subsidiary" means, with respect to the Company, any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association or other business entity of which (i) if a corporation, a majority of the total voting power of shares of stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Company or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of the Company or a combination thereof, or (ii) if a limited liability company, partnership, association or other business entity, a majority of the limited liability company, partnership or other similar ownership interest thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Company or one or more Subsidiaries of the Company or a combination thereof. For purposes hereof, a Person or Persons shall be deemed to have a majority ownership interest in a limited liability company, partnership, association or other business entity if such Person or Persons shall be allocated a majority of limited liability company, partnership, association or other business entity gains or losses or shall be or control the managing director or general partner of such limited liability company, partnership, association or other business entity.

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"Suspension Event" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(f)(ii).

"Suspension Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(f)(ii).

"Suspension Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 5(a)(xxiii).

"Underwritten Takedown" has the meaning set forth in Section 2(d)(ii).

"Violation" has the meaning set forth in Section 7(a).

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

Section 2. Demand Registrations.

(a) <u>Requests for Registration</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the holders of at least a majority of the Registrable Securities may request registration under the Securities Act of all or any portion of their Registrable Securities on Form S-1 or any similar long-form registration ("Long-Form Registrations"), and the holders of at least a majority of the Registrable Securities may request registration under the Securities Act of all or any portion of their Registrable Securities on Form S-3 or any similar short-form registration ("Short-Form Registrations") if available. All registrations requested pursuant to this Section 2(a) are referred to herein as "Demand Registrations". The holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities making a Demand Registration may request that the registration be made pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act (a " Shelf Registration") and, if the Company is a WKSI at the time any request for a Demand Registration is submitted to the Company, that such Shelf Registration be an automatic shelf registration statement (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) (an "Automatic Shelf Registration Statement"). Within ten days after the filing of the registration statement relating to the Demand Registration, the Company shall give written notice of the Demand Registration to all other holders of Registrable Securities and, subject to the terms of Section 2(e), shall include in such Demand Registration (and in all related registrations and qualifications under state blue sky laws and in any related underwriting) all Registrable Securities with respect to which the Company has received written requests for inclusion therein within 15 days after the receipt of the Company's notice: provided that, with the consent of the holders of at least a majority of the Registrable Securities requesting such registration. the Company may provide notice of the Demand Registration to all other holders of Registrable Securities within three business days following the nonconfidential filing of the registration statement with respect to the Demand Registration so long as such registration statement is not an Automatic Shelf Registration Statement. Each Holder agrees that such Holder shall treat as confidential the receipt of the notice of Demand Registration and shall not disclose or use the information contained in such notice of Demand Registration without the prior written consent of the Company until such time as the information contained therein is or becomes available to the public generally, other than as a result of disclosure by the Holder in breach of the terms of this Agreement.

(b) <u>Long-Form Registrations</u>. The holders of Registrable Securities shall be entitled to an unlimited number of Long-Form Registrations in which the Company shall pay all Registration Expenses (as defined in <u>Section 6(a)</u>), whether or not any such registration is consummated. All Long-Form Registrations shall be underwritten registrations.

(c) <u>Short-Form Registrations</u>. In addition to the Long-Form Registrations provided pursuant to <u>Section 2(b)</u>, the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities shall be



entitled to an unlimited number of Short-Form Registrations in which the Company shall pay all Registration Expenses. Demand Registrations shall be Short-Form Registrations whenever the Company is permitted to use any applicable short form and if the managing underwriters (if any) agree to the use of a Short-Form Registration. After the Company has become subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to make Short-Form Registrations available for the sale of Registrable Securities.

(d) Shelf Registrations.

(i) Subject to the availability of required financial information, as promptly as practicable after the Company receives written notice of a request for a Shelf Registration, the Company shall file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement under the Securities Act for the Shelf Registration (a "<u>Shelf Registration Statement</u>"). The Company shall use its best efforts to cause any Shelf Registration Statement to be declared effective under the Securities Act as soon as practicable after filing, and once effective, the Company shall cause such Shelf Registration Statement to remain continuously effective for such time period as is specified in such request, but for no time period longer than the period ending on the earliest of (A) the third anniversary of the date of filing of such Shelf Registration, (B) the date on which all Registrable Securities covered by such Shelf Registration have been sold pursuant to the Shelf Registration, and (C) the date as of which there are no longer any Registrable Securities covered by such Shelf Registration in existence. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, unless NRG instructs the Company otherwise in writing, prior to expiration of the Holdback Period, the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to prepare a Shelf Registration Statement with respect to all of the Registrable Securities specified in writing by NRG) to enable such Shelf Registration Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as soon as practicable after the expiration of the Holdback Period.

(ii) In the event that a Shelf Registration Statement is effective, the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such Shelf Registration Statement shall have the right at any time or from time to time to elect to sell pursuant to an offering (including an underwritten offering (an "<u>Underwritten Takedown</u>")) Registrable Securities available for sale pursuant to such registration statement ("<u>Shelf Registrable Securities</u>"), so long as the Shelf Registration Statement remains in effect, and the Company shall pay all Registration Expenses in connection therewith. The holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such Shelf Registration Statement shall make such election by delivering to the Company a written request (a "<u>Shelf Offering Request</u>") for such offering specifying the number of Shelf Registrable Securities that the holders desire to sell pursuant to such offering (the "<u>Shelf Offering</u>"). As promptly as practicable, but no later than two business days after receipt of a Shelf Offering Request, the Company shall give written notice (the "<u>Shelf Offering Notice</u>") of such Shelf Offering Request to all other holders of Shelf Registrable Securities. The Company, subject to <u>Sections 1(e) and 8</u> hereof, shall include in such Shelf Offering the Shelf Registrable Securities of any other holder of Shelf Registrable Securities that shall have made a written request to the Company for inclusion in such Shelf Offering (which

request shall specify the maximum number of Shelf Registrable Securities intended to be disposed of by such Holder) within seven days after the receipt of the Shelf Offering Notice. The Company shall, as expeditiously as possible (and in any event within 20 days after the receipt of a Shelf Offering Request, unless a longer period is agreed to by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities that made the Shelf Offering Request), use its best efforts to facilitate such Shelf Offering. Each Holder agrees that such Holder shall treat as confidential the receipt of the Shelf Offering Notice and shall not disclose or use the information contained in such Shelf Offering Notice without the prior written consent of the Company until such time as the information contained therein is or becomes available to the public generally, other than as a result of disclosure by the Holder in breach of the terms of this Agreement.

(iii) Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities wish to engage in an underwritten block trade off of a Shelf Registration Statement (either through filing an Automatic Shelf Registration Statement or through a take-down from an already existing Shelf Registration Statement), then notwithstanding the foregoing time periods, such Holders only need to notify the Company of the block trade Shelf Offering two business days prior to the day such offering is to commence (unless a longer period is agreed to by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities wishing to engage in the underwritten block trade) and the Company shall promptly notify other holders of Registrable Securities and such other holders of Registrable Securities must elect whether or not to participate by the next business day (*i.e.* one business day prior to the day such offering is to commence) (unless a longer period is agreed to by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities wishing to engage in the underwritten block trade) and the Company shall promptly notify other securities wishing to engage in the underwritten block trade) and the Company shall as expeditiously as possible use its best efforts to facilitate such offering (which may close as early as three business days after the date it commences); provided that the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities shall use commercially reasonable efforts to work with the Company and the underwriters prior to making such request in order to facilitate preparation of the registration statement, prospectus and other offering documentation related to the underwritten block trade.

(iv) The Company shall, at the request of the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by a Shelf Registration Statement, file any prospectus supplement or, if the applicable Shelf Registration Statement is an Automatic Shelf Registration Statement, any post-effective amendments and otherwise take any action necessary to include therein all disclosure and language deemed necessary or advisable by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities to effect such Shelf Offering.

(e) <u>Priority on Demand Registrations and Shelf Offerings</u>. The Company shall not include in any Demand Registration or Shelf Offering any securities that are not Registrable Securities without the prior written consent of the holders of at least a majority of the Registrable Securities included in such registration. If a Demand Registration or a Shelf Offering is an underwritten offering and the managing underwriters advise the Company in writing that in their opinion the number of Registrable Securities and, if permitted hereunder, other securities requested to be included in such offering exceeds the number of Registrable Securities, if any, which can be sold therein without adversely affecting the marketability,

proposed offering price, timing or method of distribution of the offering, the Company shall include in such offering prior to the inclusion of any securities which are not Registrable Securities the number of Registrable Securities requested to be included which, in the opinion of such underwriters, can be sold, without any such adverse effect, pro rata among the respective holders thereof on the basis of the amount of Registrable Securities owned by each such holder. Alternatively, if the number of Registrable Securities which can be included on a Shelf Registration Statement is otherwise limited by Instruction I.B.6 to Form S-3 (or any successor provision thereto), the Company shall include in such offering prior to the inclusion of any securities which are not Registrable Securities requested to be included which can be included on such Shelf Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Form S-3, pro rata among the respective holders thereof on the basis of the amount of Registrable Securities owned by each such holder.

(f) <u>Restrictions on Demand Registration and Shelf Offerings</u>

The Company shall not be obligated to affect any Demand Registration within 90 days after the effective date of a previous Demand Registration or a previous registration in which Registrable Securities were included pursuant to Section 3 and in which there was no reduction in the number of Registrable Securities requested to be included. The Company may, with the consent of the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities, postpone, for up to 60 days from the date of the request, the filing or the effectiveness of a registration statement for a Demand Registration or suspend the use of a prospectus that is part of a Shelf Registration Statement for up to 60 days from the date of the Suspension Notice (and defined below) and therefore suspend sales of the Shelf Registrable Securities (such period, the "Suspension Period") by providing written notice to the holders of Registrable Securities if (A) the Company's board of directors determines in its reasonable good faith judgment that the offer or sale of Registrable Securities would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on any proposal or plan by the Company or any Subsidiary to engage in any material acquisition of assets or stock (other than in the ordinary course of business) or any material merger, consolidation, tender offer, recapitalization, reorganization or other transaction involving the Company and (B) upon advice of counsel, the sale of Registrable Securities pursuant to the registration statement would require disclosure of non-public material information not otherwise required to be disclosed under applicable law, and (C) (x) the Company has a bona fide business purpose for preserving the confidentiality of such transaction or (y) disclosure would have a material adverse effect on the Company or the Company's ability to consummate such transaction; provided that in such event, the holders of Registrable Securities shall be entitled to withdraw such request for a Demand Registration or underwritten Shelf Offering and the Company shall pay all Registration Expenses in connection with such Demand Registration or Shelf Offering. The Company may delay a Demand Registration hereunder only once in any twelve-month period. The Company may extend the Suspension Period for an additional consecutive 60 days with the consent of the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

(ii) In the case of an event that causes the Company to suspend the use of a Shelf Registration Statement as set forth in paragraph (f)(i) above or pursuant to Section 5(a)(vi) (a "Suspension Event"), the Company shall give a notice to the holders

of Registrable Securities registered pursuant to such Shelf Registration Statement (a "<u>Suspension Notice</u>") to suspend sales of the Registrable Securities and such notice shall state generally the basis for the notice and that such suspension shall continue only for so long as the Suspension Event or its effect is continuing. A Holder shall not effect any sales of the Registrable Securities pursuant to such Shelf Registration Statement (or such filings) at any time after it has received a Suspension Notice from the Company and prior to receipt of an End of Suspension Notice (as defined below). Each Holder agrees that such Holder shall treat as confidential the receipt of the Suspension Notice and shall not disclose or use the information contained in such Suspension Notice without the prior written consent of the Company until such time as the information contained therein is or becomes available to the public generally, other than as a result of disclosure by the Holder in breach of the terms of this Agreement. The Holders may recommence effecting sales of the Registrable Securities pursuant to the Shelf Registration Statement (or such filings) following further written notice to such effect (an "<u>End of Suspension Notice</u>") from the Company, which End of Suspension Notice shall be given by the Company to the Holders and to the Holders' Counsel, if any, promptly following the conclusion of any Suspension Event and its effect.

(iii) Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary, if the Company shall give a Suspension Notice with respect to any Shelf Registration Statement pursuant to this Section 2(f), the Company agrees that it shall extend the period of time during which such Shelf Registration Statement shall be maintained effective pursuant to this Agreement by the number of days during the period from the date of receipt by the Holders of the Suspension Notice to and including the date of receipt by the Holders of the End of Suspension Notice and provide copies of the supplemented or amended prospectus necessary to resume sales, with respect to each Suspension Event; provided that such period of time shall not be extended beyond the date that there are no longer Registrable Securities covered by such Shelf Registration Statement.

(g) <u>Selection of Underwriters</u>. The holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities included in any Demand Registration shall have the right to select the investment banker(s) and manager(s) to administer the offering, subject to the Company's approval which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed. If any Shelf Offering is an Underwritten Offering, the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities participating in such Underwritten Offering shall have the right to select the investment banker(s) and manager(s) to administer the offering relating to such Shelf Offering, subject to the Company's approval, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

(h) <u>Other Registration Rights</u>. Except as provided in this Agreement, the Company shall not grant to any Persons the right to request the Company or any Subsidiary to register any Capital Stock of the Company or any Subsidiary, or any securities convertible or exchangeable into or exercisable for such securities, without the prior written consent of the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities.

Section 3. Piggyback Registrations.

(a) <u>Right to Piggyback</u>. Whenever the Company proposes to register any of its securities under the Securities Act (other than (i) pursuant to a Demand Registration, (ii) in connection with registrations on Form S-4 or S-8 promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission or any successor or similar forms or (iii) a registration on any form that does not include substantially the same information as would be required to be included in a registration statement covering the sale of Registrable Securities), and the registration form to be used may be used for the registration of Registrable Securities (a "<u>Piggyback Registration</u>"), the Company shall give prompt written notice (in any event within three business days after its receipt of notice of any exercise of demand registration rights other than under this Agreement and, subject to the terms of <u>Section 3(c)</u> and <u>Section 3(d)</u>, shall include in such Piggyback Registration (and in all related registrations or qualifications under blue sky laws and in any related underwriting) all Registrable Securities with respect to which the Company has received written requests for inclusion therein within 20 days after delivery of the Company's notice.

(b) <u>Piggyback Expenses</u>. The Registration Expenses of the holders of Registrable Securities shall be paid by the Company in all Piggyback Registrations, whether or not any such registration became effective.

(c) <u>Priority on Primary Registrations</u>. If a Piggyback Registration is an underwritten primary registration on behalf of the Company, and the managing underwriters advise the Company in writing that in their opinion the number of securities requested to be included in such registration exceeds the number which can be sold in such offering without adversely affecting the marketability, proposed offering price, timing or method of distribution of the offering, the Company shall include in such registration (i) first, the securities the Company proposes to sell, (ii) second, the Registrable Securities requested to be included in such registration which, in the opinion of the underwriters, can be sold without any such adverse effect, pro rata among the holders of such registration which, in the opinion of the underwriters, can be sold without any such adverse effect. Registrable Securities requested to be included in such registration which, in the opinion of the underwriters, can be sold without any such adverse effect. Registrable Securities requested to be included in such registration which, in the opinion of the underwriters, can be sold without any such adverse effect. Registrable Securities beneficially owned by any officer of the Company shall not be eligible to be included in any primary offering of Common Stock without the Company's consent.

(d) <u>Priority on Secondary Registrations</u>. If a Piggyback Registration is an underwritten secondary registration on behalf of holders of the Company's securities, and the managing underwriters advise the Company in writing that in their opinion the number of securities requested to be included in such registration exceeds the number which can be sold in such offering without adversely affecting the marketability, proposed offering price, timing or method of distribution of the offering, the Company shall include in such registration (i) first, the securities requested to be included therein by the holders initially requesting such registration and the Registrable Securities requested to be included in such registration which, in the opinion of the underwriters, can be sold without any such adverse effect, pro rata among the holders of such securities on the basis of the number of securities owned by such Holder, and (ii) second, other securities requested to be included in such registration which, in the opinion of the underwriters, can be sold without any such adverse effect.

(e) <u>Selection of Underwriters</u>. If any Piggyback Registration is an underwritten offering, the selection of investment banker(s) and manager(s) for the offering must be approved by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities included in such Piggyback Registration. Such approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.

(f) <u>Right to Terminate Registration</u>. The Company shall have the right to terminate or withdraw any registration initiated by it under this <u>Section 3</u> whether or not any holder of Registrable Securities has elected to include securities in such registration. The Registration Expenses of such withdrawn registration shall be borne by the Company in accordance with <u>Section 6</u>.

Section 4. Holdback Agreements.

(a) <u>Holders of Registrable Securities</u>. If required by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities, each holder of Registrable Securities shall enter into lock-up agreements with the managing underwriter(s) of an underwritten Public Offering in such form as agreed to by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities participating in such Public Offering. In the absence of any such lock-up agreement, each holder of Registrable Securities agrees as follows:

(i) in connection with the Company's initial Public Offering, such Holder shall not (A) offer, sell, contract to sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of (including sales pursuant to Rule 144), directly or indirectly, any Capital Stock of the Company or Yield LLC (including Capital Stock of the Company or Yield LLC that may be deemed to be owned beneficially by such holder in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission) (collectively, "Securities"), (B) enter into a transaction which would have the same effect as described in clause (A) above, (C) enter into any swap, hedge or other arrangement that transfers, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences or ownership of any Securities, whether such transaction is to be settled by delivery of such Securities, in cash or otherwise (each of (A), (B) and (C) above, a "Sale Transaction"), or (D) publicly disclose the intention to enter into any Sale Transaction, commencing on the earlier of the date on which the Company gives notice to the holders of Registrable Securities that a preliminary prospectus has been circulated for such initial Public Offering or the "pricing" of such offering and continuing to the date that is 180 days following the date of the final prospectus for such initial Public Offering (the "Holdback Period"), unless the underwriters managing the Public Offering otherwise agree in writing;

(ii) in connection with all underwritten Public Offerings (including the Company's initial Public Offering), such Holder shall not effect any Sale Transaction commencing on the earlier of the date on which the Company gives notice to the holders of Registrable Securities of the circulation of a preliminary or final prospectus for such Public Offering or the "pricing" of such offering and continuing to the date that is 90 days following the date of the final prospectus for such Public Offering (a "<u>Follow-On Holdback Period</u>"), unless, if an underwritten Public Offering, the underwriters managing the Public Offering otherwise agree in writing; and

(iii) in the event that (A) the Company issues an earnings release or discloses other material information or a material event relating to the Company and its Subsidiaries occurs during the last 17 days of the Holdback Period or any Follow-On Holdback Period (as applicable) or (B) prior to the expiration of the Holdback Period or any Follow-On Holdback Period (as applicable), the Company announces that it will release earnings results during the 16-day period beginning upon the expiration of such period, then to the extent necessary for a managing or comanaging underwriter of a registered offering hereunder to comply with FINRA Rule 2711(f)(4), if agreed to by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities selling in such Underwritten Offering, the Holdback Period or the Follow-On Holdback Period (as applicable) shall be extended until 18 days after the earnings release or disclosure of other material information or the occurrence of the material event, as the case may be (a "Holdback Extension").

The Company may impose stop-transfer instructions with respect to the shares of Common Stock and units of Yield LLC (or other securities) subject to the restrictions set forth in this Section 4(a) until the end of such period, including any Holdback Extension.

(b) <u>The Company</u>. The Company (i) shall not file any registration statement for a Public Offering or cause any such registration statement to become effective, or effect any public sale or distribution of its equity securities, or any securities, options or rights convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for such securities (including any Class B common units of Yield LLC) during any Holdback Period or Follow-On Holdback Period (as extended during any Holdback Extension), and (ii) shall use its best efforts to cause (A) each holder of at least one percent (1%) (on a fully-diluted basis) of its Common Stock, or any securities convertible into or exchangeable or exercisable for Common Stock (including Class B common units of Yield LLC), purchased from the Company or Yield LLC, as applicable, at any time after the date of this Agreement (other than in a Public Offering) and (B) each of its directors and executive officers to agree not to effect any Sale Transaction during any Holdback Period or Follow-On Holdback Period (as extended during any Holdback Extension), except as part of such underwritten registration, if otherwise permitted, unless the underwriters managing the Public Offering otherwise agree in writing.

Section 5. Registration Procedures.

(a) Whenever the holders of Registrable Securities have requested that any Registrable Securities be registered pursuant to this Agreement or have initiated a Shelf Offering, (i) such holders shall, if applicable, cause such Registrable Securities to be exchanged into shares of Common Stock in accordance with the terms of the Exchange Agreement prior to sale of such Registrable Securities and (ii) the Company shall use its reasonable best efforts to effect the registration and the sale of such Registrable Securities in accordance with the intended method of disposition thereof held by a holder of Registrable Securities requesting registration, and pursuant thereto the Company shall as expeditiously as possible:

(i) in accordance with the Securities Act and all applicable rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, prepare and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission a registration statement, and all amendments and supplements thereto and related prospectuses, with respect to such Registrable Securities and use its reasonable

best efforts to cause such registration statement to become effective (provided that before filing a registration statement or prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto, the Company shall furnish to the counsel selected by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement copies of all such documents proposed to be filed, which documents shall be subject to the review and comment of such counsel);

(ii) notify each holder of Registrable Securities of (A) the issuance by the Securities and Exchange Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of any registration statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose, (B) the receipt by the Company or its counsel of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification of the Registrable Securities for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose, and (C) the effectiveness of each registration statement filed hereunder;

(iii) prepare and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission such amendments and supplements to such registration statement and the prospectus used in connection therewith as may be necessary to keep such registration statement effective for a period ending when all of the securities covered by such registration statement have been disposed of in accordance with the intended methods of distribution by the sellers thereof set forth in such registration statement (but not in any event before the expiration of any longer period required under the Securities Act or, if such registration statement relates to an underwritten Public Offering, such longer period as in the opinion of counsel for the underwriters a prospectus is required by law to be delivered in connection with sale of Registrable Securities by an underwriter or dealer) and comply with the provisions of the Securities Act with respect to the disposition of all securities covered by such registration statement during such period in accordance with the intended methods of disposition by the sellers thereof set forth in such registration statement during such period in accordance with the intended methods of disposition by the sellers thereof set forth in such registration statement;

(iv) furnish to each seller of Registrable Securities thereunder such number of copies of such registration statement, each amendment and supplement thereto, the prospectus included in such registration statement (including each preliminary prospectus), each Free Writing Prospectus and such other documents as such seller may reasonably request in order to facilitate the disposition of the Registrable Securities owned by such seller;

(v) use its reasonable best efforts to register or qualify such Registrable Securities under such other securities or blue sky laws of such jurisdictions as any seller reasonably requests and do any and all other acts and things which may be reasonably necessary or advisable to enable such seller to consummate the disposition in such jurisdictions of the Registrable Securities owned by such seller (<u>provided</u> that the Company shall not be required to (A) qualify generally to do business in any jurisdiction where it would not otherwise be required to qualify but for this subparagraph or (B) consent to general service of process in any such jurisdiction or (C) subject itself to taxation in any such jurisdiction);

(vi) notify each seller of such Registrable Securities (A) promptly after it receives notice thereof, of the date and time when such registration statement and each post-effective amendment thereto has become effective or a prospectus or supplement to any prospectus relating to a registration statement has been filed and when any registration or qualification has become effective under a state securities or blue sky law or any exemption thereunder has been obtained, (B) promptly after receipt thereof, of any request by the Securities and Exchange Commission for the amendment or supplementing of such registration statement or prospectus or for additional information, and (C) at any time when a prospectus relating thereto is required to be delivered under the Securities Act, of the happening of any event as a result of which the prospectus included in such registration statement contains an untrue statement of a material fact or omits any fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, and, subject to <u>Section 2(f)</u>, at the request of any such seller, the Company shall prepare a supplement or amendment to such prospectus so that, as thereafter delivered to the purchasers of such Registrable Securities, such prospectus shall not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any fact necessary to make the statement of a material fact or omit to state any fact necessary to make the statement of a material fact or omit mot misleading;

(vii) use reasonable best efforts to cause all such Registrable Securities to be listed on each securities exchange on which similar securities issued by the Company are then listed and, if not so listed, to be listed on a securities exchange and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to arrange for at least two market markers to register as such with respect to such Registrable Securities with FINRA;

(viii) use reasonable best efforts to provide a transfer agent and registrar for all such Registrable Securities not later than the effective date of such registration statement;

(ix) enter into and perform such customary agreements (including underwriting agreements in customary form) and take all such other actions as the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities being sold or the underwriters, if any, reasonably request in order to expedite or facilitate the disposition of such Registrable Securities (including, without limitation, effecting a stock split, combination of shares, recapitalization or reorganization);

(x) make available for inspection by any seller of Registrable Securities, any underwriter participating in any disposition pursuant to such registration statement and any attorney, accountant or other agent retained by any such seller or underwriter, all financial and other records, pertinent corporate and business documents and properties of the Company as shall be necessary to enable them to exercise their due diligence responsibility, and cause the Company's officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives and independent accountants to supply all information reasonably requested by any such seller, underwriter, attorney, accountant or agent in connection with such registration statement;

(xi) take all reasonable actions to ensure that any Free-Writing Prospectus utilized in connection with any Demand Registration or Piggyback Registration hereunder complies in all material respects with the Securities Act, is filed in

accordance with the Securities Act to the extent required thereby, is retained in accordance with the Securities Act to the extent required thereby and, when taken together with the related prospectus, shall not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;

(xii) otherwise use its reasonable best efforts to comply with all applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and make available to its security holders, as soon as reasonably practicable, an earnings statement covering the period of at least twelve months beginning with the first day of the Company's first full calendar quarter after the effective date of the registration statement, which earnings statement shall satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Securities Act and Rule 158;

(xiii) permit any of Registrable Securities which Holder, in its sole and exclusive judgment, might be deemed to be an underwriter or a controlling person of the Company, to participate in the preparation of such registration or comparable statement and to allow such Holder to provide language for insertion therein, in form and substance satisfactory to the Company, which in the reasonable judgment of such Holder and its counsel should be included;

(xiv) in the event of the issuance of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of a registration statement, or the issuance of any order suspending or preventing the use of any related prospectus or suspending the qualification of any Common Stock included in such registration statement for sale in any jurisdiction use reasonable best efforts promptly to obtain the withdrawal of such order;

(xv) use its reasonable best efforts to cause such Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement to be registered with or approved by such other governmental agencies or authorities as may be necessary to enable the sellers thereof to consummate the disposition of such Registrable Securities;

(xvi) cooperate with the holders of Registrable Securities covered by the registration statement and the managing underwriter or agent, if any, to facilitate the timely preparation and delivery of certificates (not bearing any restrictive legends) representing securities to be sold under the registration statement and enable such securities to be in such denominations and registered in such names as the managing underwriter, or agent, if any, or such holders may request;

(xvii) cooperate with each holder of Registrable Securities covered by the registration statement and each underwriter or agent participating in the disposition of such Registrable Securities and their respective counsel in connection with any filings required to be made with FINRA;

(xviii) use its reasonable best efforts to make available the executive officers of the Company to participate with the holders of Registrable Securities and any underwriters in any "road shows" or other selling efforts that may be reasonably

requested by the Holders in connection with the methods of distribution for the Registrable Securities;

(xix) in the case of any underwritten offering, use its reasonable best efforts to obtain one or more cold comfort letters from the Company's independent public accountants in customary form and covering such matters of the type customarily covered by cold comfort letters as the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities being sold reasonably request;

(xx) in the case of any underwritten offering, use its reasonable best efforts to provide a legal opinion of the Company's outside counsel, dated the effective date of such registration statement (and, if such registration includes an underwritten Public Offering, dated the date of the closing under the underwriting agreement), the registration statement, each amendment and supplement thereto, the prospectus included therein (including the preliminary prospectus) and such other documents relating thereto in customary form and covering such matters of the type customarily covered by legal opinions of such nature, which opinion shall be addressed to the underwriters and the holders of such Registrable Securities;

(xxi) if the Company files an Automatic Shelf Registration Statement covering any Registrable Securities, use its best efforts to remain a WKSI (and not become an ineligible issuer (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act)) during the period during which such Automatic Shelf Registration Statement is required to remain effective;

(xxii) if the Company does not pay the filing fee covering the Registrable Securities at the time an Automatic Shelf Registration Statement is filed, pay such fee at such time or times as the Registrable Securities are to be sold; and

(xxiii) if the Automatic Shelf Registration Statement has been outstanding for at least three (3) years, at the end of the third year, refile a new Automatic Shelf Registration Statement covering the Registrable Securities, and, if at any time when the Company is required to reevaluate its WKSI status the Company determines that it is not a WKSI, use its best efforts to refile the Shelf Registration Statement on Form S-3 and, if such form is not available, Form S-1 and keep such registration statement effective during the period during which such registration statement is required to be kept effective.

(b) Any officer of the Company who is a holder of Registrable Securities agrees that if and for so long as he or she is employed by the Company or any Subsidiary thereof, he or she shall participate fully in the sale process in a manner customary for persons in like positions and consistent with his or her other duties with the Company, including the preparation of the registration statement and the preparation and presentation of any road shows.

(c) The Company may require each seller of Registrable Securities as to which any registration is being effected to furnish the Company such information regarding such



seller and the distribution of such securities as the Company may from time to time reasonably request in writing.

(d) If NRG or any of its Affiliates seek to effectuate an in-kind distribution of all or part of their respective Registrable Securities to their respective direct or indirect equityholders, the Company shall, subject to any applicable lock-ups, work with the foregoing persons to facilitate such in-kind distribution in the manner reasonably requested.

Section 6. Registration Expenses.

(a) <u>The Company's Obligation</u>. All expenses incident to the Company's performance of or compliance with this Agreement (including, without limitation, all registration, qualification and filing fees, fees and expenses of compliance with securities or blue sky laws, printing expenses, messenger and delivery expenses, fees and disbursements of custodians, and fees and disbursements of counsel for the Company and all independent certified public accountants, underwriters (excluding underwriting discounts and commissions) and other Persons retained by the Company) (all such expenses being herein called "Registration Expenses"), shall be borne as provided in this Agreement, except that the Company shall, in any event, pay its internal expenses (including, without limitation, all salaries and expenses of its officers and employees performing legal or accounting duties), the expense of any annual audit or quarterly review, the expense of any liability insurance and the expenses and fees for listing the securities to be registered on each securities exchange on which similar securities issued by the Company are then listed. Each Person that sells securities pursuant to a Demand Registration or Piggyback Registration hereunder shall bear and pay all underwriting discounts and commissions applicable to the securities sold for such Person's account.

(b) <u>Counsel Fees and Disbursements</u>. In connection with each Demand Registration, each Piggyback Registration and each Shelf Offering that is an underwritten Public Offering, the Company shall reimburse the holders of Registrable Securities included in such registration for the reasonable fees and disbursements of one counsel chosen by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities included in such registration or participating in such Shelf Offering and disbursements of each additional counsel retained by any holder of Registrable Securities for the purpose of rendering a legal opinion on behalf of such Holder in connection with any underwritten Demand Registration, Piggyback Registration or Shelf Offering.

Section 7. Indemnification and Contribution.

(a) <u>By the Company</u>. The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless, to the extent permitted by law, each holder of Registrable Securities, such Holder's officers, directors, managers, employees, agents and representatives, and each Person who controls such Holder (within the meaning of the Securities Act) (the "<u>Indemnified Parties</u>") against all losses, claims, actions, damages, liabilities and expenses (including with respect to actions or proceedings, whether commenced or threatened, and including reasonable attorney fees and expenses) caused by, resulting from, arising out of, based upon or related to any of the following statements, omissions or violations (each a "<u>Violation</u>") by the Company: (i) any untrue or alleged untrue statement of material fact contained in (A) any registration statement, prospectus, preliminary prospectus or Free-Writing Prospectus, or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto or (B)

any application or other document or communication (in this <u>Section 7</u>, collectively called an "<u>application</u>") executed by or on behalf of the Company or based upon written information furnished by or on behalf of the Company filed in any jurisdiction in order to qualify any securities covered by such registration under the securities laws thereof, (ii) any omission or alleged omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading or (iii) any violation or alleged violation by the Company of the Securities Act or any other similar federal or state securities laws or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder applicable to the Company and relating to action or inaction required of the Company in connection with any such registration, qualification or compliance. In addition, the Company will reimburse such Indemnified Party for any legal or any other expenses reasonably incurred by them in connection with investigating or defending any such losses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall not be liable in any such case to the extent that any such losses result from, arise out of, are based upon, or relate to an untrue statement or alleged untrue statement, or omission or alleged omission, made in such registration statement, any such prospectus, preliminary prospectus or Free-Writing Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or in any application, in reliance upon, and in conformity with, written information prepared and furnished in writing to the Company by such Indemnified Party expressly for use therein or by such Indemnified Party's failure to deliver a copy of the registration statement or prospectus or any amendments or supplements thereto after the Company has furnished such Indemnified Party with a sufficient number of copies of the same. In connection with an underwritten offering, the Company shall indemnify such underwriters, their officers and directors, and each Person who controls such underwriters (within the mean

(b) By Each Security Holder. In connection with any registration statement in which a holder of Registrable Securities is participating, each such Holder shall furnish to the Company in writing such information and affidavits as the Company reasonably requests for use in connection with any such registration statement or prospectus and, to the extent permitted by law, shall indemnify the Company, its officers, directors, managers, employees, agents and representatives, and each Person who controls the Company (within the meaning of the Securities Act) against any losses, claims, damages, liabilities and expenses resulting from any untrue or alleged untrue statement of material fact contained in the registration statement, prospectus or preliminary prospectus or any amendment thereof or supplement thereto or any omission or alleged omission of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, but only to the extent that such untrue statement or omission is contained in any information or affidavit so furnished in writing by such Holder; provided that the obligation to indemnify shall be individual, not joint and several, for each holder and shall be limited to the net amount of proceeds received by such Holder from the sale of Registrable Securities pursuant to such registration statement.

(c) <u>Claim Procedure</u>. Any Person entitled to indemnification hereunder shall (i) give prompt written notice to the indemnifying party of any claim with respect to which it seeks indemnification (<u>provided</u> that the failure to give prompt notice shall impair any Person's right to indemnification hereunder only to the extent such failure has prejudiced the indemnifying party) and (ii) unless in such indemnified party's reasonable judgment a conflict of interest between such indemnified and indemnifying parties may exist with respect to such claim, permit such

indemnifying party to assume the defense of such claim with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party. If such defense is assumed, the indemnifying party shall not be subject to any liability for any settlement made by the indemnified party without its consent (but such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed). An indemnifying party who is not entitled to, or elects not to, assume the defense of a claim shall not be obligated to pay the fees and expenses of more than one counsel for all parties indemnified by such indemnifying party with respect to such claim, unless in the reasonable judgment of any indemnified party a conflict of interest may exist between such indemnified party and any other of such indemnified parties with respect to such claim. In such instance, the conflicted indemnified parties shall have a right to retain one separate counsel, chosen by the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities included in the registration if such Holders are indemnified parties, at the expense of the indemnifying party.

(d) <u>Contribution</u>. If the indemnification provided for in this <u>Section 7</u> is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unavailable to, or is insufficient to hold harmless, an indemnified party or is otherwise unenforceable with respect to any loss, claim, damage, liability or action referred to herein, then the indemnifying party shall contribute to the amounts paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such loss, claim, damage, liability or action in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative fault of the indemnifying party on the one hand and of the indemnified party on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions which resulted in such loss, claim, damage, liability or action as well as any other relevant equitable considerations; provided that the maximum amount of liability in respect of such contribution shall be limited, in the case of each seller of Registrable Securities, to an amount equal to the net proceeds actually received by such seller from the sale of Registrable Securities effected pursuant to such registration. The relative fault of the indemnifying party and of the indemnified party shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the indemnifying party or by the indemnified party and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The parties hereto agree that it would not be just or equitable if the contribution pursuant to this Section 7(d) were to be determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take into account such equitable considerations. The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses referred to herein shall be deemed to include any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending against any action or claim which is the subject hereof. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any Person who is not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation.

(e) <u>Release</u>. No indemnifying party shall, except with the consent of the indemnified party, consent to the entry of any judgment or enter into any settlement that does not include as an unconditional term thereof giving by the claimant or plaintiff to such indemnified party of a release from all liability in respect to such claim or litigation.

(f) <u>Non-exclusive Remedy; Survival</u>. The indemnification and contribution provided for under this Agreement shall be in addition to any other rights to indemnification or contribution that any indemnified party may have pursuant to law or contract and shall remain in

full force and effect regardless of any investigation made by or on behalf of the indemnified party or any officer, director or controlling Person of such indemnified party and shall survive the transfer of Registrable Securities and the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

Section 8. Underwritten Offerings.

(a) <u>Participation</u>. No Person may participate in any offering hereunder which is underwritten unless such Person (i) agrees to sell such Person's securities on the basis provided in any underwriting arrangements approved by the Person or Persons entitled hereunder to approve such arrangements (including, without limitation, pursuant to any over-allotment or "green shoe" option requested by the underwriters; <u>provided</u> that no holder of Registrable Securities shall be required to sell more than the number of Registrable Securities such Holder has requested to include) and (ii) completes and executes all questionnaires, powers of attorney, indemnities, underwriting agreements and other documents required under the terms of such underwriting arrangements. Each holder of Registrable Securities shall execute and deliver such other agreements as may be reasonably requested by the Company and the lead managing underwriter(s) that are consistent with such Holder's obligations under <u>Section 4</u>, <u>Section 5</u> and this <u>Section 8(a)</u> or that are necessary to give further effect thereto. To the extent that any such agreement is entered into pursuant to, and consistent with, <u>Section 4</u> and this <u>Section 8(a)</u>, the respective rights and obligations of the Holders, the Company and the underwriters created pursuant to this <u>Section 8(a)</u>.

(b) <u>Price and Underwriting Discounts.</u> In the case of an underwritten Demand Registration or Underwritten Takedown requested by Holders pursuant to this Agreement, the price, underwriting discount and other financial terms of the related underwriting agreement for the Registrable Securities shall be determined by the Holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities included in such underwritten offering.

(c) <u>Suspended Distributions</u>. Each Person that is participating in any registration under this Agreement, upon receipt of any notice from the Company of the happening of any event of the kind described in <u>Section 5(a)(vi)</u>, shall immediately discontinue the disposition of its Registrable Securities pursuant to the registration statement until such Person's receipt of the copies of a supplemented or amended prospectus as contemplated by <u>Section 5(a)(vi)</u>. In the event the Company has given any such notice, the applicable time period set forth in <u>Section 5(a)(ii)</u> during which a Registration Statement is to remain effective shall be extended by the number of days during the period from and including the date of the giving of such notice pursuant to this <u>Section 8(c)</u> to and including the date when each seller of Registrable Securities covered by such registration statement shall have received the copies of the supplemented or amended prospectus contemplated by <u>Section 5(a)(vi)</u>.

Section 9. Additional Parties; Joinder. Subject to the prior written consent of the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities, the Company may permit any Person who acquires Common Stock or rights to acquire Common Stock from the Company after the date hereof to become a party to this Agreement and to succeed to all of the rights and obligations of a "holder of Registrable Securities" under this Agreement by obtaining an executed joinder to this Agreement from such Person in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto (a "Joinder"). Upon

the execution and delivery of a Joinder by such Person, the Common Stock or Class B common units of Yield LLC acquired by such Person (the "<u>Acquired</u> <u>Common</u>") shall constitute Registrable Securities and such Person shall be a Holder of Registrable Securities under this Agreement with respect to the Acquired Common, and the Company shall add such Person's name and address to the <u>Schedule of Investors</u> hereto and circulate such information to the parties to this Agreement.

Section 10. Current Public Information. At all times after the Company has filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the requirements of either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, the Company shall file all reports required to be filed by it under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act and shall take such further action as any holder or holders of Registrable Securities may reasonably request, all to the extent required to enable such Holders to sell Registrable Securities pursuant to Rule 144. Upon request, the Company shall deliver to any holder of Restricted Securities a written statement as to whether it has complied with such requirements.

Section 11. Subsidiary Public Offering. If, after an initial Public Offering of the Capital Stock of one of its Subsidiaries (including Yield LLC), the Company distributes securities of such Subsidiary to its equity holders, then the rights and obligations of the Company pursuant to this Agreement shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to such Subsidiary, and the Company shall cause such Subsidiary to comply with such Subsidiary's obligations under this Agreement.

Section 12. Transfer of Registrable Securities.

(a) <u>Restrictions on Transfers</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, except in the case of (i) a transfer to the Company, (ii) a transfer by NRG to its stockholders, (iii) a Public Offering, (iv) a sale pursuant to Rule 144 after the completion of the Company's initial Public Offering or (v) a transfer in connection with a Sale of the Company, prior to transferring any Registrable Securities to any Person (including, without limitation, by operation of law), the transferring Holder shall cause the prospective transferee to execute and deliver to the Company a Joinder agreeing to be bound by the terms of this Agreement. Any transfer or attempted transfer of any Registrable Securities in violation of any provision of this Agreement shall be void, and the Company shall not record such transfer on its books or treat any purported transferee of such Registrable Securities as the owner thereof for any purpose.

(b) <u>Legend</u>. Each certificate evidencing any Registrable Securities and each certificate issued in exchange for or upon the transfer of any Registrable Securities (unless such Registrable Securities would no longer be Registrable Securities after such transfer) shall be stamped or otherwise imprinted with a legend in substantially the following form:

"THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER AND OTHER PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN A REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JULY 22, 2013 AMONG THE ISSUER OF SUCH SECURITIES (THE "<u>COMPANY</u>") AND CERTAIN OF THE COMPANY'S STOCKHOLDERS, AS AMENDED. A COPY OF SUCH



REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT WILL BE FURNISHED WITHOUT CHARGE BY THE COMPANY TO THE HOLDER HEREOF UPON WRITTEN REQUEST."

The Company shall imprint, and shall cause Yield LLC to imprint, such legend on certificates evidencing Registrable Securities outstanding prior to the date hereof. The legend set forth above shall be removed from the certificates evidencing any securities that have ceased to be Registrable Securities.

Section 13. General Provisions.

(a) <u>Amendments and Waivers</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, the provisions of this Agreement may be amended, modified or waived only with the prior written consent of the Company and holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities; <u>provided</u> that no such amendment, modification or waiver that would materially and adversely affect a Holder or group of holders of Registrable Securities in a manner materially different than any other Holder or group of holders of Registrable Securities (other than amendments and modifications required to implement the provisions of <u>Section 9</u>), shall be effective against such Holder or group of holders of Registrable Securities without the consent of the holders of a majority of the Registrable Securities that are held by the group of Holders that is materially and adversely affected thereby. The failure or delay of any Person to enforce any of the provisions of this Agreement shall in no way be construed as a waiver of such provisions and shall not affect the right of such Person thereafter to enforce each and every provision of this Agreement in accordance with its terms. A waiver or consent to or of any breach or default by any Person in the performance by that Person of his, her or its obligations under this Agreement shall not be deemed to be a consent or waiver to or of any other breach or default in the performance by that Person of the same or any other obligations of that Person under this Agreement.

(b) <u>Remedies</u>. The parties to this Agreement shall be entitled to enforce their rights under this Agreement specifically (without posting a bond or other security), to recover damages caused by reason of any breach of any provision of this Agreement and to exercise all other rights existing in their favor. The parties hereto agree and acknowledge that a breach of this Agreement would cause irreparable harm and money damages would not be an adequate remedy for any such breach and that, in addition to any other rights and remedies existing hereunder, any party shall be entitled to specific performance and/or other injunctive relief from any court of law or equity of competent jurisdiction (without posting any bond or other security) in order to enforce or prevent violation of the provisions of this Agreement.

(c) <u>Severability</u>. Whenever possible, each provision of this Agreement shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited, invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect under any applicable law or regulation in any jurisdiction, such prohibition, invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect the validity, legality or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement in such jurisdiction or in any other jurisdiction, but this Agreement shall be reformed, construed and enforced in such jurisdiction as if such prohibited, invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

(d) <u>Entire Agreement</u>. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Agreement contains the complete agreement and understanding among the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes and preempts any prior understandings, agreements or representations by or among the parties hereto, written or oral, which may have related to the subject matter hereof in any way.

(e) <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit and be enforceable by the Company and its successors and assigns and the holders of Registrable Securities and their respective successors and assigns (whether so expressed or not). In addition, whether or not any express assignment has been made, the provisions of this Agreement which are for the benefit of purchasers or holders of Registrable Securities are also for the benefit of, and enforceable by, any subsequent holder of Registrable Securities.

(f) Notices. Any notice, demand or other communication to be given under or by reason of the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (i) when delivered personally to the recipient, (ii) when sent by confirmed electronic mail or facsimile if sent during normal business hours of the recipient; but if not, then on the next Business Day, (iii) one Business Day after it is sent to the recipient by reputable overnight courier service (charges prepaid) or (iv) three Business Days after it is mailed to the recipient by first class mail, return receipt requested. Such notices, demands and other communications shall be sent to the Company at the address specified below and to any holder of Registrable Securities or to any other party subject to this Agreement at such address as indicated on <u>Schedule of Investors</u> hereto, or at such address or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by prior written notice to the sending party. Any party may change such party's address for receipt of notice by giving prior written notice of the change to the sending party as provided herein. The Company's address is:

NRG Yield, Inc. c/o NRG Energy, Inc. 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 Attn: General Counsel Facsimile: (609) 524-4589

With a copy to:

Kirkland & Ellis LLP 300 North LaSalle Chicago, Illinois 60654 Attn: Gerald T. Nowak, P.C. Facsimile: (312) 862-2200

or to such other address or to the attention of such other person as the recipient party has specified by prior written notice to the sending party.

(g) <u>Business Days</u>. If any time period for giving notice or taking action hereunder expires on a day that is not a Business Day, the time period shall automatically be extended to the Business Day immediately following such Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

(h) <u>Governing Law</u>. The corporate law of the State of Delaware shall govern all issues and questions concerning the relative rights of the Company and its stockholders. All other issues and questions concerning the construction, validity, interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement and the exhibits and schedules hereto shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to any choice of law or conflict of law rules or provisions (whether of the State of New York or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of New York.

(i) <u>MUTUAL WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL</u> AS A SPECIFICALLY BARGAINED FOR INDUCEMENT FOR EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT (AFTER HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL), EACH PARTY HERETO EXPRESSLY WAIVES THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LAWSUIT OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO OR ARISING IN ANY WAY FROM THIS AGREEMENT OR THE MATTERS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

(j) CONSENT TO JURISDICTION AND SERVICE OF PROCESS. EACH OF THE PARTIES IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA LOCATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, FOR THE PURPOSES OF ANY SUIT, ACTION OR OTHER PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, ANY RELATED AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO FURTHER AGREES THAT SERVICE OF ANY PROCESS, SUMMONS, NOTICE OR DOCUMENT BY U.S. REGISTERED MAIL TO SUCH PARTY'S RESPECTIVE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR ANY ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTERS TO WHICH IT HAS SUBMITTED TO JURISDICTION IN THIS PARAGRAPH. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, ANY RELATED DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY AND THEREBY IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, AND HEREBY AND THEREBY FURTHER IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES AND AGREES NOT TO PLEAD OR CLAIM IN ANY SUCH COURT THAT ANY SUCH ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN ANY SUCH COURT HAS BEEN BROUGHT IN AN INCONVENIENT FORUM.

(k) <u>No Recourse</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Company and each holder of Registrable Securities agrees and acknowledges that no recourse under this Agreement or any documents or instruments delivered in connection with this Agreement, shall be had against any current or future director, officer, employee, general or

limited partner or member of any holder of Registrable Securities or of any Affiliate or assignee thereof, whether by the enforcement of any assessment or by any legal or equitable proceeding, or by virtue of any statute, regulation or other applicable law, it being expressly agreed and acknowledged that no personal liability whatsoever shall attach to, be imposed on or otherwise be incurred by any current or future officer, agent or employee of any holder of Registrable Securities or any current or future member of any holder of Registrable Securities or any current or future director, officer, employee, partner or member of any holder of Registrable Securities or of any Affiliate or assignee thereof, as such for any obligation of any holder of Registrable Securities under this Agreement or any documents or instruments delivered in connection with this Agreement for any claim based on, in respect of or by reason of such obligations or their creation.

(1) <u>Descriptive Headings; Interpretation</u>. The descriptive headings of this Agreement are inserted for convenience only and do not constitute a part of this Agreement. The use of the word "including" in this Agreement shall be by way of example rather than by limitation.

(m) <u>No Strict Construction</u>. The language used in this Agreement shall be deemed to be the language chosen by the parties hereto to express their mutual intent, and no rule of strict construction shall be applied against any party.

(n) <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts, any one of which need not contain the signature of more than one party, but all such counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

(o) <u>Electronic Delivery</u>. This Agreement, the agreements referred to herein, and each other agreement or instrument entered into in connection herewith or therewith or contemplated hereby or thereby, and any amendments hereto or thereto, to the extent executed and delivered by means of a photographic, photostatic, facsimile or similar reproduction of such signed writing using a facsimile machine or electronic mail shall be treated in all manner and respects as an original agreement or instrument and shall be considered to have the same binding legal effect as if it were the original signed version thereof delivered in person. At the request of any party hereto or to any such agreement or instrument, each other party hereto or thereto shall re-execute original forms thereof and deliver them to all other parties. No party hereto or to any such agreement or instrument shall raise the use of a facsimile machine or electronic mail to deliver a signature or the fact that any signature or agreement or instrument was transmitted or communicated through the use of a facsimile machine or electronic mail as a defense to the formation or enforceability of a contract and each such party forever waives any such defense.

(p) <u>Further Assurances</u>. In connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, each holder of Registrable Securities shall execute and deliver any additional documents and instruments and perform any additional acts that may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate and perform the provisions of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.

(q) <u>No Inconsistent Agreements</u>. The Company shall not hereafter enter into any agreement with respect to its securities which is inconsistent with or violates the rights granted to the holders of Registrable Securities in this Agreement.

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

NRG YIELD, INC.

By:/s/ G. Gary GarciaName:G. Gary Garcia

Title: Vice President and Treasurer

NRG ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Brian E. Curci Name: Brian E. Curci Title: Corporate Secretary

SCHEDULE OF INVESTORS

NRG Energy, Inc. 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 Attn: General Counsel Facsimile: (609) 524-4589

EXHIBIT A

REGISTRATION RIGHTS AGREEMENT

JOINDER

The undersigned is executing and delivering this Joinder pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement dated as of July 22, 2013 (as the same may hereafter be amended, the "<u>Registration Rights Agreement</u>"), among NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and the other person named as parties therein.

By executing and delivering this Joinder to the Company, the undersigned hereby agrees to become a party to, to be bound by, and to comply with the provisions of the Registration Rights Agreement as a holder of Registrable Securities in the same manner as if the undersigned were an original signatory to the Registration Rights Agreement, and the undersigned's Class B common units of Yield, LLC shall be included as Registrable Securities under the Registration Rights Agreement.

Accordingly, the undersigned has executed and delivered this Joinder as of the day of

Signature of Stockholder

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Print Name of Stockholder

Address:

Agreed and Accepted as of

NRG YIELD, INC.

By:

Its:

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EXCHANGE AGREEMENT

This EXCHANGE AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of July 22, 2013, is made by and among NRG Yield Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Corporation</u>"), NRG Yield LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>Yield LLC</u>"), NRG Energy, Inc. ("<u>NRG</u>") and the other Persons from time to time party hereto in accordance with <u>Section 5.1</u> hereof (collectively with NRG, the "<u>Yield LLC Unitholders</u>").

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to provide for the exchange of certain Yield LLC Units for shares of Class A Common Stock (each as defined herein), on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings contained herein and for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

SECTION 1.1 Effective Time.

This Agreement shall become effective immediately prior to the consummation of the initial public offering of the Class A Common Stock on the date first above written (the "Effective Time").

SECTION 1.2 Definitions.

Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed thereto in the Yield LLC Operating Agreement (as defined herein), and the following definitions shall be for all purposes, unless otherwise clearly indicated to the contrary, applied to the terms used in this Agreement.

"Class A Common Stock," means the Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Corporation.

"Class B Common Stock," means the Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Corporation.

"Class A Units" means the Class A Units of Yield LLC, with such rights and privileges as set forth in the Yield LLC Operating Agreement.

"Class B Units" means the Class B Units of Yield LLC, with such rights and privileges as set forth in the Yield LLC Operating Agreement.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Effective Time" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.1 of this Agreement.

"Election of Exchange" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(b) of this Agreement.

"Exchange" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(a) of this Agreement.

"Exchange Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1(b) of this Agreement.

"Exchange Rate" means the number of shares of Class A Common Stock for which a Yield LLC Unit is entitled to be Exchanged. On the date of this Agreement, the Exchange Rate shall be 1 for 1, subject to adjustment pursuant to Section 2.2 of this Agreement.

"IPO" means the closing of the initial public offering and sale by the Corporation of shares of Class A Common Stock.

"Permitted Transferee" has the meaning given to such term in Section 5.1 of this Agreement.

"Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, trust or other entity, including any governmental entity.

"<u>Requisite Holders</u>" means, as of the applicable determination date, each Yield LLC Unitholder, if any, who, together with its Affiliates and Permitted Transferees, beneficially owns at least a majority of the then outstanding Yield LLC Units (excluding any Yield LLC Units held by the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries).

"<u>Yield LLC Operating Agreement</u>" means the Amended and Restated Operating Agreement of Yield LLC, dated on or about the date hereof, as such agreement may be amended from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof.

"<u>Yield LLC Unit</u>" means (i) each of the Class B Units of Yield LLC now or hereafter held by any Yield LLC Unitholder (ii) any other interest in Yield LLC that may be issued by Yield LLC in the future that is designated by the Corporation as a "Yield LLC Unit," for purposes of this Agreement.

"<u>Yield LLC Unitholder</u>" means NRG and any Permitted Transferee to whom NRG (or another Permitted Transferee) transfers some or all of the Yield LLC Units owned by such Person in accordance with the terms of the Yield LLC Operating Agreement (including Section 7.3 thereof).

ARTICLE II

SECTION 2.1 Exchange of Yield LLC Units for Class A Common Stock.

(a) Each Yield LLC Unitholder shall be entitled at any time and from time to time, upon the terms and subject to the conditions hereof and the Yield LLC Operating Agreement, to surrender Yield LLC Units to Yield LLC in exchange for the delivery to the exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder of a number of shares of Class A Common Stock that is equal to the product of the number of Yield LLC Units surrendered *multiplied by* the Exchange Rate (each such exchange, an "Exchange"); provided that, (i) each Exchange shall be for a minimum of the lesser of 1,000 Yield LLC Units or all of the Yield LLC Units held by such Yield LLC Unitholder and (ii) such exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder must be the record holder of the

number of shares of Class B Common Stock that is equal to the number of Yield LLC Units surrendered.

A Yield LLC Unitholder shall exercise its right to Exchange Yield LLC Units as set forth in Section 2.1(a) above by delivering to (b) the Corporation and to Yield LLC a written election of exchange in respect of the Yield LLC Units to be Exchanged substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto (an "Election of Exchange"), duly executed by such holder or such holder's duly authorized representative, in each case delivered during normal business hours at the principal executive offices of the Corporation and of Yield LLC. An Election of Exchange may specify that the Exchange is to be contingent (including as to timing) upon the occurrence of any transaction or event, including the consummation of a purchase by another Person (whether in a tender or exchange offer, an underwritten offering or otherwise) of shares of Class A Common Stock or any merger, consolidation or other business combination. Subject to (i) Section 2.4(b) of this Agreement, (ii) the payment by the applicable Yield LLC Unitholder of any amount required to be paid under Section 2.1(c) and (iii) the surrender to Yield LLC of the unit certificates, if any, and duly executed unit powers associated with the Yield LLC Units subject to the Exchange, the Exchange shall be deemed to have been effected on (A) the Business Day immediately following receipt of the applicable Election of Exchange or (B) such later date specified in or pursuant to the applicable Election of Exchange (such date specified in clause (A) or (B), as applicable, the "Exchange Date"), and as promptly as practicable following the applicable Exchange Date, the Corporation shall deliver or cause to be delivered at the offices of the then-acting registrar and transfer agent of the Class A Common Stock or, if there is no then-acting registrar and transfer agent of the Class A Common Stock, at the principal executive offices of the Yield LLC, the number of shares of Class A Common Stock deliverable upon such Exchange, registered in the name of the relevant exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder (or its designee). To the extent the Class A Common Stock is settled through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company (the "DTC"), the Corporation will, subject to Section 2.1(c) below, upon the written instruction of an exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder, use its commercially reasonable efforts to deliver the shares of Class A Common Stock deliverable to such exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder, through the facilities of the DTC, to the account of the participant of the DTC designated by such exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, any exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder may withdraw or amend an Election of Exchange, in whole or in part, prior to the effectiveness of the Exchange, at any time prior to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the second Business Day immediately preceding the Exchange Date (or any such later time as may be required by applicable law) by delivery of a written notice of withdrawal to the Corporation and to Yield LLC, specifying (1) the number of Yield LLC Units being withdrawn, (2) the number of Yield LLC Units, if any, as to which the Election of Exchange remains in effect and (3) if such exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder so determines, a new Exchange Date or any other new or revised information permitted in an Election of Exchange. On the Exchange Date, all rights of the exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder as a holder of such Yield LLC Units shall cease and such Yield LLC Units shall automatically be reclassified pursuant to Section 3.3 of the Yield LLC Operating Agreement and delivered to the Corporation by Yield LLC. Such exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder shall be treated for all purposes as having become the record holder of such shares of Class A Common Stock on such date. In connection with such Exchange, the Corporation shall automatically cancel shares of Class B Common Stock held by the exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder in an amount equal to the number of Yield LLC Units being exchanged in accordance with this Section 2.1 multiplied by

the Exchange Rate, without any payment for such shares of Class B Common Stock. The Corporation shall take such actions as may be required to ensure the performance by Yield LLC of its obligations under this <u>Section 2.1(b)</u> and the foregoing <u>Section 2.1(a)</u>.

(c) Yield LLC, the Corporation and the exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder shall bear their own expenses in connection with the consummation of any Exchange, whether or not any such Exchange is ultimately consummated, except that the Yield LLC shall bear any transfer taxes, stamp taxes or duties, or other similar taxes in connection with, or arising by reason of, any Exchange; provided, however, that if any shares of Class A Common Stock are to be delivered in a name other than that of the Yield LLC Unitholder that requested the Exchange, then such Yield LLC Unitholder and/or the person in whose name such shares are to be delivered shall pay to Yield LLC the amount of any transfer taxes, stamp taxes or duties, or other similar taxes in connection with, or arising by reason of, such Exchange or shall establish to the reasonable satisfaction of Yield LLC that such tax has been paid or is not payable.

(d) Each of the Corporation and Yield LLC covenants and agrees that it will not take any action that would pose a material risk that Yield LLC could be treated as a "publically traded partnership" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Exchange shall be permitted (and, if attempted, shall be void <u>ab initio</u>) if, in the good faith determination of the Corporation or of Yield LLC, such an Exchange would pose a material risk that Yield LLC would be a "publicly traded partnership" under Section 7704 of the Code.

(e) For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, a Yield LLC Unitholder shall not be entitled to Exchange Yield LLC Units to the extent the Corporation or Yield LLC reasonably determines in good faith that such Exchange (i) would be prohibited by applicable law or regulation or (ii) would not be permitted under any other agreement with the Corporation or its subsidiaries to which such Yield LLC Unitholder is then subject (including, without limitation, the Yield LLC Operating Agreement) or any written policies of the Corporation or Yield LLC relating to insider trading then applicable to such Yield LLC Unitholder. For the avoidance of doubt, no Exchange shall be deemed to be prohibited by any law or regulation pertaining to the registration of securities if such securities have been so registered or if any exemption from such registration requirements is reasonably available.

SECTION 2.2 Adjustment. The Exchange Rate shall be adjusted accordingly if there is: (a) any subdivision (by any unit split, unit distribution, reclassification, reorganization, recapitalization or otherwise) or combination (by reverse unit split, reclassification, reorganization, recapitalization or otherwise) or combination (by reverse unit split, reclassification, reorganization, recapitalization or otherwise) of the Class A Units or Class B Units that is not accompanied by an identical subdivision or combination or otherwise) or combination (by reverse stock split, reclassification, reorganization, recapitalization, recapitalization or otherwise) of the Class A Common Stock; (b) any subdivision (by any stock split, stock dividend or distribution, reclassification, reorganization, recapitalization or otherwise) of the Class A Common Stock split, reclassification, reorganization, recapitalization or otherwise) of the Class A Common Stock that is not accompanied by an identical subdivision or combination of the Class A Units or Class B Units; (c) other than in connection with a Class A Common Stock Sale, (1) any issuance of shares of (x) Class A Common Stock by the Corporation or (y) Class A Units to the Corporation that is not accompanied by (2) the issuance of an identical number of (x) Class A Units to the Corporation (in the case of clause (c)(1)(x)) or (y) shares of Class A Common Stock (in the case of clause

(c)(1)(y)), as applicable; or (d) (1) any issuance of (x) shares of Class B Common Stock by the Corporation or (y) Class B Units to NRG or its Permitted Transferees that is not accompanied by (2) the issuance of an identical number of (x) Class B Units to NRG or to any Permitted Transferee of NRG (in the case of clause (d)(1)(x)) or (y) shares of Class B Common Stock to NRG or its Permitted Transferees (in the case of clause (d)(1)(y)). If there is (i) any reclassification, reorganization, recapitalization or other similar transaction in which the Class A Common Stock is converted or changed into another security, securities or other property or (ii) and any subdivision (by any split, distribution or dividend, reclassification, recapitalization or otherwise) or combination (by reverse split, reclassification, recapitalization or otherwise) of such security, securities or other property that occurs after the effective time of such reclassification, reorganization, recapitalization or other similar transaction, then upon any subsequent Exchange, an exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder shall be entitled to receive the amount of such security, securities or other property that such exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder would have received if such Exchange had occurred immediately prior to the effective date of such reclassification, recognization, recapitalization or other similar transaction, taking into account any adjustment as a result of any such subdivision (by any split, distribution or dividend, reclassification, reorganization, recapitalization or otherwise) or combination (by reverse split, reclassification, recapitalization or otherwise) of such security, securities or other property that occurs after the effective time of such reclassification, reorganization, recapitalization or other similar transaction. For the avoidance of doubt, if there is any reclassification, reorganization, recapitalization or other similar transaction in which the Class A Common Stock is converted or changed into another security, securities or other property, this Section 2.2 shall continue to be applicable, mutatis mutandis, with respect to such security or other property. This Agreement shall apply to the Class A Units and Class B Units held by the Corporation, NRG and NRG's Permitted Transferees as of the date hereof, as well as any Class A Units and Class B Units hereafter acquired by the Corporation, NRG or any of NRG's Permitted Transferees. This Agreement shall apply to, mutatis mutandis, and all references to "Class A Units" and "Class B Units" shall be deemed to include, any security, securities or other property of Yield LLC which may be issued in respect of, in exchange for or in substitution of Class A Units or Class B Units, as applicable, by reason of any distribution or dividend, split, reverse split, combination, reclassification, reorganization, recapitalization, merger, exchange (other than an Exchange) or other transaction.

SECTION 2.3 Class A Common Stock to be Issued.

(a) The Corporation covenants and agrees to deliver shares of Class A Common Stock that have been registered under the Securities Act with respect to any Exchange to the extent that a registration statement is effective and available for such shares. In the event that any Exchange in accordance with this Agreement is to be effected at a time when any required registration has not become effective or otherwise is unavailable, upon the request and with the reasonable cooperation of the Yield LLC Unitholder requesting the Exchange, the Corporation shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to promptly facilitate such Exchange pursuant to any reasonably available exemption from such registration requirements. The Corporation shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to list the Class A Common Stock required to be delivered upon Exchange prior to such delivery upon each national securities exchange or inter-dealer quotation system upon which the outstanding Class A Common Stock may be listed or traded at the time of such delivery.

(b) The Corporation shall at all times reserve and keep available out of its authorized but unissued Class A Common Stock, solely for the purpose of issuance upon an Exchange, such number of shares of Class A Common Stock as shall be deliverable upon any such Exchange; provided that nothing contained herein shall be construed to preclude Yield LLC from satisfying its obligations in respect of the Exchange of Yield LLC Units by delivery of Class A Common Stock which is held in the treasury of the Corporation or Yield LLC or any of their subsidiaries or by delivery of purchased shares of Class A Common Stock (which may or may not be held in the treasury of the Corporation or any subsidiary thereof).

(c) Prior to the effective date of this Agreement, the Corporation and Yield LLC will take all such steps as may be required to cause to qualify for exemption under Rule 16b-3(d) or (e), as applicable, under the Exchange Act, and be exempt for purposes of Section 16(b) under the Exchange Act, any acquisitions or dispositions of equity securities of the Corporation (including derivative securities with respect thereto) and any securities which may be deemed to be equity securities or derivative securities of the Corporation for such purposes that result from the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, by each director or officer of the Corporation who may reasonably be expected to be subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act with respect to the Corporation upon the registration of any class of equity security of the Corporation pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act (with the authorizing resolutions specifying the name of each such officer or director whose acquisition or disposition of securities is to be exempted and the number of securities that may be acquired and disposed of by each such person pursuant to this Agreement).

(d) If any Takeover Law (as defined below) or other similar law or regulation becomes or is deemed to become applicable to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated hereby, the Corporation or Yield LLC shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to render such law or regulation inapplicable to all of the foregoing.

(e) Each of the Corporation and Yield LLC covenants that all Class A Common Stock issued upon an Exchange will, upon issuance, be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, will pass to the applicable exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder free and clear of any liens, security interests and other encumbrances other than any such liens, security interests or other encumbrances imposed by such exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder and will not be subject to any preemptive right of stockholders of the Corporation or to any right of first refusal or other right in favor of any person or entity.

(f) No Exchange shall impair the right of the exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder to receive any distributions payable on the Yield LLC Units so exchanged in respect of a record date that occurs prior to the Exchange Date for such Exchange. For the avoidance of doubt, no exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder shall be entitled to receive, in respect of a single record date, distributions or dividends both on Yield LLC Units exchanged by such holder and on Class A Common Stock received by such holder in such Exchange.

SECTION 2.4 <u>Withholding; Certification of Non-Foreign Status</u>.

(a) If the Corporation or Yield LLC shall be required to withhold any amounts by reason of any Federal, State, local or foreign tax rules or regulations in respect of any

Exchange, the Corporation or Yield LLC, as the case may be, shall be entitled to take such action as it deems appropriate in order to ensure compliance with such withholding requirements, including, without limitation, at its option withholding shares of Class A Common Stock with a fair market value equal to the minimum amount of any taxes which the Corporation or Yield LLC, as the case may be, may be required to withhold with respect to such Exchange. To the extent that amounts (or property) are so withheld and paid over to the appropriate taxing authority, such withheld amounts (or property) shall be treated for all purposes of this Agreement as having been paid (or delivered) to the appropriate Yield LLC Unitholder.

(b) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, each of Yield LLC and the Corporation may, at its own discretion, require as a condition to the effectiveness of an Exchange that an exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder deliver to Yield LLC or the Corporation, as the case may be, a certification of non-foreign status in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 1.1445-2(b). In the event Yield LLC or the Corporation has required delivery of such certification but an exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder is unable to do so, Yield LLC shall nevertheless deliver or cause to be delivered to the exchanging Yield LLC Unitholder the Class A Common Stock in accordance with Section 2.1 of this Agreement, but subject to potential withholding as provided in Section 2.4(a).

ARTICLE III

SECTION 3.1 Class A Common Stock Sale(a).

(a) In connection with any sale by the Corporation of one or more shares of Class A Common Stock for cash, including in connection with the IPO (a "<u>Class A Common Stock Sale</u>"), the Corporation shall transfer the net cash proceeds from such sale (after deducting any underwriters' discount and commissions and offering expenses payable by the Corporation) to Yield LLC. Yield LLC shall either (i) issue Class A Units to the Corporation, as the managing member of Yield LLC, in exchange for such net cash proceeds, or (ii) use such net cash proceeds to purchase Yield LLC Units from one or more Yield LLC Unitholders, in accordance with Section 3.2(b) of the Yield LLC Operating Agreement and in exchange for the delivery to the Corporation of a number of shares of Class B Common Stock that is equal to the product of the number of Yield LLC Units purchased *multiplied by* the Exchange Rate (a "<u>Yield LLC Unit Redemption</u>"). Alternatively, the Corporation may purchase Class B Units directly from NRG (in which case the corresponding Class B Common Stock held by NRG would be surrendered and cancelled), and such Class B Units purchased by the Corporation would then immediately convert to Class A Units. Upon the receipt of the shares of Class B Common Stock specified in clause (ii) of this <u>Section 3.1</u>, the Corporation shall cause such shares to be cancelled. To the extent the Class B Common Stock is settled through the facilities of the DTC, the subject Yield LLC Unitholder(s) will use their commercially reasonable efforts to deliver the shares of Class B Common Stock deliverable to the Corporation in a Yield LLC Unitholder(s) with use their commercially reasonable efforts to deliver the shares of Class B Common Stock deliverable to the Corporation in a Yield LLC Unitholder(s) will use their commercially reasonable efforts to deliver the shares of Class B Common Stock deliverable to the Corporation in a Yield LLC Unitholder(s) will use their commercially reasonable efforts to deliver the shares of Class B Common Stock deliv

(b) Yield LLC, the Corporation and the participating Yield LLC Unitholder(s) shall bear their own expenses in connection with the consummation of any Class A Common Stock Sale, except that the Yield LLC shall bear any transfer taxes, stamp taxes or duties, or other similar taxes in connection with, or arising by reason of, any Class A Common Stock Sale.

SECTION 3.2 <u>Authorization and Issuance of Additional Units</u>. If the Corporation issues another class or series of equity securities (other than the Class A Common Stock and the Class B Common Stock), Yield LLC shall authorize and issue in accordance with Section 3.2(d) of the Yield LLC Operating Agreement, and the Corporation will use the net proceeds therefrom to purchase, an equal number of membership interests with designations, preferences and other rights and terms that are substantially the same as those of the Corporation's newly-issued equity securities. In the event the Corporation elects to redeem any shares of its Class A Common Stock, Class B Common Stock or any other class or series of its equity securities for cash, Yield LLC will, immediately prior to such redemption, redeem an equal number of Class A Units, Class B Units or any other units of the corresponding classes or series, upon the same terms and for the same price as the shares of Class A Common Stock, Class B Common Stock or other equity securities of the Corporation so redeemed.

ARTICLE IV

SECTION 4.1 Representations and Warranties of the Corporation and of Yield LLC. Each of the Corporation and Yield LLC represents and warrants that (i) it is a corporation or limited liability company duly incorporated or formed and is existing in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, (ii) it has all requisite corporate or limited liability company power and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby and, in the case of the Corporation, to issue the Class A Common Stock in accordance with the terms hereof, (iii) the execution and delivery of this Agreement by it and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby (including without limitation, in the case of the Corporation, the issuance of the Class A Common Stock) have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or limited liability company action on its part, including but not limited to all actions necessary to ensure that the acquisition of shares of Class A Common Stock pursuant to the transactions contemplated hereby, to the fullest extent of the Corporation's Board of Directors' or Yield LLC's power and authority and to the extent permitted by law, shall not be subject to any "moratorium," "control share acquisition," "business combination," "fair price" or other form of "anti-takeover laws and regulations" of any jurisdiction that may purport to be applicable to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby (collectively, "Takeover Laws"), (iv) this Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of it enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by equitable principles or by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally, and (v) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by it and the consummation by it of the transactions contemplated hereby will not (A) result in a violation of its Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws or other organizational documents or (B) conflict with, or constitute a default (or an event which with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default) under, or give to others any rights of termination, amendment, acceleration or cancellation of, any agreement, indenture or instrument to which it is a party, or (C) result in a violation of any law, rule, regulation, order, judgment or decree applicable to the it or by which any property or asset of it is bound or affected, except with respect to clauses (B) or (C) for any conflicts, defaults, accelerations, terminations, cancellations or violations, that would not reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on it or its business, financial condition or results of operations.

SECTION 4.2 Representations and Warranties of the Yield LLC Unitholders. Each Yield LLC Unitholder, severally and jointly, represents and warrants that (i) it is duly incorporated or formed and, to the extent such concept exists in its jurisdiction of organization or formation, is in good standing under the laws of such jurisdiction, (ii) it has all requisite legal capacity and authority to enter into and perform this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby, (iii) the execution and delivery of this Agreement by it of the transactions contemplated hereby have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other entity action on the part of such Yield LLC Unitholder, (iv) this Agreement constitutes a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Yield LLC Unitholder enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, except as enforcement may be limited by equitable principles or by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, or similar laws relating to or limiting creditors' rights generally and (v) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement by such Yield LLC Unitholder and the consummation by such Yield LLC Unitholder of the transactions contemplated hereby will not (A) result in a violation of the Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws or other organizational documents of such Yield LLC Unitholder is a party, or (C) result in a violation of any law, rule, regulation, order, judgment or decree applicable to such Yield LLC Unitholder, except with respect to clauses (B) or (C) for any conflicts, defaults, accelerations, terminations, cancellations or violations, that would not in any material respect result in the unenforceability against such Yield LLC Unitholder of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V

SECTION 5.1 Additional Yield LLC Unitholders. To the extent a Yield LLC Unitholder (including NRG) validly transfers any or all of its Yield LLC Units to another person in a transaction in accordance with, and not in contravention of, the Yield LLC Operating Agreement, then such transferee (each, a "<u>Permitted Transferee</u>") shall have the right to execute and deliver a joinder to this Agreement, in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, whereupon such Permitted Transferee shall become a Yield LLC Unitholder hereunder; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such Permitted Transferee shall be subject to any restrictions on Exchange that would have applied to the transferor. To the extent Yield LLC issues Yield LLC Units in the future, then the holder of such Yield LLC Units shall have the right to execute and deliver a joinder to this Agreement, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, whereupon such holder shall become a Yield LLC Unitholder hereunder.

SECTION 5.2 <u>Addresses and Notices</u>. All notices, requests, claims, demands and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given (and shall be deemed to have been duly given upon receipt) by delivery in person, by courier service, by fax, or by registered or certified mail (postage prepaid, return receipt requested) to the respective parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a party as shall be as specified in a notice given in accordance with this <u>Section 5.2</u>):

(a) If to the Corporation or to Yield LLC, to:

211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 Attention: General Counsel

(b) If to NRG, as a Yield LLC Unitholder to:

211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 Attention: General Counsel

to time.

(c) If to any other Yield LLC Unitholder, to the address and other contact information set forth in the records of Yield LLC from time

SECTION 5.3 <u>Further Action</u>. The parties shall execute and deliver all documents, provide all information and take or refrain from taking action as may be necessary or appropriate to achieve the purposes of this Agreement.

SECTION 5.4 Binding Effect; No Third Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement shall, from and after the Effective Time, be binding upon and inure to the benefit of all of the parties and their successors, executors, administrators, heirs, legal representatives and permitted assigns, including, without limitation and without the need for an express assignment, any Permitted Transferee, <u>provided</u> that nothing herein shall be deemed to permit any assignment, transfer or other disposition of Yield LLC Units in violation of the terms of the Yield LLC Operating Agreement or applicable law. This Agreement shall not be assignable by the Corporation or Yield LLC without the prior written consent of NRG and the Requisite Holders. In the event the Corporation or Yield LLC or any of its successors or assigns (i) consolidates with or merges into any other person or entity and is not the continuing or surviving corporation or entity of such consolidation or merger or (ii) transfers all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any person or entity, then and in either case, as a condition to such consolidation, merger or transfer, proper provisions shall be made such that the successors and assigns of the Corporation or Yield LLC, as the case may be, will assume its obligations set forth in this Agreement, and this Agreement shall be enforceable against such successors and assigns. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to or shall confer upon anyone other than the parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns any right, benefit or remedy of any nature whatsoever under or by reason of this Agreement.

SECTION 5.5 Severability. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced by any rule of law, or public policy, all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party. Upon a determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced, the parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner in order that the transactions contemplated hereby be consummated as originally contemplated to the fullest extent possible.

SECTION 5.6 Integration. This Agreement, together with the Yield LLC Operating Agreement, constitutes the entire agreement among the parties pertaining to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings pertaining thereto.

SECTION 5.7 <u>Amendment</u>. The provisions of this Agreement may be amended, supplemented, waived or modified only by the affirmative vote or written consent of each of the Corporation, Yield LLC, NRG and the Requisite Holders; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no such amendment, supplement, waiver or modification shall (i) materially alter or change any rights or obligations of any Yield LLC Unitholders in a manner that is different or prejudicial relative to any other Yield LLC Unitholders, without the prior written consent of at least two-thirds (2/3) in interest of the Yield LLC Unitholders (based on the number of Yield LLC Unitholders) affected in such a different or prejudicial manner or (ii) alter, supplement or amend the Exchange Rate as adjusted from time to time pursuant to <u>Section 2.2</u> hereof (or the adjustments provided therein) without the prior written consent of each affected Yield LLC Unitholder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Corporation, Yield LLC and NRG, without the consent of any Requisite Holders, may amend, supplement, waive or modify any term of this Agreement to cure any ambiguity, mistake, defect or inconsistency contained herein.

SECTION 5.8 Waiver. No failure by any party to insist upon the strict performance of any covenant, duty, agreement or condition of this Agreement or to exercise any right or remedy consequent upon a breach thereof shall constitute waiver of any such breach of any other covenant, duty, agreement or condition.

SECTION 5.9 Arbitration; Submission to Jurisdiction; Waiver of Jury Trial.

(a) Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of, relating to or in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby (including the validity, scope and enforceability of this arbitration provision) shall be finally settled by arbitration. The arbitration shall take place in Wilmington, Delaware and be conducted in accordance with the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association (the "<u>AAA</u>") then in effect (except as they may be modified by mutual agreement of the Corporation, Yield LLC, NRG and the Requisite Holders). The arbitration shall be conducted by three neutral, impartial and independent arbitrators, who shall be appointed by the AAA, at least one of whom shall be a retired judge or a senior partner at one of the nationally recognized Delaware-based law firms. The arbitration award shall be final and binding on the parties. Judgment upon the award may be entered by any court having jurisdiction thereof or having jurisdiction over the relevant party or its assets. The costs of the arbitration shall be borne by the Corporation. Performance under this Agreement shall continue if reasonably possible during any arbitration proceedings.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (a), the parties hereto may bring an action or special proceeding in any court of competent jurisdiction for the purpose of compelling a party to arbitrate, seeking temporary or preliminary relief in aid of an arbitration hereunder, and/or enforcing an arbitration award and, for the purposes of this paragraph (b), each party hereto (i) expressly consents to the application of paragraph (c) of this <u>Section 5.9</u> to any such action or proceeding and (ii) agrees that proof shall not be required that monetary damages for breach of the provisions of this Agreement would be difficult to calculate and that remedies at law would be inadequate.

(c) EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE OR ANY DELAWARE STATE COURT, IN EACH CASE, SITTING IN THE CITY OF WILMINGTON, DELAWARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION 5.9, OR ANY JUDICIAL PROCEEDING ANCILLARY TO AN ARBITRATION OR CONTEMPLATED ARBITRATION ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO OR CONCERNING THIS AGREEMENT. Such ancillary judicial proceedings include any suit, action or proceeding to compel arbitration, to obtain temporary or preliminary judicial relief in aid of arbitration, or to confirm an arbitration award. The parties acknowledge that the forum designated by this paragraph (c) have a reasonable relation to this Agreement, and to the parties' relationship with one another.

(d) The parties hereby waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any objection which they now or hereafter may have to personal jurisdiction or to the laying of venue of any such ancillary suit, action or proceeding brought in any court referred to in the preceding paragraph of this <u>Section 5.9</u> and such parties agree not to plead or claim the same, and agree that service of process upon such party in any such action, suit, demand or proceeding shall be effective if notice is given in accordance with <u>Section 5.2</u>.

SECTION 5.10 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed and delivered (including by facsimile transmission or by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file) in one or more counterparts, and by the different parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original but all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. Copies of executed counterparts transmitted by telecopy, by e-mail delivery of a ".pdf" format data file or other electronic transmission service shall be considered original executed counterparts for purposes of this <u>Section 5.10</u>.

SECTION 5.11 <u>Tax Treatment</u>. This Agreement shall be treated as part of the partnership agreement of Yield LLC as described in Section 761(c) of the Code and Sections 1.704-1(b)(2)(ii)(h) and 1.761-1(c) of the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder. Each party hereto agrees to report each Exchange as a taxable sale of Class B Units by the applicable Yield LLC Unitholder to the Corporation in exchange for Class A Common Stock (in conjunction with the cancellation of Class B Common Stock) and no party shall take a contrary position on any income tax return.

SECTION 5.12 Specific Performance. The parties hereto agree that irreparable damage would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached. It is accordingly agreed that the parties shall be entitled to specific performance of the terms and provisions hereof, in addition to any other remedy to which they are entitled at law or in equity.

SECTION 5.13 Independent Nature of Yield LLC Unitholders' Rights and Obligations. The obligations of each Yield LLC Unitholder hereunder are several and not joint with the obligations of any other Yield LLC Unitholder, and no Yield LLC Unitholder shall be responsible in any way for the performance of the obligations of any other Yield LLC Unitholder hereunder. The decision of each Yield LLC Unitholder to enter into to this

Agreement has been made by such Yield LLC Unitholder independently of any other Yield LLC Unitholder. Nothing contained herein, and no action taken by any Yield LLC Unitholder pursuant hereto, shall be deemed to constitute an action of the Yield LLC Unitholders as a partnership, an association, a joint venture or any other kind of entity, or create a presumption that the Yield LLC Unitholders are in any way acting in concert or as a group with respect to such obligations or the transactions contemplated hereby and the Corporation acknowledges that the Yield LLC Unitholders are not acting in concert or as a group, and the Corporation will not assert any such claim, with respect to such obligations or the transactions contemplated hereby.

SECTION 5.14 <u>Applicable Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of Delaware.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered, all as of the date first set forth above.

NRG YIELD, INC.

By: /s/ G. Gary Garcia Name: G. Gary Garcia Title: Vice President and Treasurer

NRG YIELD LLC

By: <u>/s/ G. Gary Garcia</u> Name: G. Gary Garcia Title: Vice President and Treasurer

NRG ENERGY, INC.

By: /s/ Brian E. Curci Name: Brian E. Curci Title: Corporate Secretary

[Signature Page to Exchange Agreement]

EXHIBIT A

[FORM OF] ELECTION OF EXCHANGE

NRG Yield, Inc. 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 Attention: General Counsel

NRG Yield LLC 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 Attention: General Counsel

Reference is hereby made to the Exchange Agreement, dated as of July 22, 2013 (as amended, the "Exchange Agreement"), by and among NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation, NRG Yield LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and the other Persons from time to time party thereto (as Yield LLC Unitholders). Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Exchange Agreement.

The undersigned Yield LLC Unitholder hereby transfers to the Corporation, for the account of Yield LLC, the number of Yield LLC Units set forth below in Exchange for shares of Class A Common Stock to be issued in its name as set forth below, as set forth in the Exchange Agreement. [The foregoing transfers shall be [effective as of][and][conditioned upon satisfaction of the following conditions: .](1)

Legal Name of Yield LLC Unitholder:

Address:

Number of Yield LLC Units to be Exchanged:

The undersigned hereby represents and warrants that (i) the undersigned has full legal capacity to execute and deliver this Election of Exchange and to perform the undersigned's obligations hereunder; (ii) this Election of Exchange has been duly executed and delivered by the undersigned and is the legal, valid and binding obligation of the undersigned enforceable against it in accordance with the terms thereof or hereof, as the case may be, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency and similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and the availability of equitable remedies; (iii) the Yield LLC Units subject to this Election of Exchange are being transferred free and clear of any pledge, lien, security interest, encumbrance, equities or claim;

(1) Insert Exchange Date and/or contingency, if applicable.

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(iv) no consent, approval, authorization, order, registration or qualification of any third party or with any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over the undersigned or the Yield LLC Units subject to this Election of Exchange is required to be obtained by the undersigned for the transfer of such Yield LLC Units; and (v) the undersigned is the record holder of shares of Class B Common Stock in an amount equal to at least the number of Yield LLC Units subject to this Election of Exchange and will retain ownership of such minimum number of shares of Class B Common Stock through the Exchange Date.

The undersigned hereby irrevocably constitutes and appoints any officer of the Corporation or Yield LLC as the attorney of the undersigned, with full power of substitution and resubstitution in the premises, to do any and all things and to take any and all actions that may be necessary to (i) transfer to the Corporation (A) for the account of Yield LLC, the Yield LLC Units subject to this Election of Exchange and (B) the number of shares of Class B Common Stock equal to the number of Yield LLC Units subject to this Election and Exchange (for redemption and cancellation) and (ii) deliver to the undersigned the shares of Class A Common Stock to be delivered in Exchange for such Yield LLC Units.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, by authority duly given, has caused this Election of Exchange to be executed and delivered by the undersigned or by its duly authorized attorney.

Name:

Dated:

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EXHIBIT B

[FORM OF] JOINDER AGREEMENT

This Joinder Agreement ("Joinder Agreement") is a joinder to the Exchange Agreement, dated as of [], 2013 (as amended, the "Exchange Agreement"), by and among NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation, NRG Yield LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and the other Persons from time to time party thereto (as Yield LLC Unitholders). Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Joinder Agreement shall have their meanings given to them in the Exchange Agreement. This Joinder Agreement shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the law of the State of Delaware. In the event of any conflict between this Joinder Agreement and the Exchange Agreement, the terms of this Joinder Agreement shall control.

The undersigned hereby joins and enters into the Exchange Agreement having acquired Yield LLC Units. By signing and returning this Joinder Agreement to the Corporation and to Yield LLC, the undersigned (i) accepts and agrees to be bound by and subject to all of the terms and conditions of and agreements of a holder of Yield LLC Units contained in the Exchange Agreement, with all attendant rights, duties and obligations of a Yield LLC Unitholder thereunder and (ii) makes each of the representations and warranties of a Yield LLC Unitholder set forth in Section 3.2 of the Exchange Agreement as fully as if such representations and warranties were set forth herein. The parties to the Exchange Agreement shall treat the execution and delivery hereof by the undersigned as the execution and delivery of the Exchange Agreement by the undersigned and, upon receipt of this Joinder Agreement by the Corporation and by Yield LLC, the signature of the undersigned set forth below shall constitute a counterpart signature to the signature page of the Exchange Agreement.

Name:	-
Address for Notices	With copies to:
Attention:	
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RIGHT OF FIRST OFFER AGREEMENT

THIS RIGHT OF FIRST OFFER AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>") is made and entered into as of the 22nd day of July 2013, by and between NRG ENERGY, INC., a Delaware corporation ("<u>NRG</u>"), and NRG YIELD, INC., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Yield</u>"). NRG and Yield are sometimes referred to herein individually as a "<u>Party</u>" and collectively as the "<u>Parties</u>."

<u>RECITALS</u>:

WHEREAS, NRG is the nation's largest competitive power generator and has the intention for Yield to serve as its primary vehicle for owning, operating and acquiring contracted renewable and conventional generation and thermal infrastructure assets;

WHEREAS, Yield expects to increase its cash available for distribution and dividend per share by acquiring additional assets, including assets acquired from NRG; and

WHEREAS, NRG desires to grant to Yield an exclusive right of first offer to acquire the NRG ROFO Assets (as defined in <u>Section 2.1</u>) owned by NRG and certain of its Affiliates (as hereinafter defined) on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth in this Agreement and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, NRG and Yield hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I.

DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 <u>Effective Time</u>. This Agreement shall become effective immediately prior to the consummation of the initial public offering of Yield's Class A Common Stock on the date first above written.

Section 1.2 Definitions. In addition to the terms defined above in the introduction and Recitals to this Agreement, the following terms when used in this Agreement shall have the meanings set forth in this Section 1.2.

"<u>Affiliate</u>" means, with respect to the Person in question, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, such Person. For the purposes of this definition, the term "control" and its derivations means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the Person in question, whether by the ownership of voting securities, contract or otherwise.

"Agua Caliente" consists of (i) 51% of the membership interests in Solar Holdings and (ii) 100% of Solar Holdings' interests in each of the following entities (as exists as of the date hereof): (A) Agua Caliente Solar Holdings LLC; and (B) Agua Caliente Solar LLC.

"<u>Applicable Law</u>" means all statutes, laws, common law, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes or other legal requirements of any Governmental Authority and quasi-governmental agencies or entities, and any judgment, injunction, order, directive, decree or other judicial or regulatory requirement of any court or Governmental Authority of competent jurisdiction affecting or relating to the Person or property in question.

"Business Day" means any day other than Saturday, Sunday or any federal legal holiday.

"<u>Credit Agreement</u>" means that certain Credit Agreement entered into on or about July , 2013 by and among NRG Yield Operating LLC, as Borrower, NRG Yield LLC, as Holdings, Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent and each of the lenders and other parties thereto from time to time (as amended, amended and restated or otherwise modified from time to time).

"<u>CVSR</u>" consists of (i) 100% of the remaining 51.05% membership interests of NRG Solar CVSR Holdings LLC and (ii) 100% of NRG Solar CVSR Holdings LLC's interest in High Plains Ranch II, LLC.

"Effective Date" means the closing date of Yield's initial public offering.

"El Segundo" consists of 100% of the membership interests in Natural Gas Repowering LLC. Natural Gas Repowering owns 100% of NRG West Holdings LLC's membership interests, which is the direct parent of El Segundo Energy Center LLC and NRG West Procurement Company LLC.

"Governmental Authority" means any federal, state or local government or political subdivision thereof, including, without limitation, any agency or entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, regulatory or administrative governmental powers or functions, in each case to the extent the same has jurisdiction over the Person or property in question.

"High Desert" consists of 100% of the membership interests of TA-High Desert, LLC.

"<u>Ivanpah</u>" consists of a 99.61% interest in Solar Ivanpah which in turn holds a 50.1446% ownership interest in Ivanpah Master Holdings, LLC. Ivanpah Master Holdings, LLC holds 100% of the membership interests of: (i) Ivanpah Project I Holdings, LLC; (ii) Ivanpah Project II Holdings, LLC; (iii) Ivanpah Project II Holdings, LLC; (iv) Solar Partners I, LLC; (v) Solar Partners II, LLC; and (vi) Solar Partners VIII, LLC.

"Losses" means, with respect to the Person in question, any actual liability, damage (but expressly excluding any consequential and punitive damages), loss, cost or expense, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys fees and expenses and court costs, incurred by such Person, as a result of the act, omission or occurrence in question.

"Negotiation Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2.

"Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.1.

"NRG Confidential Information" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1.

"<u>NRG Indemnitees</u>" means NRG and its Affiliates (other than Yield and its direct or indirect subsidiaries, excluding any NRG ROFO Asset prior to the acquisition thereof by Yield or any of its Affiliates in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement), and each of their respective shareholders, members, partners, trustees, beneficiaries, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, accountants, consultants and agents, and the successors, assigns, legal representatives, heirs, devisees and donees of each of the foregoing.

"<u>NRG ROFO Assets</u>" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.1.

"<u>Person</u>" means any natural person, corporation, general or limited partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, trust, estate, Governmental Authority or other legal entity, in each case whether in its own or a representative capacity.

"Project Level Indebtedness" has the meaning specified in the Credit Agreement.

"<u>NRG Kansas South</u>" consists of 100% of the membership interests of NRG Solar Kansas South Holdings LLC which in turn holds 100% of the membership interests of NRG Solar Kansas South LLC.

"Required Securities Disclosure" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1.

"ROFO Termination Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.3.

"Solar Holdings" means AC Solar Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Solar Ivanpah" means NRG Solar Ivanpah LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Term" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1.

"Third Party" means any Person other than a Party or an Affiliate of a Party.

"Transaction Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.2.

"<u>Transfer</u>" means, other than in connection with any disposition of assets or granting of liens permitted under any Project Level Indebtedness of any NRG ROFO Asset, any assignment, sale, offer to sell, pledge, mortgage, hypothecation, encumbrance, disposition of or any other like transfer or encumbering (whether with or without consideration and whether voluntarily or involuntarily or by operation of law or otherwise); <u>provided</u>, that this definition shall not include any (i) merger with or into, or sale of substantially all of NRG's assets to, an unaffiliated third-party or (ii) internal restructuring involving any NRG ROFO Asset; <u>provided</u>, the terms of any such restructuring will not limit, delay or hinder the ability of Yield or any of its Affiliates to acquire such NRG ROFO Asset from NRG in accordance with the terms of this Agreement if and when NRG elects to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of such NRG ROFO Asset to a third party.

ARTICLE II.

RIGHT OF FIRST OFFER ON NRG ROFO ASSETS

Section 2.1 NRG ROFO Assets

During the Term, NRG hereby grants to Yield and its Affiliates a right of first offer on any proposed Transfer of each of Agua Caliente, CVSR, El Segundo, High Desert, Ivanpah and NRG South Kansas (each individually an "<u>NRG ROFO Asset</u>," and collectively, the "<u>NRG ROFO Assets</u>").

Section 2.2 Notice of Transaction Related to NRG ROFO Assets and Negotiation of Definitive Terms for Transaction_NRG must deliver a written notice to Yield no later than forty-five (45) days prior to engaging in any negotiation regarding any proposed Transfer of any NRG ROFO Asset (or any portion thereof), setting forth in reasonable detail the material terms and conditions of the proposed transaction (such notice, a "<u>Transaction Notice</u>"). If NRG delivers any Transaction Notice to Yield, then NRG and Yield shall enter non-binding discussions and negotiate in good faith to attempt to agree on definitive terms acceptable to both Parties, in their sole and absolute discretion, for the Transfer of the applicable NRG ROFO Asset to Yield or any of its Affiliates. If, within thirty (30) calendar days after the delivery of such Transaction Notice (the "<u>Negotiation Period</u>"), the Parties have not agreed to definitive terms for the Transfer of such NRG ROFO Asset to Yield, NRG will be able, within the next 180 calendar days, to Transfer such NRG ROFO Asset to a Third Party (or agree in writing to undertake such transaction with a third party) in accordance with the terms of <u>Section 2.3</u>.

Section 2.3 <u>Negotiations with Third Parties</u>. Neither NRG nor any of its representatives, agents or Affiliates (excluding Yield and its direct or indirect subsidiaries, which subsidiaries shall not include any NRG ROFO Asset prior to the acquisition thereof by Yield or any of its Affiliates in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement) shall solicit offers from, or negotiate or enter into any agreement with, any Third Party for the Transfer of any NRG ROFO Asset (or any portion thereof) until the expiration of the Negotiation Period related to such NRG ROFO Asset and the proposed Transfer (the "<u>ROFO Termination Date</u>"). Yield agrees and acknowledges that from and after the ROFO Termination Date for any NRG ROFO Asset and the applicable proposed Transfer: (a) NRG shall have the absolute right to solicit offers from, negotiate with, and enter into agreements with, any Third Party to Transfer such NRG ROFO Asset, on terms generally no less favorable to NRG than those offered to Yield pursuant to the Transaction Notice, and (b) NRG shall have no further obligation to negotiate with Yield regarding, or offer Yield the opportunity to acquire any interest in, such NRG ROFO Asset; <u>provided</u>, that the final terms of the Transfer of any NRG ROFO Asset to any Third Party be on terms generally no less favorable to NRG than those offered to Yield pursuant to the Transfer of any NRG ROFO Asset to any Third Party be on terms generally no less favorable to NRG than those offered to Yield pursuant to the Transfer of any NRG ROFO Asset to any Third Party be on terms generally no less favorable to NRG than those offered to NRG than those offered to Yield pursuant to the Transaction Notice.

ARTICLE III.

TERM; TERMINATION RIGHTS

Section 3.1 <u>Term</u>. Unless earlier terminated in accordance with this ARTICLE III, the term of this Agreement (the "<u>Term</u>") shall commence ath the Effective Time and shall continue in effect until 5:00 p.m. New York City time on the fifth (5th) anniversary of the date on which the Effective Time occurs, at which time this Agreement shall terminate and the Parties shall have no further rights or obligations under this Agreement, except those that expressly survive the termination of this Agreement.

Section 3.2 <u>Termination Rights</u>. NRG or Yield, as the case may be, shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, with written notice to the other Party, if the other Party materially breaches or defaults in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement or under any transaction agreement entered into by the Parties in connection with an NRG ROFO Assets, and such breach or default is continuing for 30 days after such breaching Party has been given a written notice specifying such default or breach and requiring it to be remedied and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" hereunder. Upon any such termination the Parties shall have no further rights or obligations under this Agreement, except those that expressly survive the termination of this Agreement.

Section 3.3 <u>Exclusive Remedy</u>. Other than with respect to a breach or default in the performance of a Party's indemnification obligations under ARTICLE IV, each Party's sole and exclusive remedy for a breach or default by the other Party of its obligations under this Agreement shall be to terminate this Agreement in accordance with <u>Section 3.2</u>.

ARTICLE IV.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Section 4.1 <u>NRG Confidential Information</u>. Yield shall keep confidential and not make any public announcement or disclose to any Person any terms of any other documents, materials, data or other information with respect to any NRG ROFO Asset which is not generally known to the public (the "<u>NRG Confidential Information</u>"); provided, however, that NRG Confidential Information shall not include (a) the terms and conditions of this Agreement or (b) information that becomes available to Yield on a non-confidential basis from a source other than the NRG, its Affiliates or their directors, officers or employees, provided, that, to Yield's knowledge, such source was not prohibited from disclosing such information to Yield by any legal, contractual or fiduciary duty. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Yield shall be permitted to (A) disclose any NRG Confidential Information to the extent required by court order or under Applicable Law, (B) make a public announcement regarding such matters (1) as agreed to in writing by NRG or (2) as required by the provisions of any securities laws or the requirements of any exchange on which Yield securities may be listed (a "<u>Required Securities Disclosure</u>"), or (C) disclose any NRG Confidential Information to any Person on a "need-to-know" basis, such as its shareholders, partners, members, trustees, beneficiaries, directors, officers, employees, attorneys, consultants or lenders; provided, however, that, other than in connection with a Required Securities Disclosure, Yield shall (y) advise such

Person of the confidential nature of such NRG Confidential Information, and (z) cause such Person to be bound by obligations of confidentiality that are no less stringent than the obligations set forth herein. Yield shall indemnify and hold harmless the NRG Indemnitees for any Losses incurred by any of the NRG Indemnitees for a breach or default of Yield's obligations under this <u>Section 4.1</u>. This <u>Section 4.1</u> shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE V.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 5.1 Notices

(a) <u>Method of Delivery</u>. All notices, requests, demands and other communications (each, a "<u>Notice</u>") required to be provided to the other Party pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be delivered (i) in person, (ii) by certified U.S. mail, with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, (iii) by overnight courier service, or (iv) by facsimile transmittal, with a verification copy sent on the same day by any of the methods set forth in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii), to the other Party to this Agreement at the following address or facsimile number (or to such other address or facsimile number as NRG or Yield may designate from time to time pursuant to this Section 5.1):

If to NRG:

NRG Energy, Inc. 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 Attention: General Counsel Facsimile No.: (609) 524-4501

With a copy to:

Kirkland & Ellis 300 N. LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60654 Attention: Gerald T. Nowak, P.C. Facsimile No.: (312) 862-2000

If to Yield:

NRG Yield, Inc. c/o NRG Energy, Inc. 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 Attention: General Counsel Facsimile No.: (609) 524-4501

With a copy to:

Kirkland & Ellis 300 N. LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60654 Attention: Gerald T. Nowak, P.C. Facsimile No.: (312) 862-2000

(b) <u>Receipt of Notices</u>. All Notices sent by NRG or Yield under this Agreement shall be deemed to have been received by the Party to whom such Notice is sent upon (i) delivery to the address or facsimile number of the recipient Party, provided that such delivery is made prior to 5:00 p.m. (local time for the recipient Party) on a Business Day, otherwise the following Business Day, or (ii) the attempted delivery of such Notice if (A) such recipient Party refuses delivery of such Notice, or (B) such recipient Party is no longer at such address or facsimile number, and such recipient Party failed to provide the sending Party with its current address or facsimile number pursuant to this <u>Section 5.1</u>).

(c) <u>Change of Address</u>. NRG and Yield and their respective counsel shall have the right to change their respective address and/or facsimile number for the purposes of this <u>Section 5.1</u> by providing a Notice of such change in address and/or facsimile as required under this <u>Section 5.1</u>.

Section 5.2 <u>Time is of the Essence</u>. Time is of the essence of this Agreement; provided, however, that notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, if the time period for the performance of any covenant or obligation, satisfaction of any condition or delivery of any notice or item required under this Agreement shall expire on a day other than a Business Day, such time period shall be extended automatically to the next Business Day.

Section 5.3 <u>Assignment</u>. Neither Party shall assign this Agreement or any interest therein to any Person, without the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent may be withheld in such Party's sole discretion.

Section 5.4 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of NRG and Yield and their respective successors and permitted assigns (which include Yield's Affiliates).

Section 5.5 <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u>. This Agreement shall not confer any rights or remedies on any Person other than (i) the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns (including Yield's Affiliates), and (ii) the NRG Indemnitees to the extent such NRG Indemnitees are expressly granted certain rights of indemnification in this Agreement.

Section 5.6 <u>Other Activities</u>. No Party hereto shall be prohibited from engaging in or holding an interest in any other business ventures of any kind or description, or any responsibility to account to the other for the income or profits of any such enterprises or have this Agreement be deemed to constitute any agreement not to compete. This Agreement shall not be deemed to create a partnership, joint venture, association or any other similar relationship between the Parties.

Section 5.7 <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO ANY PRINCIPLES REGARDING CONFLICT OF LAWS.

Section 5.8 <u>Rules of Construction</u>. The following rules shall apply to the construction and interpretation of this Agreement:

(a) Singular words shall connote the plural as well as the singular, and plural words shall connote the singular as well as the plural, and the masculine shall include the feminine and the neuter.

(b) All references in this Agreement to particular articles, sections, subsections or clauses (whether in upper or lower case) are references to articles, sections, subsections or clauses of this Agreement. All references in this Agreement to particular exhibits or schedules (whether in upper or lower case) are references to the exhibits and schedules attached to this Agreement, unless otherwise expressly stated or clearly apparent from the context of such reference

(c) The headings contained herein are solely for convenience of reference and shall not constitute a part of this Agreement nor shall they affect its meaning, construction or effect.

(d) Each Party and its counsel have reviewed and revised (or requested revisions of) this Agreement and have participated in the preparation of this Agreement, and therefore any usual rules of construction requiring that ambiguities are to be resolved against any Party shall not be applicable in the construction and interpretation of this Agreement or any exhibits hereto.

(e) The terms "hereby," "hereof," "herein," "hereunder" and any similar terms shall refer to this Agreement, and not solely to the provision in which such term is used.

(f) The terms "include," "including" and similar terms shall be construed as if followed by the phrase "without limitation."

(g) The term "sole discretion" with respect to any determination to be made by a Party under this Agreement shall mean the sole and absolute discretion of such Party, without regard to any standard of reasonableness or other standard by which the determination of such Party might be challenged.

Section 5.9 <u>Severability</u>. If any term or provision of this Agreement is held to be or rendered invalid or unenforceable at any time in any jurisdiction, such term or provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other terms or provisions of this Agreement, or the validity or enforceability of such affected terms or provisions at any other time or in any other jurisdiction.

Section 5.10 <u>JURISDICTION; VENUE</u>. ANY LITIGATION OR OTHER COURT PROCEEDING WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER ARISING FROM OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN THE COURTS OF RECORD IN THE STATE OF DELAWARE OR THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, AND NRG AND YIELD HEREBY SUBMIT TC JURISDICTION AND CONSENT TO VENUE IN SUCH COURTS.

Section 5.11 <u>WAIVER OF TRIAL BY JURY</u>. NRG AND YIELD HEREBY WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LITIGATION OR OTHER COURT PROCEEDING BY EITHER PARTY AGAINST THE OTHER PARTY WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER ARISING FROM OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT.

Section 5.12 <u>Prevailing Party</u>. If any litigation or other court action, arbitration or similar adjudicatory proceeding is sought, taken, instituted or brought by NRG or Yield to enforce its rights under this Agreement, all fees, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys fees and court costs, of the prevailing Party in such action, suit or proceeding shall be borne by the Party against whose interest the judgment or decision is rendered.

Section 5.13 <u>Recitals, Exhibits and Schedules</u>. The recitals to this Agreement, and all exhibits and schedules referred to in this Agreement are incorporated herein by such reference and made a part of this Agreement. Any matter disclosed in any schedule to this Agreement shall be deemed to be incorporated in all other schedules to this Agreement.

Section 5.14 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding and agreement of the Parties hereto, and shall supersede any other agreements and understandings (written or oral) between NRG and Yield on or prior to the date of this Agreement with respect to the matters contemplated in this Agreement.

Section 5.15 <u>Amendments to Agreement</u>. No amendment, supplement or other modification to any terms of this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing and executed and delivered by NRG and Yield.

Section 5.16 <u>Facsimile; Counterparts</u>. NRG and Yield may deliver executed signature pages to this Agreement by facsimile transmission to the other Party, which facsimile copy shall be deemed to be an original executed signature page; provided, however, that such Party shall deliver an original signature page to the other Party promptly thereafter. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which counterparts together shall constitute one agreement with the same effect as if the Parties had signed the same signature page.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, NRG and Yield each have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered in their names by their respective duly authorized officers or representatives.

<u>NRG</u>:

NRG ENERGY, INC., a Delaware Corporation

By: /s/ Brian E. Curci

Name: Brian E. Curci Title: Corporate Secretary

YIELD:

NRG YIELD, INC. a Delaware Corporation

By: /s/ G. Gary Garcia

Name: G. Gary Garcia Title: Vice President and Treasurer

[Signature Page to ROFO Agreement]

Exhibit 10.4

Execution Version

NRG YIELD, INC.,

NRG YIELD LLC

and

NRG YIELD OPERATING LLC

and

NRG ENERGY, INC.

as Manager

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THIS AGREEMENT is made as of the 22nd day of July 2013, by and among NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("Yield"), NRG Yield LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Yield LLC"), NRG Yield Operating LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Yield Derating"), and NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Manager"). This Agreement shall become effective immediately prior to the consummation of the initial public offering of Yield's Class A Common Stock on the date first above written.

RECITALS:

A. Yield, Yield LLC and Yield Operating directly and indirectly, as applicable, hold interests in the Service Recipients (as defined below).

B. Yield, Yield LLC and Yield Operating wish to engage the Manager to provide or arrange for other Service Providers (as defined below) to provide the services set forth in this Agreement to the Service Recipients, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and the Manager wishes to accept such engagement.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration (the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged), the parties hereto agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions

In this Agreement, except where the context otherwise requires, the following terms will have the following meanings:

1.1.1 "Affiliate" means, with respect to a Person, any other Person that, directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by such Person, or is under common Control of a third Person;

1.1.2 "Acquired Assets" means any renewable and conventional generation and thermal infrastructure asset acquired after the date hereof by any member of the Yield Group, including, but not limited, to any assets acquired pursuant to the NRG ROFO Agreement or otherwise agreed upon by the Manager and Yield;

1.1.3 "Agreement" means this Management Services Agreement, and "herein," "hereof," "hereby," "hereunder" and similar expressions refer to this Agreement and include every instrument supplemental or ancillary to this Agreement and, except where the context otherwise requires, not to any particular article or section thereof;

1.1.4 "Annual Fee Amount" means an amount equal to \$4 million, which amount shall be adjusted for inflation annually beginning on January 1, 2014 at the Inflation Factor;

1.1.5 **"Base Management Fee"** means, as of the date of determination, an aggregate amount equal to the Annual Fee Amount, *plus* an amount equal to 0.05% of the Enterprise Value of any Acquired Assets as of the date of determination. The Base Management Fee may be increased or decreased from time to time by an agreed upon amount resulting from the amendment of the scope of the Services pursuant to <u>Section 11.1.1</u> hereof;

1.1.6 "Business" means the business carried on from time to time by the Yield Group;

1.1.7 "**Business Day**" means every day except a Saturday or 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;

1.1.8 "Claims" has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 10.1.1 hereof;

1.1.9 "**Control**" means the control by one Person of another Person in accordance with the following: a Person (" **A**") controls another Person ("**B**") where A has the power to determine the management and policies of B by contract or status (for example the status of A being the managing member of B) or by virtue of beneficial ownership of or control over a majority of the voting or economic interests in B; and, for certainty and without limitation, if A owns or has control over shares to which are attached more than 50% of the votes permitted to be cast in the election of directors to the Governing Body of B or A is the general partner of B, a limited partnership, then in each case A Controls B for this purpose, and the term "**Controlled**" has the corresponding meaning;

1.1.10 "Enterprise Value" means an Acquired Asset's capitalization *plus* outstanding indebtedness, minority interest and preferred shares, *minus* total cash and cash equivalents calculated as of such Acquired Asset's acquisition closing date.

1.1.11 "Expenses" has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 7.3.2 hereof;

1.1.12 "Expense Statement" has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 7.5 hereof;

1.1.13 "GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States used by Yield in preparing its financial statements from time to time; *provided* that, at any time after adoption of IFRS by Yield for its financial statements and reports for all financial reporting purposes, all references to GAAP hereunder shall be to IFRS;

1.1.14 "Governing Body" means (i) with respect to a corporation, the board of directors of such corporation, (ii) with respect to a limited liability company, the manager(s) or managing member(s) of such limited liability company, (iii) with respect to a limited partnership, the board, committee or other body of the general partner of such partnership that serves a similar function or the general partner itself (or if any such general partner is itself a limited partnership, the board, committee or other body of such general partner's general partner that serves a similar function or such general partner is partner) and (iv) with respect to any other Person, the body of such Person that serves a similar function, and in the case of each of (i) through (iv) includes any committee or other

subdivision of such body and any Person to whom such body has delegated any power or authority, including any officer and managing director;

1.1.15 "**Governing Instruments**" means (i) the certificate of incorporation and bylaws in the case of a corporation, (ii) the articles of formation and operating agreement in the case of a limited liability company (iii) the partnership agreement in the case of a partnership, and (iv) any other similar governing document under which an entity was organized, formed or created and/or operates;

1.1.16 **"Governmental Authority**" means any (i) international, national, multinational, federal, state, regional, municipal, local or other government, governmental or public department, central bank, court, tribunal, arbitral body, commission, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality, domestic or foreign, including ISO/RTOs, (ii) self-regulatory organization or stock exchange, (iii) subdivision, agent, commission, board, or authority of any of the foregoing, or (iv) quasi-governmental or private body exercising any regulatory, expropriation or taxing authority under or for the account of any of the foregoing;

1.1.17 "Governmental Charges" has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 7.4 hereof;

1.1.18 "IFRS" means the International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board.

1.1.19 "**Independent Committee**" means a committee of the Governing Body of Yield made up of directors that are "independent" of the Manager and its Affiliates, in accordance with Yield's Governing Instruments;

1.1.20 "Inflation Factor" means, at any time, the fraction obtained where the numerator is the Consumer Price Index for the United States of America (all items) for the then current year and the denominator is the Consumer Price Index for the United States of America (all items) for the year immediately preceding the then current year, with appropriate mathematical adjustment made to ensure that both the numerator and the denominator have been prepared on the same basis;

1.1.21 "Interest Rate" means, for any day, the rate of interest equal to the overnight U.S. dollar London interbank offered rate on such day;

1.1.22 "**ISO/RTO**" means an independent electricity system operator, a regional transmission organization, national system operator or any other similar organization overseeing the transmission of energy in any jurisdiction in which the Yield Group owns assets or operates;

1.1.23 "Laws" means any and all applicable (i) laws, constitutions, treaties, statutes, codes, ordinances, principles of common law and equity, rules, regulations and municipal bylaws whether domestic, foreign or international, (ii) judicial, arbitral, administrative, ministerial, departmental and regulatory judgments, orders, writs, injunctions, decisions, and awards of any Governmental Authority, and (iii) policies, practices and guidelines of any Governmental Authority which, although not actually having the force of law, are

considered by such Governmental Authority as requiring compliance as if having the force of law, and the term " **applicable**," with respect to such Laws and in the context that refers to one or more Persons, means such Laws that apply to such Person or Persons or its or their business, undertaking, property or securities at the relevant time and that emanate from a Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over the Person or Persons or its or their business, undertaking, property or securities;

1.1.24 "Liabilities" has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 9.1.1 hereof;

1.1.25 "Manager Group" means the Manager and its Affiliates (other than any member of the Yield Group) and any other Service Providers;

1.1.26 "Manager Indemnified Parties" has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 9.1.1 hereof;

1.1.27 "Manager" has the meaning assigned thereto in the preamble;

1.1.28 "**NRG ROFO Agreement**" means the agreement between the Manager and Yield that provides Yield a right of first offer to purchase certain assets of the Manager offered for sale;

1.1.29 "**Operational and Other Services**" means any services provided by any member of the Manager Group to any member of the Yield Group, including financial advisory, operations and maintenance, marketing, agency, development, operating management and other services, including services provided under any Operating and Administrative Agreement;

1.1.30 "Permit" means any consent, license, approval, registration, permit or other authorization granted by any Governmental Authority;

1.1.31 "**Person**" means any natural person, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, syndicate, sole proprietorship, company or corporation (with or without share capital), limited liability corporation, unlimited liability company, joint stock company, unincorporated association, trust, trustee, executor, administrator or other legal personal representative, regulatory body or agency, government or Governmental Agency, authority or entity however designated or constituted and pronouns have a similarly extended meaning;

1.1.32 "**Operating and Administrative Agreements**" means the operations and administrative agreements in effect on the date hereof between certain members of the Yield Group and Affiliates of the Manager for such Yield Group members' operating and administrative needs and, with respect to any Acquired Assets, any operations and administrative agreements between any of the Acquired Assets and Affiliates of the Manager for such asset's operating and administrative needs in effect as of the date of acquisition of the Acquired Asset by a member of the Yield Group,; for greater certainty, none of the Operating and Administrative Agreements are, or shall be, amended or terminated, or otherwise altered, by this Agreement;

1.1.33 "Quarter" means a calendar quarter ending on the last day of March, June, September or December;

1.1.34 "Service Providers" means the Manager, any member of the Manager Group and any other entity or individual that the Manager has arranged to provide the Services to any Service Recipient;

1.1.35 "Service Recipient" means Yield, Yield LLC, Yield Operating and the Subsidiaries listed on <u>Schedule I</u> hereto, as well as any other direct and indirect Subsidiary of Yield, Yield LLC, Yield Operating, as applicable, acquired or formed after the date hereof that receives Services from a Service Provider pursuant to this Agreement;

1.1.36 "Services" has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 3.1 hereof;

1.1.37 "**Subsidiary**" means, with respect to any Person, (i) any other Person that is directly or indirectly Controlled by such Person, (ii) any trust in which such Person holds all of the beneficial interests or (iii) any partnership, limited liability company or similar entity in which such Person holds all of the interests of any general partner, managing member or similar Person;

1.1.38 "Third Party Claim" has the meaning assigned thereto in Section 9.1.3 hereof;

1.1.39 "**Transaction Fees**" means fees paid or payable by the Service Recipients, which are on market terms, with respect to financial advisory services ordinarily carried out by investment banks in the context of mergers and acquisitions transactions;

1.1.40 "Yield" has the meaning assigned thereto in the preamble;

1.1.41 "Yield Group" means Yield, Yield LLC, Yield Operating and their direct and indirect Subsidiaries;

1.1.42 "Yield LLC" has the meaning assigned thereto in the preamble; and

1.1.43 "Yield Operating" has the meaning assigned thereto in the preamble.

1.2 Headings and Table of Contents

The inclusion of headings and a table of contents in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and will not affect the construction or interpretation hereof.

1.3 Interpretation

In this Agreement, unless the context otherwise requires:

1.3.1 words importing the singular shall include the plural and vice versa, words importing gender shall include all genders or the neuter, and words importing the neuter shall include all genders;



1.3.2 the words "include", "includes", "including", or any variations thereof, when following any general term or statement, are not to be construed as limiting the general term or statement to the specific items or matters set forth or to similar items or matters, but rather as referring to all other items or matters that could reasonably fall within the broadest possible scope of the general term or statement;

1.3.3 references to any Person include such Person's successors and permitted assigns;

1.3.4 any reference to a statute, regulation, policy, rule or instrument shall include, and shall be deemed to be a reference also to, all amendments made to such statute, regulation, policy, rule or instrument and to any statute, regulation, policy, rule or instrument that may be passed which has the effect of supplementing or superseding the statute, regulation, policy, rule or instrument so referred to;

1.3.5 any reference to this Agreement or any other agreement, document or instrument shall be construed as a reference to this Agreement or, as the case may be, such other agreement, document or instrument as the same may have been, or may from time to time be, amended, varied, replaced, amended and restated, supplemented or otherwise modified;

1.3.6 in the event that any day on which any amount is to be determined or any action is required to be taken hereunder is not a Business Day, then such amount shall be determined or such action shall be required to be taken at or before the requisite time on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day; and

1.3.7 except where otherwise expressly provided, all amounts in this Agreement are stated and shall be paid in U.S. currency.

1.4 Service Recipients Third Party Beneficiaries

The Manager agrees that each of the Service Recipients, including the Service Recipients listed on <u>Schedule I</u> hereto and any other Service Recipient formed or acquired after the date of this Agreement in accordance with <u>Section 2.2</u> hereof, shall be, and is hereby, named as express third-party beneficiary of this Agreement entitled to all the benefits conferred under this Agreement.

1.5 Actions by the Manager or the Service Recipients

Unless the context requires otherwise, where the consent of or a determination is required by the Manager or Service Recipient hereunder, the parties shall be entitled to conclusively rely upon it having been given or taken, as applicable, if, the Manager or such Service Recipient, as applicable, has communicated the same in writing.

ARTICLE 2 APPOINTMENT OF THE MANAGER

2.1 Appointment and Acceptance

2.1.1 Subject to and in accordance with the terms, conditions and limitations in this Agreement, Yield, Yield LLC and Yield Operating hereby appoint the Manager to provide or arrange for other Service Providers to provide the Services to the Service Recipients. This appointment will be subject to the express terms of this Agreement and to each Service Recipient's Governing Body's supervision of the Manager and obligation to manage and control the affairs of such Service Recipient.

2.1.2 The Manager hereby accepts the appointment provided for in Section 2.1.1 and agrees to act in such capacity and to provide or arrange for other Service Providers to provide the Services to the Service Recipients upon the terms, conditions and limitations in this Agreement.

2.2 Other Service Recipients

The parties acknowledge that any Subsidiary of Yield, Yield LLC or Yield Operating formed or acquired in the future that is not a Service Recipient on the date hereof may become a Service Recipient under this Agreement. In the event that any such addition results in an amendment of the scope of the Services, such amendment shall be effectuated as provided by Section <u>11.1.1</u> hereof.

2.3 Subcontracting and Other Arrangements

The Manager may subcontract to any other Service Provider or any of its other Affiliates, or arrange for the provision of any or all of the Services to be provided by it under this Agreement by any other Service Provider or any other of its Affiliates, and each of Yield, Yield LLC and Yield Operating hereby consents to any such subcontracting or arrangement; *provided* that the Manager shall remain responsible to the Service Recipients for any Services provided by such other Service Provider or Affiliate.

ARTICLE 3 SERVICES AND POWERS OF THE MANAGER

3.1 Services

The Manager will provide, or arrange for the provision by other Service Providers of, and will have the exclusive power and authority to provide or arrange for the provision by other Service Providers of, the following services (the "Services") to the Service Recipients:

3.1.1 causing or supervising the carrying out of all day to day management, secretarial, accounting, banking, treasury, administrative, liaison, representative, regulatory and reporting functions and obligations;

3.1.2 establishing and maintaining or supervising the establishment and maintenance of books and records;

3.1.3 identifying, evaluating and recommending to the Yield Group acquisitions or dispositions from time to time and, where requested to do so, assisting in negotiating the terms of such acquisitions or dispositions;

3.1.4 recommending and, where requested to do so, assisting in the raising of funds whether by way of debt, equity or otherwise, including the preparation, review or distribution of any prospectus or offering memorandum in respect thereof and assisting with communications support in connection therewith;

3.1.5 recommending to the members of the Yield Group suitable candidates to serve on the Governing Bodies of the Yield Group;

3.1.6 making recommendations with respect to the exercise of any voting rights to which the Service Recipients are entitled in respect of its Subsidiaries;

3.1.7 making recommendations with respect to the payment of dividends by the Service Recipients or any other distributions by the Service Recipients, including distributions by Yield to its stockholders;

3.1.8 monitoring and/or oversight of the applicable Service Recipient's accountants, legal counsel and other accounting, financial or legal advisors and technical, commercial, marketing and other independent experts and managing litigation in which a Service Recipient is sued or commencing litigation after consulting with, and subject to the approval of, the relevant Governing Body;

3.1.9 attending to all matters necessary for any reorganization, bankruptcy proceedings, dissolution or winding up of a Service Recipient, subject to approval by the relevant Governing Body;

3.1.10 supervising the timely calculation and payment of taxes payable, and the filing of all tax returns, by each Service Recipient;

3.1.11 causing or supervising the preparation of the Service Recipients' annual combined financial statements and quarterly interim financial statements (i) to be prepared in accordance with GAAP and audited at least to such extent and with such frequency as may be required by law, regulation or in order to comply with any debt covenants; and (ii) to be submitted to the Governing Body of each Service Recipient;

3.1.12 making recommendations in relation to and effecting the entry into insurance of each Service Recipient's assets, together with other insurances against other risks, including directors and officers insurance, as the relevant Service Provider and the relevant Governing Body may from time to time agree;

3.1.13 arranging for individuals to carry out the functions of the principal executive, accounting and financial officers for Yield only for purposes of applicable securities laws and the regulations of any stock exchange on which the Securities of Yield are listed and subject to the approval of Yield's Governing Body;

3.1.14 providing individuals to act as senior officers of the Service Recipients as agreed from time to time, subject to the approval of the relevant Governing Body;

3.1.15 advising the Service Recipients regarding the maintenance of compliance with applicable Laws and other obligations; and

3.1.16 providing all such other services as may from time to time be agreed with the Service Recipients that are reasonably related to the Service Recipient's day to day operations.

3.2 Supervision of Manager's Activities

The Manager shall, at all times, be subject to the supervision of the relevant Service Recipient's Governing Body and shall only provide or arrange for the provision of such Services as such Governing Body may request from time to time.

3.3 Restrictions on the Manager

3.3.1 The Manager shall, and shall cause any other Service Provider to, refrain from taking any action that is not in compliance with or would violate any Laws or that otherwise would not be permitted by the Governing Instruments of the Service Recipients. If the Manager or any Service Provider is instructed to take any action that is not in such compliance by a Service Recipient's Governing Body, such person will promptly notify such Governing Body of its judgment that such action would not comply with or violate any such Laws or otherwise would not be permitted by such Governing Instrument.

3.3.2 In performing its duties under this Agreement, each member of the Manager Group shall be entitled to rely in good faith on qualified experts, professionals and other agents (including on accountants, appraisers, consultants, legal counsel and other professional advisors) and shall be permitted to rely in good faith upon the direction of a Service Recipient's Governing Body to evidence any approvals or authorizations that are required under this Agreement. All references in this Agreement to the Service Recipients or Governing Body for the purposes of instructions, approvals and requests to the Manager will refer to the Governing Body.

3.4 Errors and Omissions Insurance

The Manager shall, and shall cause any other Service Provider to, at all times during the term of this Agreement maintain "errors and omissions" insurance coverage and other insurance coverage which is customarily carried by Persons performing functions that are similar to those performed by the Service Providers under this Agreement and in an amount which is comparable to that which is customarily maintained by such other Persons.

ARTICLE 4 RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MANAGER AND THE SERVICE RECIPIENTS

4.1 Other Activities

No member of the Manager Group (and no Affiliate, director, officer, member, partner, shareholder or employee of any member of the Manager Group) shall be prohibited from

engaging in other business activities or sponsoring, or providing services to, third parties that compete directly or indirectly with the Service Recipients.

4.2 Exclusivity

Except as expressly provided for herein, Yield, Yield LLC and Yield Operating shall not, and shall cause the other Service Recipients not to, during the term of this Agreement, engage any other Person to provide any services comparable to the Services without the prior written consent of the Manager, which may be withheld in the absolute discretion of the Manager.

4.3 Independent Contractor, No Partnership or Joint Venture

The parties acknowledge that the Manager is providing or arranging for the provision of the Services hereunder as an independent contractor and that the Service Recipients and the Manager are not partners or joint venturers with or agents of each other, and nothing herein will be construed so as to make them partners, joint venturers or agents or impose any liability as such on any of them as a result of this Agreement; *provided however* that nothing herein will be construed so as to prohibit the Service Recipients and the Manager from embarking upon an investment together as partners, joint venturers or in any other manner whatsoever.

ARTICLE 5 MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

5.1 Management and Employees

5.1.1 The Manager shall arrange, or shall arrange for another member of the Manager Group to arrange, for such qualified personnel and support staff to be available to carry out the Services. Such personnel and support staff shall devote such of their time to the provision of the Services to the Service Recipients as the relevant member of the Manager Group reasonably deems necessary and appropriate in order to fulfill its obligations hereunder. Such personnel and support staff need not have as their primary responsibility the provision of the Services to the Service Recipients or be dedicated exclusively to the provision of the Services to the Service Recipients.

5.1.2 Each of Yield, Yield LLC and Yield Operating shall, and shall cause each of the other Service Recipients to do all things reasonably necessary on its part as requested by any member of the Manager Group consistent with the terms of this Agreement to enable the members of the Manager Group to fulfill their obligations, covenants and responsibilities and to exercise their rights pursuant to this Agreement, including making available to the Manager Group, and granting the Manager Group access to, the employees and contractors of the Service Recipients as any member of the Manager Group may from time to time reasonably request.

5.1.3 The Manager covenants and agrees to exercise the power and discharge the duties conferred under this Agreement honestly and in good faith, and shall exercise the degree of care, diligence and skill that a reasonably prudent person would exercise in comparable circumstances.

ARTICLE 6 INFORMATION AND RECORDS

6.1 Books and Records

The Manager shall, or shall cause any other member of the Manager Group to, as applicable, maintain proper books, records and documents on behalf of each Service Recipient, in which complete, true and correct entries, in conformity in all material respects with GAAP and all requirements of applicable Laws, will be made.

6.2 Examination of Records by the Service Recipients

Upon reasonable prior notice by the Service Recipients to the relevant member of the Manager Group, the relevant member of the Manager Group will make available to the Service Recipients and their authorized representatives, for examination during normal business hours on any Business Day, all books, records and documents required to be maintained under <u>Section 6.1</u> hereof. In addition, the Manager Group will make available to the Service Recipients or their authorized representatives will from time to time reasonably request, including for the purposes of conducting any audit in respect of expenses of the Service Recipients or other matters necessary or advisable to be audited in order to conduct an audit of the financial affairs of the Service Recipients. Any examination of records will be conducted in a manner which will not unduly interfere with the conduct of the Service Recipients' activities or of the Manager Group's business in the ordinary course.

6.3 Access to Information by Manager Group

6.3.1 Each of Yield, Yield LLC and Yield Operating shall, and shall cause the other Service Recipients to:

6.3.1.1 grant, or cause to be granted, to the Manager Group full access to all documentation and information reasonably necessary in order for the Manager Group to perform its obligations, covenants and responsibilities pursuant to the terms hereof and to enable the Manager Group to provide the Services; and

6.3.1.2 provide, or cause to be provided, all documentation and information as may be reasonably requested by any member of the Manager Group, and promptly notify the appropriate member of the Manager Group of any material facts or information of which the Service Recipients are aware, including any known, pending or threatened suits, actions, claims, proceedings or orders by or against any member of the Yield Group before any Governmental Authority, that may affect the performance of the obligations, covenants or responsibilities of the Manager Group pursuant to this Agreement, including maintenance of proper financial records.

6.4 Additional Information

The parties acknowledge and agree that conducting the activities and providing the Services contemplated herein may have the incidental effect of providing additional information which may be utilized with respect to, or may augment the value of, business interests and related assets in which any of the Service Providers or any of its Affiliates has an interest and that, subject to compliance with this Agreement, none of the Service Providers or any of their respective Affiliates will be liable to account to the Service Recipients with respect to such activities or results; *provided, however*, that the relevant Service Provider will not (and will cause its Affiliates not to), in making any use of such additional information, do so in any manner that the relevant Service Provider or its Affiliates knows, or ought reasonably to know, would cause or result in a breach of any confidentiality provision of agreements to which any Service Recipient is a party or is bound.

ARTICLE 7 FEES AND EXPENSES

7.1 Base Management Fee

7.1.1 Yield LLC, on behalf of the Service Recipients, hereby agrees to pay, during the term of this Agreement, the Base Management Fee. The Base Management Fee shall be pro-rated and paid quarterly in arrears. For purposes of the initial payment hereunder, the Base Management Fee will accrue commencing on the date hereof and will be pro-rated based on the actual number of days during the first Quarter in which this Agreement is in effect.

7.1.2 The Base Management Fee will not be reduced by operation of this Agreement by the amount of (i) any fees for Operational and Other Services that are paid or payable by any member of the Yield Group to any member of the Manager Group; (ii) any Expenses; or (iii) any Transaction Fees.

7.2 Computation and Payment of Quarterly Base Management Fee Amount

7.2.1 The Manager will compute the Base Management Fee for each Quarter as soon as practicable following the end of the Quarter with respect to which such payment is due, but in any event no later than five Business Days following the end of such Quarter. A copy of the computations made will thereafter, for informational purposes only, promptly be delivered to Yield LLC. As soon as practicable following delivery of the computation of the Base Management Fee for any Quarter, but in no event later than the 30th day following the end of such Quarter, Yield LLC shall remit the corresponding payment for the corresponding Quarter to the Manager. Any dispute relating to the computation of the Base Management Fee for any Quarter shall be resolved in accordance with Article 12 hereof.

7.3 Expenses

7.3.1 The Manager acknowledges and agrees that the Service Recipients will not be required to reimburse any member of the Manager Group for the salaries and other remuneration of the management, personnel or support staff of the Manager Group who provide the Services to such Service Recipients or overhead for such persons.

7.3.2 Yield LLC, on behalf of the Service Recipients, shall reimburse the Manager for all out-of-pocket fees, costs and expenses, including those of any third party (other than those contemplated by <u>Section 7.3.1</u> hereof) ("**Expenses**"), incurred by the Manager or any member of the Manager Group in connection with the provision of the Services; provided, that, if any Expenses arise from Services that are shared with the Manager or any member of the Manager or any member of the Manager shall in good faith determine the portion of Expenses allocable to members of the Yield Group. Expenses are expected to include, among other things:

7.3.2.1 fees, costs and expenses as a result of Yield becoming and continuing to be a publicly traded entity, including, but not limited to, costs associated with annual, quarterly and current reports, independent auditor fees, governance and compliance, registrar and transfer agent fees, exchange listing fees, tax return preparation and distribution, legal fees, independent director compensation and directors and officers liability insurance premiums;

7.3.2.2 fees, costs and expenses relating to any debt or equity financing of any member of the Yield Group;

7.3.2.2 fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection with the general administration of any Service Recipient;

7.3.2.3 taxes, licenses and other statutory fees or penalties levied against or in respect of a Service Recipient in respect of Services;

7.3.2.4 amounts paid by the relevant member of the Manager Group under indemnification, contribution or similar arrangements;

7.3.2.5 fees, costs and expenses relating to financial reporting, regulatory filings and investor relations and the fees, costs and expenses of agents, advisors and other Persons who provide Services to a Service Recipient;

7.3.2.6 any other fees, costs and expenses incurred by the relevant member of the Manager Group that are reasonably necessary for the performance by the relevant member of the Manager Group of its duties and functions under this Agreement or any Service Agreement; and

7.3.2.7 fees, expenses and costs incurred in connection with the investigation, acquisition, holding or disposal of any asset or business (including with respect to any Acquired Assets) that is made or that is proposed to be made by the Service Recipients; *provided* that, where the acquisition or proposed acquisition involves a joint acquisition that is made alongside one or more other Persons, the Manager shall allocate such fees, expenses and costs in proportion to the notional amount of the acquisition made (or that would have been made in the case of an unconsummated acquisition) among members of the Yield Group and such other Persons.

7.4 Governmental Charges

Without limiting Section 7.3 above, Yield LLC, on behalf of the Service Recipients, shall pay or reimburse the relevant member of the Manager Group for all sales taxes, use taxes, value added taxes, withholding taxes or other similar taxes, customs duties or other governmental charges ("Governmental Charges") that are levied or imposed by any Governmental Authority by reason of this Agreement, any Service Agreement or any other agreement contemplated by this Agreement, or the fees or other amounts payable hereunder or thereunder, except for any income taxes, corporation taxes, capital taxes or other similar taxes payable by any member of the Manager Group which are personal to such member of the Manager Group. Any failure by the Manager Group to collect monies on account of these Governmental Charges shall not constitute a waiver of the right to do so.

7.5 Computation and Payment of Expenses and Governmental Charges

From time to time the Manager shall, or shall cause the other Service Providers to, prepare statements (each an "**Expense Statement**") documenting the Expenses and Governmental Charges to be reimbursed pursuant to this Article 7 and shall deliver such statements to the relevant Service Recipient. All Expenses and Governmental Charges reimbursable pursuant to this Article 7 shall be reimbursed by the relevant Service Recipient no later than the date which is 30 days after receipt of an Expense Statement. The provisions of this Section 7.5 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 8 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF THE MANAGER AND THE SERVICE RECIPIENTS

8.1 Representations and Warranties of the Manager

The Manager hereby represents and warrants to the Service Recipients that:

8.1.1 it is validly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware;

8.1.2 it, or any another Service Provider, as applicable, holds, and shall hold, such Permits as are necessary to perform its obligations hereunder and is not aware of, or shall inform the Service Recipients promptly upon knowledge of, any reason why such Permits might be cancelled;

8.1.3 it has the power, capacity and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its obligations hereunder;

8.1.4 it has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement;

8.1.5 the execution and delivery of this Agreement by it and the performance by it of its obligations hereunder do not and will not contravene, breach or result in any default under its Governing Instruments, or under any mortgage, lease, agreement or other legally binding instrument, Permit or applicable Law to which it is a party or by which it or any of its properties or assets may be bound, except for any such contravention, breach

or default which would not have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, financial condition or results of operations of the Manager;

8.1.6 no authorization, consent or approval, or filing with or notice to any Person is required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by it of this Agreement; and

8.1.7 this Agreement constitutes its valid and legally binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization and other laws of general application limiting the enforcement of creditors' rights and remedies generally and (ii) general principles of equity, including standards of materiality, good faith, fair dealing and reasonableness, equitable defenses and limits as to the availability of equitable remedies, whether such principles are considered in a proceeding at law or in equity.

8.2 Representations and Warranties of the Service Recipients

Yield, Yield LLC and Yield Operating, each hereby represents and warrants, on its behalf and on behalf of each of the other Service Recipients, to the Manager that:

8.2.1 it (and, if applicable, its managing member) is validly organized and existing under the Laws governing its formation and organization;

8.2.2 it, or the relevant Service Recipient, holds such Permits necessary to own and operate the projects and entities that it directly or indirectly owns or operates from time to time and is not aware of any reason why such Permits might be cancelled;

8.2.3 it (or, as applicable, its managing member on its behalf) has the power, capacity and authority to enter into this Agreement and to perform its duties and obligations hereunder;

8.2.4 it (or, as applicable, its managing member) has taken all necessary action to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement;

8.2.5 the execution and delivery of this Agreement by it (or, as applicable, its managing member on its behalf) and the performance by it of its obligations hereunder do not and will not contravene, breach or result in any default under its Governing Instruments (or, if applicable, the Governing Instruments of its managing member), or under any mortgage, lease, agreement or other legally binding instrument, Permit or applicable Law to which it is a party or by which any of its properties or assets may be bound, except for any such contravention, breach or default which would not have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, financial condition or results of operations of the Service Recipients as a whole;

8.2.6 no authorization, consent or approval, or filing with or notice to any Person is required in connection with the execution, delivery or performance by it (or, as applicable, its managing member on its behalf) of this Agreement; and

8.2.7 this Agreement constitutes its valid and legally binding obligation, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to: (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, moratorium, fraudulent conveyance, reorganization and other laws of general application limiting the enforcement of creditors' rights and remedies generally; and (ii) general principles of equity, including standards of materiality, good faith, fair dealing and reasonableness, equitable defenses and limits as to the availability of equitable remedies, whether such principles are considered in a proceeding at law or in equity.

ARTICLE 9 LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

9.1 Indemnity

9.1.1 Yield, Yield LLC and Yield Operating hereby jointly and severally agree, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws, to indemnify and hold harmless, and to cause each other Service Recipient to indemnify and hold harmless, each member of the Manager Group, any of its Affiliates (other than any member of the Yield Group) and any directors, officers, agents, members, partners, stockholders and employees and other representatives of each of the foregoing (each, a "**Manager Indemnified Party**") from and against any claims, liabilities, losses, damages, costs or expenses (including legal fees) ("**Liabilities**") incurred by them or threatened in connection with any and all actions, suits, investigations, proceedings or claims of any kind whatsoever, whether arising under statute or action of a Governmental Authority or otherwise or in connection with the business, investments and activities of the Service Recipients or in respect of or arising from this Agreement or the Services provided hereunder ("**Claims**"), including any Claims arising on account of the Governmental Charges contemplated by <u>Section 7.4</u> hereof; *provided* that no Manager Indemnified Party shall be so indemnified with respect to any Claim to the extent that such Claim is finally determined by a final and non-appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction, or pursuant to a settlement agreement agreed to by such Manager Indemnified Party, to have resulted from such Manager Indemnified Party's bad faith, fraud, willful misconduct or gross negligence or, in the case of a criminal matter, conduct undertaken with knowledge that the conduct was unlawful.

9.1.2 If any action, suit, investigation, proceeding or claim is made or brought by any third party with respect to which a Service Recipient is obligated to provide indemnification under this Agreement (a "**Third Party Claim**"), the Manager Indemnified Party will have the right to employ its own counsel in connection therewith, and the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel, as well as the reasonable costs (excluding an amount reimbursed to such Manager Indemnified Party for the time spent in connection therewith) and out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection therewith will be paid by the Service Recipient in such case, as incurred but subject to recoupment by the Service Recipient if ultimately it is not liable to pay indemnification hereunder.

9.1.3 The Manager Indemnified Party and the Service Recipients agree that, promptly after the receipt of notice of the commencement of any Third Party Claim, the Manager Indemnified Party will notify the Service Recipient in writing of the commencement of

such Third Party Claim (*provided* that any accidental failure to provide any such notice will not prejudice the right of any such Manager Indemnified Party hereunder) and, throughout the course of such Third Party Claim, such Manager Indemnified Party will use its reasonable best efforts to provide copies of all relevant documentation to such Service Recipient, and to keep the Service Recipient apprised of the progress thereof, and to discuss with the Service Recipient all significant actions proposed.

9.1.4 The parties hereto expressly acknowledge and agree that the right to indemnity provided in this Section 9.1 shall be in addition to and not in derogation of any other liability which the Manager Indemnifying Party in any particular case may have or of any other right to indemnity or contribution which any Manager Indemnified Party may have by statute or otherwise at law.

9.1.5 The indemnity provided in this Section 9.1 shall survive the completion of Services rendered under, or any termination or purported termination of, this Agreement.

9.2 Limitation of Liability

9.2.1 The Manager assumes no responsibility under this Agreement other than to render the Services in good faith and will not be responsible for any action of a Service Recipient's Governing Body in following or declining to follow any advice or recommendations of the relevant Service Provider.

9.2.2 The Service Recipients hereby agree that no Manager Indemnified Party will be liable to a Service Recipient, a Service Recipient's Governing Body (including, for greater certainty, a director or officer of a Service Recipient or another individual with similar function or capacity) or any security holder or partner of a Service Recipient for any Liabilities that may occur as a result of any acts or omissions by the Manager Indemnified Party pursuant to or in accordance with this Agreement, except to the extent that such Liabilities are finally determined by a final and non appealable judgment entered by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted from the Manager Indemnified Party's bad faith, fraud, willful misconduct or gross negligence, or in the case of a criminal matter, conduct undertaken with knowledge that the conduct was unlawful.

9.2.3 The maximum amount of the aggregate liability of the Manager Indemnified Parties pursuant to this Agreement will be equal to the amounts previously paid in respect of Services pursuant to this Agreement in the two most recent calendar years by the Service Recipients pursuant to Article 7.

9.2.4 For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of this Section 9.2 shall survive the completion of the Services rendered under, or any termination or purported termination of, this Agreement.

9.3 Benefit to all Manager Indemnified Parties

9.3.1 Yield, Yield LLC and Yield Operating on behalf of themselves and the other Service Recipients, hereby constitute the Manager as trustee for each of the Manager

Indemnified Parties of the covenants of the Service Recipients under this Article 9 with respect to such Manager Indemnified Parties and the Manager hereby accepts such trust and agrees to hold and enforce such covenants on behalf of the Manager Indemnified Parties.

9.3.2 The Manager hereby constitutes the Service Recipients as trustees for each Service Recipient's Governing Body (including, for greater certainty, a director or officer of a Service Recipient or another individual with similar function or capacity) or any security holder or partner of a Service Recipient, of the Covenants of the Manager under this Article 9 with respect to such parties and the Service Recipients hereby accept such trust and agree to hold and enforce such covenants on behalf of such parties.

ARTICLE 10 TERM AND TERMINATION

10.1 Term

This Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until terminated in accordance with Section 10.2, Section 10.3 or Section 11.1 hereof.

10.2 Termination by the Service Recipients

10.2.1 Yield on behalf of the Service Recipients may, subject to Section 10.2.2, terminate this Agreement effective upon 30 days' prior written notice of termination to the Manager without payment of any termination fee if:

10.2.1.1 the Manager defaults in the performance or observance of any material term, condition or agreement contained in this Agreement in a manner that results in material harm to the Service Recipients and such default continues for a period of 30 days after written notice thereof specifying such default and requesting that the same be remedied in such 30-day period;

10.2.1.2 the Manager engages in any act of fraud, misappropriation of funds or embezzlement against any Service Recipient that results in material harm to the Service Recipients;

10.2.1.3 the Manager is grossly negligent in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and such gross negligence results in material harm to the Service Recipients; or

10.2.1.4 the Manager, Yield, Yield LLC or Yield Operating makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, institutes proceedings to be adjudicated voluntarily bankrupt, consents to the filing of a petition of bankruptcy against it, is adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction as being bankrupt or insolvent, seeks reorganization under any bankruptcy law or consents to the filing of a petition seeking such reorganization or has a decree entered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction appointing a receiver liquidator, trustee or assignee in bankruptcy or in insolvency.

10.2.2 This Agreement may only be terminated pursuant to Section 10.2.1 above by Yield with the prior approval of a majority of the members of the Independent Committee.

10.2.3 This Agreement may also be terminated by Yield pursuant to <u>Section 11.1.1</u> hereof with the prior approval of a majority of the members of the Independent Committee.

10.2.4 Each of Yield, Yield LLC and Yield Operating hereby agrees and confirms that this Agreement may not be terminated due solely to the poor performance or underperformance of any of their Subsidiaries or the Business or any investment made by any member of the Yield Group on the recommendation of any member of the Manager Group.

10.3 Termination by the Manager

10.3.1 The Manager may terminate this Agreement effective upon 180 days' prior written notice of termination to the Service Recipients without payment of any termination fee if:

10.3.1.1 any Service Recipient defaults in the performance or observance of any material term, condition or agreement contained in this Agreement in a manner that results in material harm to the Manager and such default continues for a period of 30 days after written notice thereof specifying such default and requesting that the same be remedied in such 30-day period; or

10.3.1.2 any Service Recipient makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors, institutes proceedings to be adjudicated voluntarily bankrupt, consents to the filing of a petition of bankruptcy against it, is adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction as being bankrupt or insolvent, seeks reorganization under any bankruptcy law or consents to the filing of a petition seeking such reorganization or has a decree entered against it by a court of competent jurisdiction appointing a receiver liquidator, trustee or assignee in bankruptcy or in insolvency.

10.4 Survival Upon Termination

If this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Article 10 or Article 11, such termination will be without any further liability or obligation of any party hereto, except as provided in <u>Section 6.4</u>, <u>Article 9</u>, <u>Section 10.5</u> and <u>Section 10.6</u> hereof.

10.5 Action Upon Termination

10.5.1 From and after the effective date of the termination of this Agreement, the Manager shall not be entitled to receive the Base Management Fee for further Services under this Agreement, but will be paid all compensation accruing to and including the date of termination (including such day).

10.5.2 Upon any termination of this Agreement, the Manager shall forthwith:

10.5.2.1 after deducting any accrued compensation and reimbursements for any Expenses to which it is then entitled, pay over to the Service Recipients all money collected and held for the account of the Service Recipients pursuant to this Agreement;

10.5.2.2 deliver to the Service Recipients' Governing Bodies a full accounting, including a statement showing all payments collected by it and a statement of all money held by it, covering the period following the date of the last accounting furnished to the Governing Bodies with respect to the Service Recipients; and

10.5.2.3 deliver to the Service Recipients' Governing Bodies all property and documents of the Service Recipients then in the custody of the Manager Group.

10.6 Release of Money or other Property Upon Written Request

The Manager hereby agrees that any money or other property of the Service Recipients or their Subsidiaries held by the Manager Group under this Agreement shall be held by the relevant member of the Manager Group as custodian for such Person, and the relevant member of the Manager Group's records shall be appropriately marked clearly to reflect the ownership of such money or other property by such Person. Upon the receipt by the relevant member of the Manager Group of a written request signed by a duly authorized representative of a Service Recipient requesting the relevant member of the Manager Group to release to the Service Recipient any money or other property then held by the relevant member of the Manager Group for the account of such Service Recipient under this Agreement, the relevant member of the Manager Group shall release such money or other property to the Service Recipient within a reasonable period of time, but in no event later than 30 days following such request. The relevant member of the Manager Group shall not be liable to any Service Recipient, a Service Recipient's Governing Body or any other Person for any acts performed or omissions to act by a Service Recipient in connection with the money or other property released to the Service Recipient in accordance with the second sentence of this Section 10.6. Each Service Recipient shall indemnify and hold harmless the relevant member of the Manager Group, any of its Affiliates (other than any member of the Yield Group) and any directors, officers, agents, members, partners, shareholders and employees and other representatives of each of the foregoing from and against any and all Liabilities which arise in connection with the relevant member of the Manager Group's release of such money or other property to the Service Recipient in accordance with the terms of this Section 10.6. Indemnification pursuant to this provision shall be in addition to any right of such Persons to indemnification under Section 10.1 hereof. For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of this Section 10.6 shall survive termination of this Agreement. The Service Recipients hereby constitute the Manager as trustee for each Person entitled to indemnification pursuant to this Section 10.6 of the covenants of the Service Recipients under this Section 10.6 with respect to such Persons and the Manager hereby accepts such trust and agrees to hold and enforce such covenants on behalf of such Persons.

ARTICLE 11 GENERAL PROVISIONS

11.1 Amendment, Waiver

11.1.1 Yield is entitled to amend the scope of the Services, including by reducing the number of Service Recipients or the nature or description of the Services or otherwise, by providing 180 days' prior written notice to the Manager; *provided, however*, that Yield may not increase the scope of the Services without the Manager's prior written consent; and *provided further*, *however*, that prior to such modification, Yield and the Manager shall agree in writing to any modification of the Base Management Fee resulting from such change in scope. Subject to <u>Section 10.2.3</u> hereof, in the event that Yield and the Manager are unable to agree on a modified Base Management Fee, Yield may terminate this Agreement after the end of such 180-day period by providing 30 days' prior written notice to the Manager.

11.1.2 Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, no amendment or waiver of this Agreement, except pursuant to the first sentence of <u>Section 11.1</u> above, will be binding unless the prior approval of a majority of the members of the Independent Committee is obtained and the amendment or waiver is executed in writing by the party to be bound thereby. No waiver of any provision of this Agreement will constitute a waiver of any other provision nor will any waiver of any provision of this Agreement constitute a continuing waiver unless otherwise expressly provided. A party's failure or delay in exercising any right under this Agreement will not operate as a waiver of that right. A single or partial exercise of any right will not preclude a party from any other or further exercise of that right or the exercise of any other right.

11.2 Assignment

11.2.1 This Agreement shall not be assigned by the Manager without the prior written consent of Yield, except (i) pursuant to Section 2.3 hereof, (ii) in the case of assignment to a Person that is the Manager's successor by merger, consolidation or purchase of assets, in which case the successor shall be bound under this Agreement and by the terms of the assignment in the same manner as the Manager is bound under this Agreement, or (iii) to an Affiliate of the Manager or a Person that is, in the reasonable and good faith determination of the Independent Committee, an experienced and reputable manager, in which case the Affiliate or assignee shall be bound under this Agreement and by the terms of the assignment in the same manner as the Manager is bound under this Agreement. In addition, *provided* that the Manager provides prior written notice to the Service Recipients for informational purposes only, nothing contained in this Agreement shall preclude any pledge, hypothecation or other transfer or assignment of the Manager' rights under this Agreement, including any amounts payable to the Manager under this Agreement, to a *bona fide* lender as security.

11.2.2 This Agreement shall not be assigned by any of the Service Recipients without the prior written consent of the Manager, except in the case of assignment by any such Service Recipient to a Person that is its successor by merger, consolidation or purchase of assets, in which case the successor shall be bound under this Agreement and by the terms of the assignment in the same manner as such Service Recipient is bound under this Agreement.



11.2.3 Any purported assignment of this Agreement in violation of this Article 11 shall be null and void.

11.3 Failure to Pay When Due

Any amount payable by any Service Recipient to any member of the Manager Group hereunder which is not remitted when so due will remain due (whether on demand or otherwise) and interest will accrue on such overdue amounts (both before and after judgment) at a rate per annum equal to the Interest Rate.

11.4 Invalidity of Provisions

Each of the provisions contained in this Agreement is distinct and severable and a declaration of invalidity or unenforceability of any such provision or part thereof by a court of competent jurisdiction will not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision hereof. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the parties waive any provision of law which renders any provision of this Agreement invalid or unenforceable in any respect. The parties will engage in good faith negotiations to replace any provision which is declared invalid or unenforceable with a valid and enforceable provision, the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the invalid or unenforceable provision which it replaces.

11.5 Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties pertaining to the subject matter of this Agreement. There are no warranties, conditions, or representations (including any that may be implied by statute) and there are no agreements in connection with such subject matter except as specifically set forth or referred to in this Agreement. No reliance is placed on any warranty, representation, opinion, advice or assertion of fact made either prior to, contemporaneous with, or after entering into this Agreement, by any party to this Agreement or its directors, officers, employees or agents, to any other party to this Agreement or its directors, officers, employees or agents, except to the extent that the same has been reduced to writing and included as a term of this Agreement, and none of the parties to this Agreement has been induced to enter into this Agreement by reason of any such warranty, representation, opinion, advice or assertion of fact. Accordingly, there will be no liability, either in tort or in contract, assessed in relation to any such warranty, representation, opinion, advice or assertion of fact, except to the extent contemplated above.

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Agreement should be construed or interpreted as an amendment, modification or termination of, or conflict with, any of the Operating and Administrative Agreements. Each such agreement, and all its terms, including payments to be made thereunder, shall survive the entry into this Agreement and shall terminate in accordance with its terms.

11.6 Mutual Waiver of Jury Trial AS A SPECIFICALLY BARGAINED FOR INDUCEMENT FOR EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT (AFTER HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT WITH COUNSEL), EACH PARTY HERETO EXPRESSLY WAIVES THE RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY



LAWSUIT OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO OR ARISING IN ANY WAY FROM THIS AGREEMENT OR THE MATTERS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.

11.7 Consent to Jurisdiction and Service of Process. EACH OF THE PARTIES IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE NON-EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE FEDERAL COURTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA LOCATED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, FOR THE PURPOSES OF ANY SUIT, ACTION OR OTHER PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, ANY RELATED AGREEMENT OR ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO FURTHER AGREES THAT SERVICE OF ANY PROCESS, SUMMONS, NOTICE OR DOCUMENT BY U.S. REGISTERED MAIL TO SUCH PARTY'S RESPECTIVE ADDRESS SET FORTH BELOW SHALL BE EFFECTIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR ANY ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTERS TO WHICH IT HAS SUBMITTED TO JURISDICTION IN THIS PARAGRAPH. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES ANY OBJECTION TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT, ANY RELATED DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY AND THEREBY IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, AND HEREBY AND THEREBY FURTHER IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES AND AGREES NOT TO PLEAD OR CLAIM IN ANY SUCH COURT THAT ANY SUCH ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING BROUGHT IN ANY SUCH COURT HAS BEEN BROUGHT IN AN INCONVENIENT FORUM.

11.8 Governing Law

The internal law of the State of New York will govern and be used to construe this Agreement 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.

11.9 Enurement

This Agreement will enure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

11.10 Notices

Any notice, demand or other communication to be given under or by reason of the provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been given (i) when delivered personally to the recipient, (ii) when sent by confirmed electronic mail or facsimile if sent during normal business hours of the recipient; but if not, then on the next Business Day, (iii) one Business Day after it is sent to the recipient by reputable overnight courier service (charges prepaid) or (iv) three Business Days after it is mailed to the recipient by first class mail, return receipt requested. Such notices, demands and other communications shall be sent to the addresses specified below, or at such address or to the attention of such other Person as the recipient party has specified by prior written notice to the sending party. Any party may change such party's address for receipt of notice by giving prior written notice of the change to the

sending party as provided herein. Notices and other communications will be addressed as follows:

If to the Service Recipients:

NRG Yield, Inc. 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 Attn: General Counsel Facsimile: (609) 524-4501

With a copy to:

Kirkland & Ellis LLP 300 North LaSalle Chicago, Illinois 60654 Attn: Gerald T. Nowak, P.C. Facsimile: (312) 862-2200

If to the Manager:

NRG Energy, Inc. 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 Attn: General Counsel Facsimile: (609) 524-4501

11.11 Further Assurances

Each of the parties hereto will promptly do, make, execute or deliver, or cause to be done, made, executed or delivered, all such further acts, documents and things as the other party hereto may reasonably require from time to time for the purpose of giving effect to this Agreement and will use reasonable efforts and take all such steps as may be reasonably within its power to implement to their full extent the provisions of this Agreement.

11.12 Counterparts

This Agreement may be signed in counterparts and each of such counterparts will constitute an original document and such counterparts, taken together, will constitute one and the same instrument.

(Signature pages follow)

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

NRG YIELD, INC.

By: <u>/s/ G. Gary Garcia</u> Name: G. Gary Garcia Title: Vice President and Treasurer

NRG YIELD LLC

By: <u>/s/ G. Gary Garcia</u> Name: G. Gary Garcia Title: Vice President and Treasurer

NRG YIELD OPERATING LLC

By: /s/ G. Gary Garcia Name: G. Gary Garcia Title: Vice President and Treasurer NRG ENERGY, INC., as Manager

By: /s/ Brian E. Curci Name: Brian E. Curci Title: Corporate Secretary

Schedule I

Service Recipients

Subsidiary	Jurisdiction of Organization
Avenal Park LLC	Delaware
Avenal Solar Holdings LLC	Delaware
Big Rock SunTower, LLC	Delaware
Continental Energy, LLC	Arizona
El Mirage Energy, LLC	Arizona
FUSD Energy, LLC	Arizona
GCE Holding LLC	Connecticut
GenConn Devon LLC	Connecticut
	Connecticut
GenConn Energy LLC GenConn Middletown LLC	
	Connecticut
High Plains Ranch II, LLC	Delaware
HLE Solar Holdings LLC	Delaware
HSD Solar Holdings LLC	California
Longhorn Energy, LLC	Arizona
Monster Energy, LLC	Arizona
NRG Alta Vista LLC	Delaware
NRG Electricity Sales Princeton LLC	Delaware
NRG Energy Center Dover LLC	Delaware
NRG Energy Center Harrisburg LLC	Delaware
NRG Energy Center HCEC LLC	Delaware
NRG Energy Center Minneapolis LLC	Delaware
NRG Energy Center Paxton LLC	Delaware
NRG Energy Center Phoenix LLC	Delaware
NRG Energy Center Pittsburgh LLC	Delaware
NRG Energy Center Princeton LLC	Delaware
NRG Energy Center San Diego LLC	Delaware
NRG Energy Center San Francisco LLC	Delaware
NRG Energy Center Smyrna LLC	Delaware
NRG Energy Center Tucson LLC	Arizona
NRG Harrisburg Cooling LLC	Delaware
NRG Marsh Landing Holdings, LLC	Delaware
NRG Marsh Landing, LLC	Delaware
NRG SanGencisco LLC	Delaware
NRG Solar Alpine LLC	Delaware
NRG Solar Apple LLC	Delaware
NRG Solar AV Holdco LLC	Delaware
NRG Solar Avra Valley LLC	Delaware
NRG Solar Blythe LLC	Delaware
NRG Solar Borrego Holdco LLC	Delaware
NRG Solar Borrego I LLC	Delaware
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	Jurisdiction of
Subsidiary	Organization
NRG Solar Roadrunner Holdings LLC	Delaware
NRG Solar Roadrunner LLC	Delaware
NRG South Trent Holdings LLC	Delaware
NRG Thermal LLC	Delaware
OC Solar 2010 LLC	California
PESD Energy, LLC	Arizona
PFMG 2011 Finance Holdco, LLC	Delaware
PFMG Apple I LLC	Delaware
PM Solar Holdings LLC	California
Sand Drag LLC	Delaware
SCWFD Energy, LLC	Arizona
South Trent Wind LLC	Delaware
Statoil Energy Power/Pennsylvania Inc.	Pennsylvania
Sun City Project LLC	Delaware
Vail Energy, LLC	Arizona
Wildcat Energy, LLC	Arizona
WSD Solar Holdings LLC	Delaware

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TRADEMARK LICENSE AGREEMENT

THIS TRADEMARK LICENSE AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of Jule 22, 2013, is made by and between NRG Energy, Inc. ("<u>Licensor</u>") and NRG Yield, Inc. ("<u>Licensee</u>"). Licensor and Licensee are each a "<u>Party</u>," and collectively, the "<u>Parties</u>." This Agreement shall become effective immediately prior to the consummation of the initial public offering of Licensee's Class A Common Stock on the date first above written (the "<u>Effective Date</u>").

WHEREAS, Licensor owns certain trademarks as used in connection with the operation of its business; and

WHEREAS, Licensee wishes to license such trademarks of Licensor, and Licensor desires to license such trademarks to Licensee, to facilitate the operation of Licensee's business.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and undertakings herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the adequacy and receipt of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows.

1. Grant of License.

1.1 License. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, Licensor hereby grants to Licensee, and Licensee hereby accepts, for the Term, the non-exclusive, royalty-free, fully paid-up, non-transferable, revocable, and worldwide right, license and authority to use any and all marks owned by Licensor (the "Licensed Marks") in connection with the operation of Licensee's business, including using the mark "NRG" in Licensee's company name.

1.2 <u>Sublicensing</u>. Licensee shall have no right to sublicense the right granted in <u>Section 1.1</u> without Licensor's prior written approval, except that Licensee may sublicense such right to a Subsidiary of Licensee. Any sublicensee shall have no right to further sublicense such right. Licensee shall (i) be responsible for ensuring that each sublicensee shall be in strict compliance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, and (ii) assume all responsibilities for any breach of any terms or conditions of this Agreement by each sublicensee and for any acts and omissions of each sublicensee relating to the Licensed Marks. A "Subsidiary" of Licensee means any entity that is, directly or indirectly, Controlled by Licensee. "Control" means owning more than fifty percent (50%) of an entity's issued capital stock or other equity interest on a fully diluted basis, or having the right to appoint more than fifty percent (50%) of the members of its board of directors. Any entity that ceases to be, directly or indirectly, Controlled by Licensee during the Term of this Agreement shall no longer be deemed a Subsidiary of Licensee and, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, any sublicense granted to such entity shall terminate immediately.

1.3 Use of Licensed Marks. Licensee shall use the Licensed Marks only as expressly authorized in this Agreement and shall preserve the goodwill, prestige and reputation associated with the Licensed Marks using the level of care that is substantially equivalent to or higher than such level of care used by Licensor as of the Effective Date. Licensee shall ensure that all uses of Licensed Marks (including on marketing and advertising materials, websites, and signage) conform to all standards of style, appearance, quality and usage and other guidelines and

instructions regarding the Licensed Marks provided by Licensor from time to time. Licensee shall not use any translation, adaptation, combination, transliteration, variation or derivative of, or any word, mark, name, design or logo confusingly similar to, any Licensed Mark without Licensor's prior written approval (which approval shall be subject to Licensor's sole discretion). Licensee shall not use any Licensed Mark in combination with any other trademark, service mark, trade name, company name, logo or slogan in any manner whatsoever without Licensor's prior written approval (which approval shall be subject to Licensee shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations in connection with the use of the Licensed Marks. Licensee shall use appropriate notification of trademark and service mark rights or registrations on all visual displays of any of the Licensed Marks, including (i) use of the encircled "R" symbol ("®"), the superscript TM or the superscript SM, respectively, (ii) with respect to any registered Licensed Mark, the notification that such Licensed Mark is a registered trademark or service mark of Licensor, and (iii) with respect to any unregistered Licensed Mark, the notification that such Licensed Mark is a trademark or service mark of Licensor.

1.4 Licensed Marks. In the event that Licensor changes or ceases the use of, or intends to change or cease the use of, any Licensed Mark in connection with the operation of Licensor's business, Licensor may notify Licensee in writing. Upon Licensee's receipt of such notice, Licensee shall, at its own cost and expense, promptly (in no event later than thirty (30) days after the date of such notice) change such Licensed Mark to the applicable new Licensed Mark or cease the use of such Licensed Mark, as applicable, in all instances where Licensee is using such Licensed Mark and in Licensee's company name accordingly.

1.5 <u>Website Links</u>. Licensee shall maintain a website for its business and shall include a link on the homepage of such website to Licensor's website (as identified by Licensor), which link shall be comparable in prominence to other links included on such homepage.

1.6 <u>Reservation of Rights; No Implied Licenses</u>. All rights to the Licensed Marks not expressly granted by Licensor to Licensee in this Agreement are hereby expressly reserved to Licensor. Except as expressly provided in this Agreement, neither Party grants to the other Party any right, title or interest in, or a license to use, any intellectual property belonging to such Party, whether by implication, estoppel or otherwise.

2. <u>Quality Control.</u>

2.1 <u>Quality Control</u>. Licensee acknowledges and agrees that all uses of the Licensed Marks and the business conducted using the Licensed Marks must be of high quality so as to protect the Licensed Marks and the goodwill associated therewith. Licensee further acknowledges and agrees that the maintenance of the high quality of the products and services in connection with which Licensee uses any of the Licensed Marks is of the essence to this Agreement. Licensee shall maintain quality standards for all such products and services to be sold, offered for sale or provided by Licensee in connection with the Licensed Marks (i) that are substantially equivalent to or stricter than those standards used by Licensor as of the Effective Date, and (ii) as may be reasonably prescribed by Licensor from time to time.

2.2 <u>Samples</u>. Upon Licensor's request, Licensee shall promptly submit to Licensor samples of all Licensed Mark usages for approval of the style, appearance, quality and usage of



such sample (which approval shall be subject to Licensor's sole discretion). In the event that the style, appearance, quality, or usage of any Licensed Mark ceases or fails to conform to any standards, guidelines or instructions provided by Licensor or any requirement of law or regulation, then upon notice by Licensor, Licensee shall immediately cease and remedy all non-conforming uses. Licensor shall have the right, upon notice, during normal business hours and in a manner so as not to unreasonably interfere with the normal operation of Licensee's business, to inspect the premises of Licensee, for the purpose of monitoring Licensee's compliance with the standards, guidelines and instructions provided by Licensor and Licensee's compliance with this Agreement.

3. Ownership of Intellectual Property.

3.1 <u>Licensor's Ownership Acknowledged</u>. Licensee acknowledges and agrees that: (i) all right, title and interest in and to the Licensed Marks is and shall be owned solely and exclusively by Licensor; (ii) all use of the Licensed Marks by Licensee, and all goodwill arising therefrom, shall inure to the exclusive benefit of Licensor; and (iii) Licensee shall not at any time acquire any rights in the Licensed Marks, or associated goodwill, by virtue of any use it may make thereof.

3.2 <u>No Adverse Actions</u>. Licensee shall not: (i) attack, challenge, oppose, petition to cancel, or initiate legal action or proceedings in connection with any of the Licensed Marks; (ii) apply for or seek to register any of the Licensed Marks or any trademarks, service marks, trade names, domain names, or other designations that incorporate, or are confusingly similar to, any of the Licensed Marks; (iii) use any of the Licensed Marks in any manner inconsistent with this Agreement; (iv) file any document with any governmental entity or take any other action that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect Licensed Marks; or (vi) use any of the Licensed Marks; (v) do, or allow to be done, any action or omission in derogation of any of the rights of Licensor in or to any of the Licensed Marks; or (vi) use any of the Licensed Marks in any manner, or take or allow any action, that might diminish, dilute or adversely affect the reputation of any of the Licensed Marks, the goodwill associated with any of the Licensed Marks or Licensor.

3.3 <u>Filing, Prosecution and Maintenance</u>. Licensor shall have the exclusive right (but not the obligation), in its sole discretion, to file, prosecute, and maintain applications and registrations for the Licensed Marks. Licensee shall reasonably cooperate with and assist Licensor in filing, prosecuting and maintaining applications and registrations for, and Licensor's rights in, the Licensed Marks.

3.4 <u>Enforcement</u>. Licensee shall promptly notify Licensor in writing of any infringement, dilution, or other violation of the Licensed Marks by any Person of which Licensee is or becomes aware. Licensor shall have the exclusive right (but not the obligation), in its sole discretion, to enforce the Licensed Marks (including making any and all litigation and dispute resolution decisions), or bring any actions, suits, claims or proceedings against any actual or suspected infringement, misappropriation, or other violation occurring anywhere in the world.

4. <u>Term.</u>

4.1 <u>Term</u>. The term of this Agreement (the "<u>Term</u>") shall begin on the Effective Date and shall remain in effect until terminated pursuant to <u>Sections 4.2</u> or <u>4.3</u>.

4.2 <u>Termination by Licensor</u>. Licensor may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written notice to Licensee, in the event that: (i) Licensee materially breaches this Agreement, and (A) Licensee fails to cure such breach within thirty (30) days of the receipt of notice of such breach, or (B) such breach is not capable of being cured within thirty (30) days, or (ii) Licensor (A) ceases to own more than fifty percent (50%) of the issued capital stock or other equity interest of Licensee on a fully diluted basis, or (B) ceases to have the right to appoint more than fifty percent (50%) of the members of the board of directors of Licensee.

4.3 <u>Termination by Agreement</u>. The Parties may terminate this Agreement immediately upon written agreement by both Parties.

4.4 Effect of Termination. Upon termination of this Agreement for any reason, Licensee's license and rights under this Agreement, including those granted under Sections 1.1 and 1.2, shall immediately expire and terminate, and Licensee shall, as soon as practicable (in any event within ninety (90) days after the effective date of such termination), cease, and cause its sublicensees to cease, all use of the Licensed Marks (including removing the Licensed Marks and any translation, adaptation, combination, transliteration, variations and derivatives thereof from marketing and advertising materials, websites, and signage, and changing its company name). Notwithstanding the foregoing, Section 1.6, Article 3, Section 4.4, Article 5, Article 6, and Article 7 shall survive such expiration and termination and continue in full force and effect in accordance with their respective terms.

5. <u>DISCLAIMER; LIMITATION OF LIABILITY.</u>

5.1 <u>DISCLAIMER</u>. EACH PARTY EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ALL REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT AND THE LICENSED MARKS, INCLUDING THE WARRANTIES OF TITLE, NON-INFRINGEMENT, MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING, LICENSOR DOES NOT REPRESENT OR WARRANT THAT (I) LICENSOR OWNS ANY REGISTRATION OR APPLICATION FOR ANY LICENSED MARK IN ANY JURISDICTION, OR (II) LICENSOR OR LICENSEE HAS THE RIGHT TO USE ANY LICENSED MARK IN ANY JURISDICTION.

5.2 <u>LIMITATION OF LIABILITY</u>. NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER PARTY OR ANY THIRD PARTY FOR ANY SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, EXEMPLARY OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES (INCLUDING LOST PROFITS) ARISING FROM ANY CLAIM RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR RESULTING FROM THE USE OF, OR INABILITY TO USE, THE LICENSED MARKS, WHETHER THE CLAIM FOR SUCH DAMAGES IS BASED ON WARRANTY, CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE OR STRICT LIABILITY) OR OTHERWISE, EVEN IF SUCH PARTY IS ADVISED OF, KNOWS OF OR SHOULD KNOW OF THE POSSIBILITY OR LIKELIHOOD OF SAME. 6. <u>Indemnification</u>. Licensee shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless Licensor and its affiliates and subsidiaries, and its and their officers, directors, employees, representatives, and agents, against any and all third party claims, losses, damages, expenses and liabilities arising out of or relating to: (i) use of the Licensed Marks by Licensee or any of its sublicensees, including the marketing, offering for sale, selling, provision, distribution, or other commercialization of products or services; (ii) violation of any law or regulation by Licensee or any of its sublicensees; or (iii) breach of any terms or conditions of this Agreement by Licensee or any of its sublicensees.

7. <u>Miscellaneous.</u>

7.1 <u>Governing Law</u>. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of New York without giving effect to the principles thereof governing conflicts of law.

7.2 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests, demands and other communications under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given when delivered personally, when sent by facsimile, when sent by overnight courier service, or when mailed by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, with postage prepaid to the Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified by like notice).

If to Licensor:

NRG Energy, Inc. 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 Attention: General Counsel Facsimile No.: (609) 524-4501

With a copy to (which shall not constitute notice):

Kirkland & Ellis 300 N. LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60654 Attention: Gerald T. Nowak, P.C. Facsimile No.: (312) 862-2000

If to Licensee:

NRG Yield, Inc. c/o NRG Energy, Inc. 211 Carnegie Center Princeton, New Jersey 08540 Attention: General Counsel Facsimile No.: (609) 524-4501

With a copy to (which shall not constitute notice):

Kirkland & Ellis 300 N. LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60654 Attention: Gerald T. Nowak, P.C. Facsimile No.: (312) 862-2000

7.3 <u>Assignment</u>. Licensee shall not assign, transfer or encumber this Agreement (including any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement) without the express prior written consent of Licensor (which may be granted or withheld in Licensor's sole discretion). Licensor may freely assign, transfer or encumber this Agreement (including any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement) without consent of Licensee. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the Parties hereto and the successors in interest and permitted assigns of each Party hereto. Any assignment, transfer or encumbrance in violation of this <u>Section 7.3</u> shall be null, void and without effect.

7.4 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement or the application of any such provision shall be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, and the applicable provision shall be reformed to the extent necessary to render such provision valid and enforceable and to reflect the intent of the Parties to the maximum extent possible under applicable laws and regulations.

7.5 <u>Independent Contractor</u>. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to establish a joint venture, partnership, agency, employment or other business relationship between the Parties. Neither Party is authorized or empowered to act for or represent the other Party. Each Party agrees not to do or authorize any act which would imply apparent authority to act for any other Party.

7.6 <u>Waiver and Modification</u>. This Agreement may be amended, modified or supplemented only by a written mutual agreement executed and delivered by the Parties. Any failure of any Party to comply with any obligation, covenant, agreement or condition herein may be waived by the Party entitled to the benefits thereof only by a written instrument signed by the Party granting such waiver, but such waiver of such obligations, covenant, agreement or condition shall not operate as a waiver of, or estoppel with respect to, any subsequent or other failure.

7.7 <u>Construction</u>. The Parties have participated jointly in the negotiation and drafting of this Agreement. In the event an ambiguity or question of intent or interpretation arises, this Agreement shall be construed as if drafted jointly by the Parties, and no presumption or burden of proof shall arise favoring or disfavoring any Party by virtue of the authorship of any of the provisions of this Agreement. The article and section headings to this Agreement are for convenience only and are to be of no force or effect in construing and interpreting the provisions of this Agreement. The term "including" means "including, without limitation."

7.8 <u>Remedies Cumulative</u>. All remedies provided for in this Agreement shall be cumulative and in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other remedies available to either Party at law, in equity or otherwise.



7.9 <u>Assistance; Further Assurances</u>. Licensee shall take all further actions and provide to Licensor all such cooperation and assistance at Licensor's request (including the execution and delivery of affidavits, declarations, oaths, samples, exhibits, specimens, assignments, powers of attorney and other documentation) to more fully and effectively effectuate the purposes of this Agreement (including to confirm Licensor's ownership of the Licensed Marks and to assist Licensor in filing, prosecuting, maintaining, and enforcing any of the Licensed Marks) and the transactions contemplated hereby, including recording any documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Agreement in all U.S. and foreign jurisdictions.

7.10 <u>Entire Agreement</u>. This Agreement contains the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings.

7.11 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original, and any one of which need not contain the signatures of more than one Party, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement. Signed counterparts of this Agreement may be delivered by facsimile and by scanned .pdf image, each of which shall have the same force and effect as an original signed counterpart.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by their duly authorized representatives effective on the Effective Date first set forth above.

NRG Energy, Inc.

By: <u>/s/ Brian E. Curci</u> Name: Brian E. Curci Title: Corporate Secretary NRG Yield, Inc.

By: /s/ G. Gary Garcia Name: G. Gary Garcia Title: Vice President and Treasurer

EXECUTION VERSION CUSIP: 62942LAA2, 62942LAB0

CREDIT AGREEMENT Dated as of July 22, 2013 among NRG YIELD OPERATING LLC, as the Borrower, NRG YIELD LLC, as Holdings, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as L/C Issuer and The Revolving Credit Lenders Party Hereto

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED, GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA and CITIGROUP GLOBAL MARKETS INC. as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Book Runners

> GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA and CITIBANK, N.A. as Co-Syndication Agents

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CREDIT AGREEMENT

This CREDIT AGREEMENT ("<u>Agreement</u>") is entered into as of July 22, 2013, among NRG Yield Operating LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Borrower</u>"), NRG Yield LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>Holdings</u>"), each revolving credit lender from time to time party hereto (collectively, the "<u>Revolving Credit Lenders</u>" and individually, a "<u>Revolving Credit Lender</u>"), BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as L/C Issuer.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENTS:

On or prior to the Closing Date, NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation, will contribute, or cause one or more of its subsidiaries to contribute (the "<u>Contribution</u>"), certain assets to Holdings, a wholly owned subsidiary of NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("<u>Parent</u>"), in exchange for Holdings Class A units, and Holdings will contribute such assets to the Borrower. After giving effect to the Transaction, as of such date, Holdings will be a holding company that directly owns all of the equity interests in the Borrower.

The Borrower has requested that the Revolving Credit Lenders provide a revolving credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$60,000,000 as of the date hereof, and the Revolving Credit Lenders have indicated their willingness to lend and the L/C Issuer has indicated its willingness to issue letters of credit for the account of the Borrower, in each case, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein.

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto covenant and agree as follows:

ARTICLE I DEFINITIONS AND ACCOUNTING TERMS

1.01 <u>Defined Terms</u>. As used in this Agreement, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

"Account Control Agreements" means each account control agreement entered into by each applicable Loan Party, the Administrative Agent, and the applicable depositary bank party thereto.

"Act" has the meaning specified in Section 11.18.

"Additional L/C Issuer" means any Revolving Credit Lender or Affiliate thereof that has been appointed by the Borrower (and which has accepted its appointment) as an L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 2.04(m).

"Administrative Agent" means Bank of America in its capacity as administrative agent under any of the Loan Documents, or any successor administrative agent.

"Administrative Agent's Office" means the Administrative Agent's address and, as appropriate, account as set forth on Schedule 11.02, or such other address or account as the

Administrative Agent may from time to time notify to the Borrower and the Revolving Credit Lenders.

"Administrative Questionnaire" means an Administrative Questionnaire in substantially the form of Exhibit D-2 or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

"<u>Affiliate</u>" means, with respect to any Person, another Person that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, Controls or is Controlled by or is under common Control with the Person specified. For purposes of Section 7.08, "Affiliate" shall also include any Person that (a) directly or indirectly owns 10% or more of any class of Equity Interests of the Person specified or (b) is an officer or director of the Person specified.

"Agent" means each of (i) the Administrative Agent, (ii) the Co-Syndication Agents and (iii) any other Person appointed under the Loan Documents to serve in an agent or similar capacity.

"Agent Parties" has the meaning specified in Section 11.02(c).

"Aggregate Revolving Credit Commitments" means the Revolving Credit Commitments of all the Revolving Credit Lenders.

"Agreement" has the meaning specified in the introductory paragraph hereto.

"Annual Projections" has the meaning specified in Section 6.01(c).

"Applicable Fee Rate" means, at any time, 0.50% per annum.

"Applicable Rate" means 2.00% per annum for Base Rate Loans and 3.00% per annum for Eurodollar Rate Loans and Letter of Credit Fees.

"<u>Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage</u>" means in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility, with respect to any Revolving Credit Lender at any time, the percentage (carried out to the ninth decimal place) of the Revolving Credit Facility represented by such Revolving Credit Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment at such time. If the commitment of each Revolving Credit Lender to make Revolving Credit Loans and the obligation of each L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions have been terminated pursuant to <u>Section 8.02</u>, or if the Revolving Credit Commitments have expired, then the Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage of each Revolving Credit Lender in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility shall be determined based on the Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage of such Revolving Credit Lender in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility most recently in effect, giving effect to any subsequent assignments. The initial Applicable Revolving Percentage of each Revolving Credit Lender in respect of the Revolving Credit Lender in respect of the Revolving Credit Lender in respect of the Revolving Credit Lender on <u>Schedule 2.01</u> or in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Revolving Credit Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable.

"Appropriate Revolving Credit Lender" means, at any time, (a) with respect to the Revolving Credit Facility, a Revolving Credit Lender that has a Revolving Credit Commitment with respect to the Revolving Credit Facility or holds a Revolving Credit Loan at such time and

(b) with respect to the Letter of Credit Sublimit, (i) the L/C Issuers and (ii) if any Letters of Credit have been issued pursuant to Section 2.03(a), the Revolving Credit Lenders.

"<u>Approved Fund</u>" means any Fund that is administered or managed by (a) a Revolving Credit Lender, (b) an Affiliate of a Revolving Credit Lender or (c) an entity or an Affiliate of an entity that administers or manages a Revolving Credit Lender.

"Arrangers" means Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Incorporated, Goldman Sachs Bank USA and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., each in its capacity as joint lead arranger and joint book runner.

"Assignee Group" means two or more Eligible Assignees that are Affiliates of one another or two or more Approved Funds managed by the same investment advisor.

"<u>Assignment and Assumption</u>" means an assignment and assumption entered into by a Revolving Credit Lender and an Eligible Assignee (with the consent of any party whose consent is required by <u>Section 11.06(b)</u>), and accepted by the Administrative Agent, in substantially the form of <u>Exhibit D-1</u> or any other form approved by the Administrative Agent.

"<u>Attributable Indebtedness</u>" means, on any date, (a) in respect of any Capitalized Lease of any Person, the capitalized amount thereof that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP, (b) in respect of any Synthetic Lease Obligation, the capitalized amount of the remaining lease or similar payments under the relevant lease or other applicable agreement or instrument that would appear on a balance sheet of such Person prepared as of such date in accordance with GAAP if such lease or other agreement or instrument were accounted for as a Capitalized Lease and (c) all Synthetic Debt of such Person.

"<u>Audited Financial Statements</u>" means the audited consolidated and consolidating balance sheet of Parent and its Subsidiaries for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, and the related consolidated and consolidating statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for such fiscal year of Parent and its consolidated Subsidiaries, including the notes thereto.

"Auto-Extension Letter of Credit" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(b)(iii).

"<u>Availability Period</u>" means, the period from and including the Closing Date to the earliest of (i) the Maturity Date, (ii) the date of termination of the Revolving Credit Commitments pursuant to <u>Section 2.05</u>, and (iii) the date of termination of the commitment of each Revolving Credit Lender to make Revolving Credit Loans and of the obligation of each L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions pursuant to <u>Section 8.02</u>.

"<u>Available Cash</u>" means, as of any date of determination, an amount equal to (a) the sum of (i) the Distributed Cash received by the Borrower after the Closing Date and (ii) the aggregate amount of contributions to the common capital of the Borrower received in cash after the Closing Date (other than as a result of the exercise of the Cure Right), *minus* (b) any amounts thereof used to make Investments pursuant to <u>Section 7.03(c)(iii)(B)</u> after the Closing Date and on or prior to such date, *minus* (c) the aggregate amount of Restricted Payments made by the

Borrower after the Closing Date and on or prior to such date pursuant to <u>Section 7.06(f)</u> minus (d) prepayments or repayments of Indebtedness pursuant to <u>Section 7.15(b)</u>.

"Bank of America" means Bank of America, N.A. and its successors.

"Bankruptcy Code" means Title 11 of the United States Code entitled "Bankruptcy," as now and hereafter in effect, or any successor statute.

"Base Rate" means for any day a fluctuating rate per annum equal to the highest of (a) the Federal Funds Rate <u>plus</u> 1/2 of 1%, (b) the rate of interest in effect for such day as publicly announced from time to time by Bank of America as its "prime rate", and (c) the Eurodollar Rate plus 1.00%. The "prime rate" is a rate set by Bank of America based upon various factors including Bank of America's costs and desired return, general economic conditions and other factors, and is used as a reference point for pricing some loans, which may be priced at, above, or below such announced rate. Any change in such rate announced by Bank of America shall take effect at the opening of business on the day specified in the public announcement of such change.

"Base Rate Loan" means a Revolving Credit Loan that bears interest based on the Base Rate.

"Board of Governors" means the Board of Governors of the United States Federal Reserve System, or any successor thereto.

"Borrower" has the meaning specified in the introductory paragraph hereto.

"Borrower Cash Flow" means, at any date of determination, an amount equal to the Distributed Cash received by the Borrower during the most recently completed Measurement Period; provided that if the Borrower has acquired or disposed of any Equity Interests in a Project Company or the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries (including any Project Company) has acquired or disposed of any property with a value in excess of \$5,000,000 at any time after the first day of such Measurement Period, the determinations of Borrower Cash Flow shall be made giving pro forma effect to such acquisition or disposition as if such acquisition or disposition had occurred on the first day of such Measurement Period.

"Borrower Interest Charges" means, for any Measurement Period, the excess of (A) the sum of (a) cash interest, cash premium payments, cash debt discount and other similar cash fees and charges in connection with borrowed money or in connection with the deferred purchase price of assets, in each case to the extent treated as interest in accordance with GAAP, (b) cash interest paid or payable with respect to discontinued operations and (c) the portion of rent expense under Capitalized Leases that is treated as cash interest in accordance with GAAP, in each case, of or by the Borrower on a standalone basis for the most recently completed Measurement Period over (B) any cash interest income received by the Borrower on a standalone basis during such Measurement Period.

"Borrower Interest Coverage Ratio" means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (a) Borrower Cash Flow to (b) Borrower Interest Charges, in each case, for the most recently completed Measurement Period.



"Borrower Leverage Ratio" means, as of any date of determination, the ratio of (a) Total Debt of the Borrower as of such date (net of any cash that constitutes Borrower Cash Flow from a Measurement Period other than the most recently completed Measurement Period) to (b) Borrower Cash Flow for the most recently completed Measurement Period.

"Borrower Materials" has the meaning specified in Section 6.02.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or other day on which commercial banks are authorized to close under the Laws of, or are in fact closed in, the state where the Administrative Agent's Office is located and, if such day relates to any Eurodollar Rate Loan, means any such day on which dealings in Dollar deposits are conducted by and between banks in the London interbank eurodollar market.

"<u>Capitalized Leases</u>" means, with respect to any Person, all leases that have been or are required to be, in accordance with GAAP (but only as in effect on the date hereof, and not giving effect to any changes to GAAP occurring after the date hereof), recorded as capitalized leases on the balance sheet of such Person.

"Cash Collateralize" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(g).

"Cash Equivalents" means any of the following types of Investments, to the extent owned by the Borrower or any of the Company Group Parties:

(a) readily marketable obligations issued or directly and fully guaranteed or insured by the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof having maturities of not more than 360 days from the date of acquisition thereof; <u>provided</u> that the full faith and credit of the United States of America is pledged in support thereof;

(b) time deposits with, or insured certificates of deposit or bankers' acceptances of, any commercial bank that (i) (A) is a Revolving Credit Lender or (B) is organized under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or the District of Columbia or is the principal banking subsidiary of a bank holding company organized under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, and is a member of the Federal Reserve System, and (ii) has combined capital and surplus of at least \$1,000,000,000, in each case with maturities of not more than 90 days from the date of acquisition thereof;

(c) commercial paper issued by any Person organized under the laws of any state of the United States of America and rated at least "Prime-2" (or the then equivalent grade) by Moody's or at least "A-2" (or the then equivalent grade) by S&P, in each case with maturities of not more than 12 months from the date of acquisition thereof;

(d) Investments in money market investment programs registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, which are administered by financial institutions that have one of the two highest ratings obtainable from either Moody's or S&P, and the portfolios of which are limited solely to Investments of the character, quality and maturity described in clauses (a), (b) and (c) of this definition; and

(e) United States dollars, Euros, any other currency of countries members of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development or, in the case of any foreign Subsidiary, any local currencies held by it from time to time.

"Cash Management Agreement" means any agreement to provide cash management services, including treasury, depositary, overdraft, credit or debit card, electronic funds transfer and other cash management arrangements.

"<u>Cash Management Bank</u>" means any Person designated by the Borrower as such that, either (a) on the Closing Date, is a party to a Cash Management Agreement with a Loan Party and is an Agent, an Arranger, a Revolving Credit Lender or an Affiliate of the foregoing, or (b) at the time it enters into a Cash Management Agreement with a Loan Party, is an Agent, an Arranger, a Revolving Credit Lender or an Affiliate of the foregoing, in the case of each of clauses (a) and (b), its capacity as a party to such Cash Management Agreement.

"CERCLA" means the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980.

"<u>CERCLIS</u>" means the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Information System maintained by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"CFC" means a "controlled foreign corporation" under Section 957 of the Code.

"<u>Change in Law</u>" means the occurrence, after the date of this Agreement, of any of the following: (a) the adoption or taking effect of any law, rule, regulation or treaty, (b) any change in any law, rule, regulation or treaty or in the administration, interpretation, implementation or application thereof by any Governmental Authority or (c) the making or issuance of any request, rule, guideline or directive (whether or not having the force of law) by any Governmental Authority; <u>provided</u> that notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (x) the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and all requests, rules, guidelines or directives thereunder or issued in connection therewith and (y) all requests, rules, guidelines or directives promulgated by the Bank for International settlements, the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision (or any successor or similar authority) or the United States regulatory authorities, in each case pursuant to Basel III, shall in each case be deemed to be a "Change in Law", regardless of the date enacted, adopted or issued.

"Change of Control" means an event or series of events by which:

(a) Equity Investor shall cease to own, directly or indirectly, at least 35% of the equity securities of Parent entitled to vote for members of the board of directors or equivalent governing body of Parent on a fully-diluted basis (and taking into account all such securities that such "person" or "group" has the right to acquire pursuant to any option right); or

(b) the first day on which a majority of the members of the board of directors of Parent are not Continuing Directors; or

(c) Parent and Equity Investor collectively shall cease to, directly or indirectly, own and control legally and beneficially all of the Equity Interests in Holdings; or

(d) Holdings shall cease to directly own and control legally and beneficially all of the Equity Interests in the Borrower.

"<u>Class</u>" means (i) with respect to Revolving Credit Lenders, Revolving Credit Lenders with Revolving Credit Commitments and Revolving Credit Loans that expire on the same Maturity Date and (ii) with respect to Revolving Credit Commitments and Revolving Credit Loans, respectively, Revolving Credit Commitments and Revolving Credit Loans (as applicable) that mature on the same Maturity Date.

"Closing Date" means the first date all the conditions precedent in Section 4.01 are satisfied or waived in accordance with Section 11.01.

"Closing Date Projections" means the projections included in the Form S-1 filed by Parent in connection with the IPO.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (unless otherwise provided herein).

"<u>Collateral</u>" means all of the "<u>Collateral</u>" referred to in the Collateral Documents and all of the other property that is or is intended under the terms of the Collateral Documents to be subject to Liens in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

"<u>Collateral Documents</u>" means, collectively, the Security Agreement, each of the Security Agreement Supplements, security agreements, pledge agreements, Account Control Agreements, Securities Account Control Agreements, or other similar agreements delivered to the Administrative Agent pursuant to <u>Section 6.12</u>, and each of the other agreements, instruments or documents that creates or purports to create or perfect a Lien in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties.

"<u>Collateral Questionnaire</u>" means a certificate in the form of <u>Exhibit G</u> that provides information with respect to the personal or mixed property of each Loan Party.

"<u>Committed Loan Notice</u>" means a notice of (a) a Revolving Credit Borrowing, (b) a conversion of Revolving Credit Loans from one Type to the other, or (c) a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans, pursuant to <u>Section 2.02(a)</u>, which, if in writing, shall be substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u>.

"Commodity Exchange Act" means the Commodity Exchange Act (7 U.S.C. § 1 et seq.), as amended from time to time, and any successor statute.

"Company Group Parties" means each direct and indirect Subsidiary of the Borrower, other than any Project Companies.

"Compliance Certificate" means a certificate substantially in the form of Exhibit C.



"<u>Contingent Obligations</u>" means indemnities and other contingent Obligations that pursuant to their express terms survive repayment in full of principal and interest on the Revolving Credit Loans and termination of the Revolving Credit Commitments under this Agreement.

"<u>Continuing Directors</u>" means, as of any date of determination, any member of the board of directors of Parent who (a) was a member of the board of directors of Parent on the Closing Date or (b) was nominated for election or elected to such board of directors with the approval of a majority of the Continuing Directors who were members of such board of directors at the time of such nomination or election.

"<u>Contractual Obligation</u>" means, as to any Person, any provision of any security issued by such Person or of any agreement, instrument or other undertaking to which such Person is a party or by which it or any of its property is bound.

"Contribution" has the meaning specified in the Preliminary Statements.

"Contribution Documents" means the documents effecting the Contribution.

"<u>Contribution Indebtedness</u>" shall mean Indebtedness of the Borrower or Holdings in an amount equal to the aggregate amount of cash contributions (other than in respect of Permitted Cure Securities) made after the Closing Date to Borrower (or, without duplication, to Holdings and contributed to Borrower) in exchange for Equity Interests (other than Permitted Cure Securities) of Borrower or Holdings, as applicable.

"<u>Control</u>" means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of a Person, whether through the ability to exercise voting power, by contract or otherwise. "<u>Controlling</u>" and "<u>Controlled</u>" have meanings correlative thereto.

"<u>Controlled Account</u>" means each deposit account or securities account that is subject to an Account Control Agreement or Securities Account Control Agreement in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the applicable L/C Issuer.

"Co-Syndication Agents" means Goldman Sachs Bank USA and Citibank, N.A., each in its capacity as co-syndication agent.

"Credit Extension" means each of the following: (a) a Revolving Credit Borrowing and (b) an L/C Credit Extension.

"Cure Amount" has the meaning specified in Section 8.01.

"Cure Right" has the meaning specified in Section 8.01.

"Debtor Relief Laws" means the Bankruptcy Code and all other liquidation, conservatorship, bankruptcy, assignment for the benefit of creditors, moratorium, rearrangement, receivership, insolvency, reorganization, or similar debtor relief Laws of the United States or

other applicable jurisdictions from time to time in effect and affecting the rights of creditors generally.

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

"Default Rate" means (a) when used with respect to Obligations other than Letter of Credit Fees, an interest rate equal to (i) the Base Rate or the Eurodollar Rate (as applicable or, if neither is directly applicable, the Base Rate), <u>plus</u> (ii) the relevant Applicable Rate, <u>plus</u> (iii) 2% per annum; and (b) when used with respect to Letter of Credit Fees, a rate equal to the Applicable Rate <u>plus</u> 2% per annum.

"Defaulting Lender" means any Revolving Credit Lender (a) that has failed to timely fund any portion of the Revolving Credit Loans or participations in L/C Obligations required to be funded by it on the terms set forth herein for such payment, unless such Revolving Credit Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Borrower in writing that such failure is the result of such Revolving Credit Lender's good faith reasonable determination that one or more conditions precedent to funding (which conditions precedent, together with the applicable default, if any, shall be specifically identified in such writing) has not been satisfied, (b) that has otherwise failed to timely pay over to the Administrative Agent, any L/C Issuer or any other Revolving Credit Lender any other amount required to be paid by it hereunder (including in respect of its participation in Letters of Credit) on the terms set forth herein for such payment, unless the subject of a good faith dispute, (c) that has notified the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or any L/C Issuer in writing that it does not intend to comply with its funding obligations hereunder, or has made a public statement to that effect (unless such writing or public statement relates to such Revolving Credit Lender's obligation to fund a Revolving Credit Loan hereunder and states that such position is based on such Revolving Credit Lender's good faith reasonable determination that a condition precedent to funding (which condition precedent, together with the applicable default, if any, shall be specifically identified in such writing or public statement) cannot be satisfied), (d) that has failed, within two Business Days after written request by the Administrative Agent or the Borrower, to confirm in writing to the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that it will comply with its prospective funding obligations hereunder (provided that such Revolving Credit Lender shall cease to be a Defaulting Lender pursuant to this clause (d) upon receipt of such written confirmation by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower), or (e) in respect of which the Administrative Agent has received notification that such Revolving Credit Lender has, or has a direct or indirect parent company that is (i) insolvent, or is generally unable to pay its debts as they become due, or admits in writing its inability to pay its debts as they become due, or makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or (ii) the subject of a bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, liquidation or similar proceeding, or a receiver, trustee, conservator, intervenor or sequestrator or the like has been appointed for such Revolving Credit Lender or its direct or indirect parent company, or such Revolving Credit Lender or its direct or indirect parent company has taken any action in furtherance of or indicating its consent to or acquiescence in any such proceeding or appointment; provided that a Revolving Credit Lender shall not be a Defaulting Lender solely by virtue of the ownership or acquisition of any Equity Interest in that Revolving Credit Lender or any direct or indirect parent company thereof by a Governmental Authority so long as such ownership interest does not result in or provide such Revolving Credit Lender with immunity from the jurisdiction of courts within the United

States or from the enforcement of judgments or writs of attachment on its assets or permit such Revolving Credit Lender (or such Governmental Authority or instrumentality) to reject, repudiate, disavow or disaffirm any contracts or agreements made with such Revolving Credit Lender.

"Designated Jurisdiction" means any country or territory to the extent that such country or territory itself is the subject of any Sanction.

"Discharge of the Secured Obligations" means and shall have occurred when (i) all Secured Obligations shall have been paid in full in cash and all other obligations under the Loan Documents shall have been performed (other than (a) those constituting Contingent Obligations as to which no claim has been asserted, and (b) obligations and liabilities under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements as to which arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank shall have been made), (ii) no Letters of Credit shall be outstanding (other than Letters of Credit which have been Cash Collateralized or as to which other arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the applicable L/C Issuer shall have been made) and (iii) all Revolving Credit Commitments shall have terminated or expired.

"Disclosed Litigation" has the meaning set forth in Section 5.06.

"Disposition" or "Dispose" means the sale, transfer, license, lease or other disposition (including any sale and leaseback transaction) of any property by any Person (or the granting of any option or other right to do any of the foregoing), including any sale, assignment, transfer or other disposal, with or without recourse, of any notes or accounts receivable or any rights and claims associated therewith.

"Disqualified Equity Interests" shall mean any Equity Interests that, by its terms (or by the terms of any security into which it is convertible, or for which it is exchangeable, in each case at the option of the holder of the Equity Interests), or upon the happening of any event, matures or is mandatorily redeemable, pursuant to a sinking fund obligation or otherwise, or redeemable at the option of the holder of the Equity Interests, in whole or in part, on or prior to the date that is 91 days after the Latest Maturity Date of all Classes of Revolving Credit Loans and Revolving Credit Commitments. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, any Equity Interests that would constitute Disqualified Equity Interests solely because the holders of the Equity Interests have the right to require the Borrower to repurchase such Equity Interests upon the occurrence of a change of control or an asset sale will not constitute Disqualified Equity Interests if the terms of such Equity Interests provide that the Borrower may not repurchase or redeem any such Equity Interests pursuant to such provisions unless such repurchase or redemption complies with Section 7.06. The amount of Disqualified Equity Interests deemed to be outstanding at any time for purposes of this Agreement will be the maximum amount that the Borrower may become obligated to pay upon the maturity of, or pursuant to any mandatory redemption provisions of, such Disqualified Equity Interests, exclusive of accrued dividends.

"Distributed Cash" means cash and Cash Equivalents distributed by the Project Companies, directly or indirectly, to the Borrower in respect of the Equity Interests of the Project Companies owned, directly or indirectly, by the Borrower (other than dividends or other

distributions that are funded, directly or indirectly, with substantially concurrent cash Investments, or cash Investments that were not intended to be used by a Project Company for capital expenditures or for operational purposes, by the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries in a Project Company).

"Dollar" and "§" mean lawful money of the United States.

"<u>Domestic Subsidiary</u>" means a Subsidiary of the Borrower incorporated or organized under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, but excluding (i) any direct or indirect subsidiary of a CFC and (ii) any Foreign Subsidiary Holding Company.

"<u>Eligible Assignee</u>" means any Person that meets the requirements to be an assignee under <u>Section 11.06(b)(iii)</u>, (v) and (vi) (subject to such consents, if any, as may be required under <u>Section 11.06(b)(iii)</u>).

"Engagement Letter" means the Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility Engagement Letter, dated May 10, 2013, among Holdings, Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, Goldman Sachs Lending Partners LLC, and Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

"Environmental Laws" means any and all Federal, state, local, and foreign statutes, laws, regulations, ordinances, rules, judgments, orders, decrees, or governmental regulations relating to pollution and the protection of the environment, including natural resources such as flora and fauna, or the release of any materials into the environment, including those related to hazardous substances or wastes, air emissions and discharges to waste or public systems.

"Environmental Liability" means any liability, contingent or otherwise (including any liability for damages, costs of environmental remediation, fines, penalties or indemnities), of the Borrower, any other Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries directly or indirectly resulting from or based upon (a) violation of any Environmental Law, (b) the generation, use, handling, transportation, storage, treatment or disposal of any Hazardous Materials, (c) exposure to any Hazardous Materials, (d) the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Materials into the environment or (e) any contract, agreement or other consensual arrangement pursuant to which liability is assumed or imposed with respect to any of the foregoing.

"Environmental Permit" means any permit, approval, identification number, license or other authorization required under any Environmental Law.

"Equity Interests" means, with respect to any Person, all of the shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the warrants, options or other rights for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person or warrants, rights or options for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of such shares (or such other interests), and all of the other ownership or profit interests in such Person (including partnership, member or trust interests therein), whether voting or nonvoting, and whether or not such shares, warrants, options, rights or other interests are outstanding on any date of determination.

"Equity Investor" means NRG Energy, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

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

"ERISA Affiliate" means any trade or business (whether or not incorporated) under common control with the Borrower within the meaning of Section 414(b) or (c) of the Code (and Sections 414(m) and (o) of the Code solely for purposes of provisions relating to Section 412 of the Code).

"ERISA Event" means (a) a Reportable Event with respect to a Pension Plan; (b) a withdrawal by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from a Pension Plan subject to Section 4063 of ERISA during a plan year in which it was a substantial employer (as defined in Section 4001(a)(2) of ERISA) or a cessation of operations that is treated as such a withdrawal under Section 4062(e) of ERISA; (c) a complete or partial withdrawal by the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate from a Multiemployer Plan or notification that a Multiemployer Plan of the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate is in reorganization; (d) the filing of a notice of intent to terminate, the treatment of a plan amendment as a termination under Section 4041 or 4041A of ERISA, or the commencement of proceedings by the PBGC to terminate a Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan; or (e) an event or condition which constitutes grounds under Section 4042 of ERISA for the termination of, or the appointment of a trustee to administer, any Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan.

"Eurodollar Rate" means,

(a) for any Interest Period with respect to a Eurodollar Rate Loan, the rate per annum equal to the London Interbank Offered Rate ("<u>LIBOR</u>") or any comparable or successor rate as required, which rate is approved by the Administrative Agent, as currently published on the applicable Reuters screen page (or such other commercially available source providing such quotations as may be designated by the Administrative Agent from time to time) at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time, two Business Days prior to the commencement of such Interest Period, for Dollar deposits (for delivery on the first day of such Interest Period) with a term equivalent to such Interest Period; and

(b) for any interest calculation with respect to a Base Rate Loan on any date, the rate per annum equal to LIBOR, at approximately 11:00 a.m., London time determined two Business Days prior to such date for U.S. Dollar deposits being delivered in the London interbank market for a term of one month commencing that day.

"Eurodollar Rate Loan" means a Revolving Credit Loan that bears interest at a rate based on the Eurodollar Rate.

"Event of Default" has the meaning specified in Section 8.01.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time, and any successor statute.

"Exchange Agreement" means the Exchange Agreement dated as of the Closing Date by and among Equity Investor, Parent and Holdings and each of the other parties thereto from time

to time, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time; provided that any amendments or modifications that would be materially adverse to the interests of the Revolving Credit Lenders in their capacity as such shall require the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned).

"Excluded Swap Obligation" means, with respect to the Guarantor, any Swap Obligation if, and to the extent that, all or a portion of the Guarantee of the Guarantor of, or the grant by the Guarantor of a security interest to secure, such Swap Obligation (or any Guarantee thereof) is or becomes illegal or unlawful under the Commodity Exchange Act or any rule, regulation or order of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (or the application or official interpretation of any thereof) by virtue of the Guarantor's failure for any reason not to constitute an "eligible contract participant" as defined in the Commodity Exchange Act at the time the Guarantee of the Guarantor would otherwise have become effective with respect to such related Swap Obligation but for such Guarantor's failure to constitute an "eligible contract participant" at such time.

"Excluded Taxes" means, with respect to the Administrative Agent, any Revolving Credit Lender, any L/C Issuer or any other recipient of any payment to be made by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower hereunder, (a) taxes imposed on or measured by its net income (however denominated), and franchise taxes imposed on it (in lieu of net income taxes), by the United States or by the jurisdiction (or any political subdivision thereof) under the Laws of which such recipient is organized or in which its principal office is located or, in the case of any Revolving Credit Lender, in which its applicable Lending Office is located, or as a result of any present or former connection between such Revolving Credit Lender or L/C Issuer or the Administrative Agent and such jurisdiction (other than any connection arising solely from executing, delivering, being a party to, engaging in any transactions pursuant to, performing its obligations under, receiving or perfecting a security interest under, receiving payments under, and/or enforcing, any Loan Document, or selling or assigning an interest in any Revolving Credit Loan, Revolving Credit Commitment or Loan Document), (b) any branch profits taxes imposed by the United States or any similar tax imposed by any other jurisdiction described in clause (a), (c) any backup withholding tax that is required by the Code to be withheld from amounts payable to a Revolving Credit Lender that has failed to comply with clause (A) of Section 3.01(e)(ii), (d) in the case of a Revolving Credit Lender (other than an assignee pursuant to a request by the Borrower under Section 11.13), any United States federal withholding tax that (i) is required to be imposed on amounts payable to such Revolving Credit Lender pursuant to the Laws in force at the time such Revolving Credit Lender becomes a party hereto (or designates a new Lending Office) or (ii) in the case of a Foreign Revolving Credit Lender, is attributable to such Foreign Revolving Credit Lender's failure or inability (other than as a result of a Change in Law) to comply with clause (B) of Section 3.01(e)(ii), except to the extent that such Foreign Revolving Credit Lender (or its assigner, if any) was entitled, at the time of designation of a new Lending Office (or assignment), to receive additional amounts with respect to such withholding tax pursuant to Section 3.01, and (e) any United States federal withholding taxes imposed under FATCA.

"Existing Class" has the meaning specified in Section 2.15.

"Existing Project-Level Indebtedness" means the Indebtedness of the Project Companies existing on the Closing Date listed on Schedule 4.01(e).

"Existing Revolving Credit Commitments" has the meaning specified in Section 2.15.

"Existing Revolving Credit Loans" has the meaning specified in Section 2.15.

"Extended Maturity Date" has the meaning specified in Section 2.15.

"Extended Revolving Credit Commitments" has the meaning specified in Section 2.15.

"Extended Revolving Credit Loans" has the meaning specified in Section 2.15.

"Extension" has the meaning specified in Section 2.15.

"Extension Amendments" has the meaning specified in Section 2.15.

"Extension Offer" has the meaning specified in Section 2.15.

"<u>FATCA</u>" means Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, as of the date of this Agreement (or any amended or successor version that is substantively comparable and not materially more onerous to comply with), any current or future regulations or official interpretations thereof and any agreements entered into pursuant to Section 1471(b)(1) of the Code.

"<u>Federal Funds Rate</u>" means, for any day, the rate per annum equal to the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers on such day, as published by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York on the Business Day next succeeding such day; <u>provided</u> that (a) if such day is not a Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be such rate on such transactions on the next preceding Business Day as so published on the next succeeding Business Day, and (b) if no such rate is so published on such next succeeding Business Day, the Federal Funds Rate for such day shall be the average rate (rounded upward, if necessary, to a whole multiple of 1/100 of 1%) charged to Bank of America on such day on such transactions as determined by the Administrative Agent.

"Fee Letter" means the letter agreement, dated May 10, 2013, among Holdings, Bank of America, N.A. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated.

"FERC" means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

"Flood Insurance Laws" has the meaning specified in Section 6.12.

"Foreign Revolving Credit Lender" means any Revolving Credit Lender that is not a U.S. Person.

"Foreign Subsidiary" means any Subsidiary of the Borrower that is not a Domestic Subsidiary.

"Foreign Subsidiary Holding Company" means any Subsidiary of the Borrower that has no material assets other than the equity interests of one or more CFCs.

"FPA" means the Federal Power Act of 1935, as amended.

"FRB" means the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System of the United States.

"Fronting Exposure" means, at any time there is a Defaulting Lender, with respect to the L/C Issuers, such Defaulting Lender's Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage of the outstanding L/C Obligations other than L/C Obligations as to which such Defaulting Lender's participation obligation has been reallocated to other Revolving Credit Lenders or Cash Collateralized in accordance with the terms hereof.

"<u>Fund</u>" means any Person (other than a natural person) that is (or will be) engaged in making, purchasing, holding or otherwise investing in commercial loans and similar extensions of credit in the ordinary course of its activities.

"GAAP" means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or such other principles as may be approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession in the United States, that are applicable to the circumstances as of the date of determination, consistently applied.

"Generation Portfolio Companies" means the entities listed on Schedule 5.17(a).

"<u>Governmental Authority</u>" means the government of the United States or any other nation, or of any political subdivision thereof, whether state or local, and any agency, authority, instrumentality, regulatory body, court, central bank or other entity exercising executive, legislative, judicial, taxing, regulatory or administrative powers or functions of or pertaining to government (including any supra-national bodies such as the European Union or the European Central Bank).

"<u>Guarantee</u>" means, as to any Person, any (a) obligation, contingent or otherwise, of such Person guaranteeing or having the economic effect of guaranteeing any Indebtedness or other monetary obligation payable or performable by another Person (the "<u>primary obligor</u>") in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, and including any obligation of such Person, direct or indirect, (i) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness or other monetary obligation, (ii) to purchase or lease property, securities or services for the purpose of assuring the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other monetary obligation of the payment or performance of such Indebtedness or other monetary obligation or liquidity or level of income or cash flow of the primary obligor so as to enable the primary obligor to pay such Indebtedness or other monetary obligation or (iv) entered into for the purpose of assuring in any other manner the obligee in respect of such Indebtedness or other monetary obligation of the payment or performance thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part), or (b) Lien on any assets of such Person securing any Indebtedness or other obligation of any other Person, whether or not such Indebtedness or other monetary obligation or otherwise, of any

holder of such Indebtedness to obtain any such Lien); <u>provided</u> that the term "Guarantee" shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit, in either case, in the ordinary course of business, or customary and reasonable indemnity obligations in effect on the Closing Date or entered into in connection with any acquisition or disposition of assets permitted under this Agreement (other than such obligations with respect to Indebtedness). The amount of any Guarantee shall be deemed to be an amount equal to the stated or determinable amount of the related primary obligation, or portion thereof, in respect of which such Guarantee is made or, if not stated or determinable, the maximum reasonably anticipated liability (after giving effect to any indemnities, rights of contribution, subrogation or other similar rights in favor of such Guarantor) in respect thereof as determined by the guaranteeing Person in good faith. The term "Guarantee" as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

"Guarantor" means Holdings.

"Guaranty" means the Guaranty made by Holdings under Article X in favor of the Secured Parties.

"<u>Hazardous Materials</u>" means all explosive or radioactive substances or wastes and all hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or other pollutants, including petroleum or petroleum distillates, asbestos or asbestos-containing materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, radon gas, and all other substances or wastes of any nature, in each case regulated pursuant to any Environmental Law.

"<u>Hedge Bank</u>" means any Person designated by the Borrower as such that, at the time it enters into an interest rate Swap Contract permitted under <u>Article VII</u>, is an Agent, an Arranger, a Revolving Credit Lender or an Affiliate of the foregoing, in its capacity as a party to such Swap Contract.

"Holdings" has the meaning specified in the introductory paragraph hereto.

"Honor Date" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(c)(i).

"Impacted Loans" has the meaning specified in Section 3.03.

"Incremental Amendment" has the meaning specified in Section 2.13(b).

"Indebtedness" means, as to any Person at a particular time, without duplication, all of the following, whether or not included as indebtedness or liabilities in accordance with GAAP:

(a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money and all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements or other similar instruments;

(b) the maximum amount of all direct or contingent obligations of such Person arising under letters of credit (including standby and commercial), bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments;

(c) net obligations of such Person under any Swap Contract;

(d) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than trade accounts payable in the ordinary course of business and not past due for more than 180 days after the date on which such trade account was created);

(e) indebtedness (excluding prepaid interest thereon) secured by a Lien on property owned or being purchased by such Person (including indebtedness arising under conditional sales or other title retention agreements), whether or not such indebtedness shall have been assumed by such Person or is limited in recourse;

(f) all Attributable Indebtedness in respect of Capitalized Leases and Synthetic Lease Obligations of such Person and all Synthetic Debt of such Person;

- (g) all obligations in respect of any Disqualified Equity Interests; and
- (h) all Guarantees of such Person in respect of any of the foregoing.

For all purposes hereof, the Indebtedness of any Person shall include the Indebtedness of any partnership or joint venture (other than a joint venture that is itself a corporation or limited liability company) in which such Person is a general partner or a joint venturer, unless such Indebtedness is expressly made non-recourse to such Person. The amount of any net obligation under any Swap Contract on any date shall be deemed to be the Swap Termination Value thereof as of such date.

"Indemnified Taxes" means Taxes other than Excluded Taxes.

"Indemnitees" has the meaning specified in Section 11.04(b).

"Information" has the meaning specified in Section 11.07.

"Interest Payment Date" means, (a) as to any Eurodollar Rate Loan, the last day of each Interest Period applicable to such Revolving Credit Loan and the Maturity Date; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that if any Interest Period for a Eurodollar Rate Loan exceeds three months, the respective dates that fall every three months after the beginning of such Interest Period shall also be Interest Payment Dates; and (b) as to any Base Rate Loan, the last Business Day of each March, June, September and December and the Maturity Date.

"<u>Interest Period</u>" means, as to each Eurodollar Rate Loan, the period commencing on the date such Eurodollar Rate Loan is disbursed or converted to or continued as a Eurodollar Rate Loan and ending on the date one, three or six months thereafter (in each case, subject to availability) (or twelve months or shorter, if available to all Revolving Credit Lenders), as selected by the Borrower in its Committed Loan Notice; <u>provided</u> that:

(a) any Interest Period that would otherwise end on a day that is not a Business Day shall be extended to the next succeeding Business Day unless such Business Day falls in another calendar month, in which case such Interest Period shall end on the next preceding Business Day;

(b) any Interest Period that begins on the last Business Day of a calendar month (or on a day for which there is no numerically corresponding day in the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period) shall end on the last Business Day of the calendar month at the end of such Interest Period; and

(c) no Interest Period shall extend beyond the Maturity Date.

"Investment" means, as to any Person, any direct or indirect acquisition or investment by such Person, whether by means of (a) the purchase or other acquisition of Equity Interests of another Person, (b) a loan, advance or capital contribution to, Guarantee or assumption of debt of, or purchase or other acquisition of any other debt or interest in, another Person, or (c) the purchase or other acquisition (in one transaction or a series of transactions) of assets of another Person that constitute a business unit or all or a substantial part of the business of, such Person. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, the amount of an Investment will be the fair market value of such Investment determined at the time the Investment is made and without giving effect to subsequent changes in value. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the case of any Investment made by the Borrower or a Company Group Party in a Person substantially concurrently with a cash distribution by such Person to the Borrower or a Company Group Party (a " <u>Concurrent Cash Distribution</u>"), then the amount of such Investment shall be deemed to be the fair market value of the Investment, less the amount of the Concurrent Cash Distribution.

"IP Rights" means Intellectual Property (as defined in the Security Agreement).

"<u>IPO</u>" means the initial public offering and distribution of certain of the Equity Interests of Parent pursuant to an effective registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933.

"IRS" means the United States Internal Revenue Service.

"<u>ISP</u>" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the "International Standby Practices 1998" published by the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice, Inc. (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance).

"Kennedy Project Companies" means PESD Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, FUSD Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Wildcat Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Continental Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Longhorn Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Kull Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Kull Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Kull Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Nonster Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and SCWFD Energy, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Issuer Documents" means with respect to any Letter of Credit, the Letter of Credit Application, and any other document, agreement and instrument entered into by any L/C Issuer and the Borrower or in favor of such L/C Issuer and relating to such Letter of Credit.

"Latest Maturity Date" means, at any date of determination, the latest maturity or expiration date applicable to any Revolving Credit Loan or Revolving Credit Commitment hereunder at such time, in each case as extended in accordance with this Agreement from time to time.

"Laws" means, collectively, all international, foreign, Federal, state and local statutes, treaties, rules, guidelines, regulations, ordinances, codes and administrative or binding judicial precedents or authorities, including the binding interpretation or administration thereof by any Governmental Authority charged with the enforcement, interpretation or administration thereof, and all applicable administrative orders, directed duties, requests, licenses, authorizations and permits of, and agreements with, any Governmental Authority, in each case whether or not having the force of law.

"<u>L/C Advance</u>" means, with respect to each Revolving Credit Lender, such Revolving Credit Lender's funding of its participation in any L/C Borrowing in accordance with its Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage.

"L/C Borrowing" means an extension of credit resulting from a drawing under any Letter of Credit which has not been reimbursed on the date when made or refinanced as a Revolving Credit Borrowing.

"<u>L/C Commitment</u>" means, as to each L/C Issuer, its obligation to issue Letters of Credit for the account of the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 2.03</u>, in an aggregate face amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such L/C Issuer's name on <u>Schedule 2.03</u> under the caption "L/C Commitment", as applicable, as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

"L/C Credit Extension" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the issuance thereof or extension of the expiry date thereof, or the increase of the amount thereof.

"L/C Issuer" means each of Bank of America and any Additional L/C Issuers, each in its capacity as an issuer of Letters of Credit hereunder, or any successor issuer(s) of Letters of Credit hereunder.

"<u>L/C Obligations</u>" means, as at any date of determination (determined without duplication), the aggregate amount available to be drawn under all outstanding Letters of Credit <u>plus</u> the aggregate of all Unreimbursed Amounts, including all L/C Borrowings. For purposes of computing the amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with <u>Section 1.06</u>. For all purposes of this Agreement, if on any date of determination a Letter of Credit has expired by its terms but any amount may still be drawn thereunder by reason of the operation of Rule 3.14 of the ISP, such Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be "outstanding" in the amount so remaining available to be drawn.

"Lending Office" means, as to any Revolving Credit Lender, the office or offices of such Revolving Credit Lender described as such in such Revolving Credit Lender's Administrative Questionnaire, or such other office or offices as a Revolving Credit Lender may from time to time notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent.

"Letter of Credit" means any standby letter of credit issued hereunder.



"Letter of Credit Application" means an application and agreement for the issuance or amendment of a Letter of Credit in the form from time to time in use by any L/C Issuer.

"Letter of Credit Expiration Date" means the day that is seven days prior to the Maturity Date then in effect for the Revolving Credit Facility (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next preceding Business Day).

"Letter of Credit Fee" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(i).

"Letter of Credit Sublimit" means an amount equal to \$60,000,000. The Letter of Credit Sublimit is part of, and not in addition to, the Revolving Credit Facility.

"<u>Lien</u>" means any mortgage, pledge, hypothecation, assignment, deposit arrangement, encumbrance, lien (statutory or other), charge, or preference, priority or other security interest or preferential arrangement in the nature of a security interest of any kind or nature whatsoever (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any easement, right of way or other encumbrance on title to real property, and any financing lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing).

"Loan Documents" means, collectively, (a) this Agreement, (b) the Revolving Credit Notes, (c) the Collateral Documents, (d) the Fee Letter, (e) each Issuer Document and (f) any subordination agreement entered into pursuant to Section 7.02(n).

"Loan Parties" means, collectively, the Borrower and the Guarantor.

"<u>Management Services Agreement</u>" means the Management Services Agreement dated as of the Closing Date by and among Equity Investor, Parent, Holdings and the Borrower, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time; provided that any amendments or modifications that would be materially adverse to the interest of the Revolving Credit Lenders in their capacity as such shall require the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned).

"<u>Material Adverse Effect</u>" means (a) a material adverse change in, or a material adverse effect upon, the results of operations, properties, liabilities or financial condition of the Loan Parties and their respective Subsidiaries taken as a whole; (b) a material impairment of the rights and remedies of the Administrative Agent or any Revolving Credit Lender under any material Loan Document, or of the ability of any Loan Party to perform its material obligations under any Loan Document to which it is a party; or (c) a material adverse effect upon the legality, validity, binding effect or enforceability against any Loan Party of any material Loan Document to which it is a party.

"Material Project Companies" has the meaning specified in Section 8.01(e).

"<u>Maturity Date</u>" means, except to the extended pursuant to <u>Section 2.15</u>, the date that is five (5) years following the Closing Date; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that, in each case, if such date is not a Business Day, the Maturity Date shall be the next preceding Business Day.

"Maximum Rate" has the meaning specified in Section 11.09.

"<u>Minimum Collateral Amount</u>" means, at any time, (i) with respect to Cash Collateral consisting of cash or deposit account balances provided to reduce or eliminate Fronting Exposure when any Revolving Credit Lender is a Defaulting Lender, an amount equal to 103% of the Fronting Exposure at such time, (ii) with respect to Cash Collateral consisting of cash or deposit account balances provided in accordance with the provisions of <u>Section 2.03(g)(i)(A)</u>, (<u>B) or (C)</u>, an amount equal to 103% of the Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations, and (iii) otherwise, an amount determined by the Administrative Agent and the applicable L/C Issuer in their sole discretion.

"<u>Measurement Period</u>" means, at any date of determination, the most recently completed four fiscal quarters of the Borrower or, if fewer than four consecutive fiscal quarters of the Borrower have been completed since the Closing Date, the fiscal quarters of the Borrower that have been completed since the Closing Date; <u>provided</u> that (a) for purposes of determining an amount of any item included in the calculation of a financial ratio or financial covenant for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2013, such amount for the Measurement Period then ended shall equal such item for such fiscal quarter multiplied by four; (b) for purposes of determining an amount of a financial ratio or financial covenant for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2013, such amount for the Measurement Period then ended shall equal such item for the two fiscal quarters then ended multiplied by two; and (c) for purposes of determining an amount of any item included in the calculation of a financial ratio or financial covenant for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2013, such amount for the Measurement Period then ended shall equal such item for the three fiscal quarters then ended multiplied by 4/3.

"Moody's" means Moody's Investors Service, Inc. and any successor thereto.

"Mortgaged Property" has the meaning specified in Section 6.12.

"Mortgage Policies" has the meaning specified in Section 6.12.

"<u>Multiemployer Plan</u>" means any employee benefit plan of the type described in Section 4001(a)(3) of ERISA to which the Borrower makes or is obligated to make contributions or during the preceding five plan years has made or been obligated to make contributions or with respect to which the Borrower has current or contingent liability as a result of being considered a single employer with any ERISA Affiliate.

"<u>Net Cash Proceeds</u>" means, with respect to the incurrence or issuance of any Indebtedness by any Loan Party or any Company Group Party, the excess of (i) the sum of the cash and Cash Equivalents received in connection with such transaction over (ii) the fees, underwriting discounts and commissions, taxes, and other reasonable and customary out-of-pocket costs and expenses, incurred by such Loan Party or such Company Group Party in connection therewith.

"New Revolving Credit Commitments" has the meaning specified in Section 2.13(a).

"<u>New Revolving Credit Lender</u>" has the meaning specified in <u>Section 2.13(a)</u>.

"New Revolving Credit Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 2.13(b).

"Non-Defaulting Lender" means, at any time, each Lender that is not a Defaulting Lender at such time.

"Non-Extending Lender" has the meaning specified in Section 11.01.

"Non-Extension Notice Date" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(b)(iii).

"NPL" means the National Priorities List under CERCLA.

"Obligations" means all advances to, and debts, liabilities, obligations, covenants and duties of, any Loan Party arising under any Loan Document or otherwise with respect to any Revolving Credit Loan, Letter of Credit, Secured Cash Management Agreement or Secured Hedge Agreement, in each case (including those acquired by assumption), whether absolute or contingent, due or to become due, now existing or hereafter arising and including interest and fees that accrue after the commencement by or against any Loan Party of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Laws naming such Person as the debtor in such proceeding, regardless of whether such interest and fees are allowed claims in such proceeding; <u>provided</u> that "Obligations" shall exclude all Excluded Swap Obligations.

"Organization Documents" means, (a) with respect to any corporation, the certificate or articles of incorporation and the bylaws (or equivalent or comparable constitutive documents with respect to any non-U.S. jurisdiction); (b) with respect to any limited liability company, the certificate or articles of formation or organization and operating agreement; and (c) with respect to any partnership, joint venture, trust or other form of business entity, the partnership, joint venture or other applicable agreement of formation or organization and any agreement, instrument, filing or notice with respect thereto filed in connection with its formation or organization with the applicable Governmental Authority in the jurisdiction of its formation or organization and, if applicable, any certificate or articles of formation or organization of such entity.

"Other Taxes" means all present or future stamp, court or documentary, intangible, recording, filing or similar Taxes or any other excise or property Taxes, charges or similar levies arising from any payment made hereunder or under any other Loan Document or from the execution, delivery, performance, enforcement or registration of, from the receipt or perfection of a security interest under, or otherwise with respect to, this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

"Outstanding Amount" means (in each case, determined without duplication) (a) with respect to Revolving Credit Loans on any date, the aggregate outstanding principal amount thereof after giving effect to any borrowings and prepayments or repayments of Revolving Credit Loans occurring on such date; and (b) with respect to any L/C Obligations on any date, the amount of such L/C Obligations on such date after giving effect to any L/C Credit Extension occurring on such date and any other changes in the aggregate amount of the L/C Obligations as of such date, including as a result of any reimbursements by the Borrower of Unreimbursed Amounts.

"Parent" has the meaning specified in the recitals hereto.



"Participant" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(d).

"Participant Register" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(d).

"PATRIOT Act' has the meaning specified in Section 4.01(e).

"PBGC" means the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.

"<u>Pension Plan</u>" means any "employee pension benefit plan" (as such term is defined in Section 3(2) of ERISA), other than a Multiemployer Plan, that is subject to Title IV of ERISA and is sponsored or maintained by the Borrower or to which the Borrower contributes or has an obligation to contribute, or in the case of a multiple employer or other plan described in Section 4064(a) of ERISA, has made contributions at any time during the immediately preceding five plan years, or with respect to which the Borrower has current or contingent liability as a result of being considered a single employer with any ERISA Affiliate.

"<u>Permitted Cure Security</u>" shall mean Equity Interests issued by Holdings having no mandatory redemption, repurchase or similar requirements prior to 91 days after the Maturity Date of all Classes of Revolving Credit Loans or Revolving Credit Commitments, and upon which all dividends or distributions (if any) shall be payable solely in additional shares of such equity security.

"<u>Permitted Prior Liens</u>" means (a) in the case of Equity Interests, the Liens described in clauses (b) and (i) of Section 7.01 and (b) in the case of all other Collateral, the Liens described in clauses (b), (d), (e), (f), (g), (i), (j), (n) and (p) of Section 7.01.

"<u>Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness</u>" shall mean any Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Company Group Party issued in exchange for, or the net proceeds of which are used to refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge, other Indebtedness of such Person (other than intercompany Indebtedness); <u>provided</u> that (a) the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness does not exceed the principal amount (or accreted value, if applicable) of the Indebtedness extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded (<u>plus</u> all accrued interest on such Indebtedness and the amount of all expenses and premiums, underwriting, issuance, commitment, syndication and other similar fees, costs and expenses incurred in connection therewith); (b) such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a Weighted Average Life to Maturity equal to or greater than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded; (c) if the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded is subordinated in right of payment to the Obligations, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced as those contained in the documentation governing the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded; (d)(i) if the Stated Maturity of the Indebtedness being refinanced or (ii) if the Stated Maturity of the Indebtedness being refinanced is on or later than the Latest Maturity Date, the Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness has a Stated Maturity at least 91 days later than the Latest Maturity Date; (e) (i) if such Indebtedness being



extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded is secured, the terms of the security documents of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness shall be no more favorable to the secured parties in respect of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness than the terms of the security documents of such Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded or (ii) if such Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded is unsecured, the obligations in respect of such Permitted Refinancing Debt shall be unsecured and (f) (x) if such Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded constitutes Indebtedness of (i) the Borrower, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness shall constitute Indebtedness of the Borrower and (ii) any Company Group Party, such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness shall constitute Indebtedness of such Company Group Party and (y) no additional obligors or guarantors shall be added in respect of such Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness that were not obligors or guarantors of the Indebtedness being extended, refinanced, renewed, replaced, defeased or refunded.

"Person" means any natural person, corporation, limited liability company, trust, joint venture, association, company, partnership, Governmental Authority or other entity.

"PGC" has the meaning specified in Section 5.17(e).

"<u>Plan</u>" means any "employee benefit plan" (as such term is defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA) established by the Borrower or, with respect to any such plan that is subject to Section 412 of the Code or Title IV of ERISA, any ERISA Affiliate, but for the avoidance of doubt, excluding any Multiemployer Plan.

"Platform" has the meaning specified in Section 6.02.

"Pledged Debt" has the meaning specified in the Security Agreement.

"Pledged Equity" has the meaning specified in the Security Agreement.

"Project Companies" means (a)(i) each entity listed on Part (e) of Schedule 5.13 that, other than with respect to the Kennedy Project Companies, is subject to the applicable terms of and any applicable covenants contained in (which shall, at a minimum, include limitations on debt and liens of such entities) any Project-Level Indebtedness binding upon such Person and is not a Loan Party and (ii) each entity listed on Part (f) of Schedule 5.13 that (w) is not a Loan Party, (x) owns an entity listed on Part (e) of such Schedule, (y) is subject to the applicable terms of and any applicable covenants contained in (which shall, at a minimum, include limitations on liens of such entities) any Project-Level Indebtedness binding upon such Person and is not a Loan Party and (ii) each entity listed on Part (f) of Schedule 5.13 that (w) is not a Loan Party, (x) owns an entity listed on Part (e) of such Schedule, (y) is subject to the applicable terms of and any applicable covenants contained in (which shall, at a minimum, include limitations on liens of such entities) any Project-Level Indebtedness binding upon such Person and (z) together with all other entities listed on such Part (f), has no Indebtedness other than up to \$7,000,000 of unsecured Indebtedness, (b) any new Subsidiary of the Borrower which, after the Closing Date, is created or acquired by the Borrower in accordance with the terms hereof, is the direct owner or lessee or is intended to become the owner, lessee or developer of an energy generating facility, or of any other power or energy facility, or any assets relating to any of the foregoing, and is subject to the applicable terms of and any applicable covenants contained in (which shall, at a minimum, include limitations on debt and liens of such entities) any Project-Level Indebtedness binding upon such Person or expected to become binding upon such Person within one hundred eighty (180) days (or such longer period not to exceed 270 days as is reasonably acceptable to the

Administrative Agent) following its formation or acquisition by any Loan Party, (c) if so elected by the Borrower by written notice to the Administrative Agent, any direct parent (other than any Loan Party) of any Subsidiary described in the foregoing clause (b) which is subject to the applicable terms of and any applicable covenants contained in (which shall, at a minimum, include limitations on debt and liens of such entities) any Project-Level Indebtedness binding upon such Person or expected to become binding upon such Person within one hundred eighty (180) days (or such longer period not to exceed 270 days as is reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent) following its formation or acquisition by any Loan Party, (d) any Subsidiary of the Project Companies described in the foregoing clauses (a), (b) and (c), and (e) NRG Solar Apple LLC and NRG South Trent Holdings LLC; provided that any Liens or Indebtedness incurred by such Persons shall be in favor of the applicable secured parties under the Project-Level Indebtedness binding upon such Person or its Subsidiary which is the borrower under the applicable Project-Level Indebtedness.

"Projections" means the Annual Projections and the Closing Date Projections.

"<u>Project-Level Indebtedness</u>" means (a) Existing Project-Level Indebtedness, (b) any additional Indebtedness (including, for purposes of this definition solely when used in clauses (b) and (c) of the definition of Project Companies, trade accounts payable created in the ordinary course of business and not past due for more than 180 days after the date on which such trade account was created) of any Project Companies incurred after the Closing Date and (c) any of the foregoing that is extended, renewed, replaced or refinanced from time to time.

"Project-Level Indebtedness Documents" means each of the agreements, instruments, undertakings and other documents evidencing Project-Level Indebtedness.

"Public Lender" has the meaning specified in Section 6.02.

"PUCT" has the meaning specified in Section 5.17(e).

"PUHCA" means the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 2005.

"PURPA" means the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978, as amended.

"Qualified ECP Guarantor" means, in respect of any Swap Obligations, each Loan Party that has total assets exceeding 10,000,000 at the time the relevant Guarantee or grant of the relevant security interest becomes effective with respect to such Swap Obligation or such other person as constitutes an "eligible contract participant" under the Commodity Exchange Act or any regulations promulgated thereunder and can cause another person to qualify as an "eligible contract participant" at such time by entering into a keepwell under Section 1a(18)(A)(v)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

"Reduction Amount" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.04(b)(iii).

"Register" has the meaning specified in Section 11.06(c).

"<u>Regulation T</u>" means Regulation T of the Board of Governors as in effect from time to time and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

"<u>Regulation U</u>" means Regulation U of the Board of Governors as in effect from time to time and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

"<u>Regulation X</u>" means Regulation X of the Board of Governors as in effect from time to time and all official rulings and interpretations thereunder or thereof.

"<u>Related Parties</u>" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's Affiliates and the partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees, advisors, controlling persons, members, successors and assigns of such Person and of such Person's Affiliates.

"<u>Release</u>" means any release, spill, emission, leaking, pumping, pouring, injection, escaping, deposit, disposal, discharge, dispersal, dumping, leaching or migration of any Hazardous Material into the indoor or outdoor environment (including the abandonment or disposal of any barrels, containers or other closed receptacles containing any Hazardous Material), including the movement of any Hazardous Material through the air, soil, surface water or groundwater.

"Reportable Event" means any of the events set forth in Section 4043(c) of ERISA, other than events for which the 30 day notice period has been waived.

"Request for Credit Extension" means (a) with respect to a Revolving Credit Borrowing or conversion or continuation of Revolving Credit Loans, a Committed Loan Notice and (b) with respect to an L/C Credit Extension, a Letter of Credit Application.

"<u>Required Lenders</u>" means, as of any date of determination, Revolving Credit Lenders holding more than 50% of the sum of the (a) Total Revolving Credit Outstandings (with the aggregate amount of each Revolving Credit Lender's risk participation and funded participation in L/C Obligations being deemed "held" by such Revolving Credit Lender for purposes of this definition) and (b) aggregate unused Revolving Credit Commitments; <u>provided</u> that the unused Revolving Credit Commitment of, and the portion of the Total Revolving Credit Outstandings held or deemed held by, any Defaulting Lender shall be excluded for purposes of making a determination of Required Lenders.

"<u>Responsible Officer</u>" means the chief executive officer, president, chief financial officer, treasurer, assistant treasurer or controller of a Loan Party. Any document delivered hereunder that is signed by a Responsible Officer of a Loan Party shall be conclusively presumed to have been authorized by all necessary corporate, partnership and/or other action on the part of such Loan Party and such Responsible Officer shall be conclusively presumed to have acted on behalf of such Loan Party.

"<u>Restricted Payment</u>" means any dividend or other distribution (whether in cash, securities or other property) with respect to any capital stock or other Equity Interest of any Person or any of its Subsidiaries, or any payment (whether in cash, securities or other property), including any sinking fund or similar deposit, on account of the purchase, redemption, retirement, defeasance, acquisition, cancellation or termination of any such capital stock or other Equity Interest.

"<u>Revolving Credit Borrowing</u>" means a borrowing consisting of simultaneous Revolving Credit Loans of the same Type and, in the case of Eurodollar Rate Loans, having the same Interest Period made by each of the Revolving Credit Lenders pursuant to <u>Section 2.01</u>.

"<u>Revolving Credit Commitment</u>" means, as to each Revolving Credit Lender, its obligation to (a) make Revolving Credit Loans to the Borrower pursuant to <u>Section 2.01</u> and (b) purchase participations in L/C Obligations, in an aggregate principal amount at any one time outstanding not to exceed the amount set forth opposite such Revolving Credit Lender's name on <u>Schedule 2.01</u> under the caption "Revolving Credit Commitment" or opposite such caption in the Assignment and Assumption pursuant to which such Revolving Credit Lender becomes a party hereto, as applicable, as such amount may be adjusted from time to time in accordance with this Agreement.

"<u>Revolving Credit Exposure</u>" means, as to any Revolving Credit Lender at any time, the aggregate principal amount at such time of its outstanding Revolving Credit Loans and such Revolving Credit Lender's participation in L/C Obligations at such time.

"<u>Revolving Credit Facility</u>" means, at any time, the aggregate amount of the Revolving Credit Lenders' Revolving Credit Commitments at such time. For the avoidance of doubt, Revolving Credit Facility shall include any New Revolving Credit Commitments.

"Revolving Credit Increase Effective Date" has the meaning specified in Section 2.13(a).

"Revolving Credit Lender" has the meaning specified in the introductory paragraph hereto.

"Revolving Credit Loan" has the meaning specified in Section 2.01.

"<u>Revolving Credit Note</u>" means a promissory note made by the Borrower in favor of a Revolving Credit Lender evidencing Revolving Credit Loans made by such Revolving Credit Lender, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit B</u>.

"<u>RoFo Agreement</u>" means the Right of First Offer Agreement dated as of the Closing Date by and between Equity Investor and Parent, as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time; provided that any amendments or modifications that would be materially adverse to the interest of the Revolving Credit Lenders in their capacity as such shall require the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned).

"S&P" means Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC, a subsidiary of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., and any successor thereto.

"Sanctions" means any international economic sanction administered or enforced by the United States Government (including, without limitation, Office of Foreign Assets Control), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury or other relevant sanctions authority.

"SEC" means the Securities and Exchange Commission, or any Governmental Authority succeeding to any of its principal functions.

"Secured Cash Management Agreement" means any Cash Management Agreement that is entered into by and between the Borrower and any Cash Management Bank and that is designated by the Borrower as such.

"Secured Hedge Agreement" means any interest rate Swap Contract permitted under Article VII that is entered into by and between the Borrower and any Hedge Bank and that is designated by the Borrower as such.

"Secured Obligations" has the meaning specified in the Security Agreement.

"Secured Parties" means, collectively, the Administrative Agent, the Revolving Credit Lenders, the L/C Issuers, the Hedge Banks, the Cash Management Banks and each Indemnitee, each co-agent or sub-agent appointed by the Administrative Agent from time to time pursuant to Section 9.05.

"Securities Account Control Agreements" means each securities account control agreement entered into by a Loan Party, the Administrative Agent, and the applicable securities intermediary party thereto.

"Security Agreement" has the meaning specified in Section 4.01(a)(iii).

"Security Agreement Supplement" has the meaning specified in the Security Agreement.

"Solvent" and "Solvency" mean, with respect to any Person on any date of determination, that on such date (a) the fair value of the property of such Person is greater than the total amount of liabilities, including contingent liabilities, of such Person, (b) the present fair salable value of the assets of such Person is not less than the amount that will be required to pay the probable liability of such Person on its debts as they become absolute and matured, (c) such Person does not intend to, and does not believe that it will, incur debts or liabilities beyond such Person's ability to pay such debts and liabilities as they mature, (d) such Person is not engaged in business or a transaction, and is not about to engage in business or a transaction, for which such Person's property would constitute an unreasonably small capital, and (e) such Person is able to pay its debts and liabilities as they mature in the ordinary course of business. The amount of contingent liabilities at any time shall be computed as the amount that, in the light of all the facts and circumstances existing at such time, represents the amount that can reasonably be expected to become an actual or matured liability, and after taking into account any indemnification, contribution, subrogation and other similar rights.

"<u>Stated Maturity</u>" shall mean, with respect to the final installment of interest or principal on any series of Indebtedness, the date on which such payment of interest or principal was scheduled to be paid in the documentation governing such Indebtedness, 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.

"South Trent" has the meaning specified in Section 5.17(e).



"Subsidiary" of a Person means a corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other business entity of which a majority of the shares of securities or other interests having ordinary voting power for the election of directors or other governing body (other than securities or interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) are at the time beneficially owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, or both, by such Person. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to a "Subsidiary" or to "Subsidiaries" shall refer to a Subsidiary or Subsidiaries of Holdings.

"Swap Contract" means (a) any and all rate swap transactions, basis swaps, credit derivative transactions, forward rate transactions, commodity swaps, commodity options, forward commodity contracts, equity or equity index swaps or options, bond or bond price or bond index swaps or options or forward bond or forward bond price or forward bond index transactions, interest rate options, forward foreign exchange transactions, foreign exchange and/or currency hedges, swaps, collars, caps or other similar currency derivatives, cap transactions, floor transactions, collar transactions, currency swap transactions, cross-currency rate swap transactions, currency options, spot contracts, or any other similar transactions or any combination of any of the foregoing (including any options to enter into any of the foregoing), whether or not any such transaction is governed by or subject to any master agreement, (b) swaps, caps, collars, puts, calls, floors, futures, options, spots, forwards, power purchase or sale agreements, emissions credit purchase or sales agreements, power transmission agreements, netting agreements, commercial or trading agreements, each with respect to, or involving the purchase, transmission, distribution, sale, lease or hedge of, any energy, generation capacity or fuel, or any other energy commodity, service or risk, price or price indices for any such commodities, and (c) any and all transactions of any kind, and the related confirmations, which are subject to the terms and conditions of, or governed by, any form of master agreement published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., any International Foreign Exchange Master Agreement, or any other master agreement (any such master agreement, together with any related schedules, a "<u>Master Agreement</u>"), including any such obligations or liabilities under any Master Agreement.

"Swap Obligation" means, with respect to the Guarantor, any obligation to pay or perform under any agreement, contract or transaction that constitutes a "swap" within the meaning of section 1a(47) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

"Swap Termination Value" means, in respect of any one or more Swap Contracts, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement relating to such Swap Contracts, (a) for any date on or after the date such Swap Contracts have been closed out and termination value(s) determined in accordance therewith, such termination value(s), and (b) for any date prior to the date referenced in clause (a), the amount(s) determined as the mark-to-market value(s) for such Swap Contracts, as determined based upon one or more mid-market or other readily available quotations provided by any recognized dealer in such Swap Contracts (which may include a Revolving Credit Lender or any Affiliate of a Revolving Credit Lender).

"SWIFT" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(f).

"Synthetic Debt" means, with respect to any Person as of any date of determination thereof, all obligations of such Person in respect of transactions entered into by such Person that are intended to function primarily as a borrowing of funds but are not otherwise included in the definition of "Indebtedness" or as a liability on the consolidated balance sheet of such Person and its Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP.

"Synthetic Lease Obligation" means the monetary obligation of a Person under (a) a so-called synthetic, off-balance sheet or tax retention lease, or (b) an agreement for the use or possession of property (including sale and leaseback transactions), in each case, creating obligations that do not appear on the balance sheet of such Person but which, upon the application of any Debtor Relief Laws to such Person, would be characterized as the indebtedness of such Person (without regard to accounting treatment).

"Taxes" means all present or future taxes, levies, imposts, duties, deductions, withholdings (including backup withholding), assessments, fees or other similar charges imposed by any Governmental Authority, including any interest, additions to tax or penalties applicable thereto.

"Thermal Utilities" means Generation Portfolio Companies, Project Companies, or Company Group Parties that are regulated as public utilities by state public utility commissions, but only with regard to their production and sale of thermal energy in the form of steam and chilled water.

"Threshold Amount" means \$25,000,000.

"Total Debt of the Borrower" means, as of any date of determination, for the Borrower, the sum of (a) the outstanding principal amount of all obligations, whether current or long-term, for borrowed money (including Obligations hereunder constituting indebtedness for borrowed money) and all obligations evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements or other similar instruments constituting Indebtedness, (b) all purchase money Indebtedness, (c) all direct obligations arising under letters of credit (including standby and commercial), bankers' acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments, (d) all obligations in respect of the deferred purchase price of property or services constituting Indebtedness, (e) all Attributable Indebtedness, (f) without duplication, all Guarantees with respect to outstanding Indebtedness of the types specified in clauses (a) through (e) above of Persons other than the Borrower, and (g) all Indebtedness of the types referred to in clauses (a) through (f) above of any partnership or joint venture (other than a joint venture that is itself a corporation or limited liability company) in which the Borrower is a general partner or joint venturer, unless such Indebtedness is expressly made non-recourse to the Borrower. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the undrawn amount of any Letters of Credit that are outstanding shall be excluded and not be given any effect in the calculation of Total Debt of the Borrower.

"Total Revolving Credit Outstandings" means (without duplication) the aggregate Outstanding Amount of all Revolving Credit Loans and L/C Obligations.

"Transaction" means, collectively, (a) the organization of Holdings and the issuance of all of the Equity Interests therein to Parent, (b) the organization of Borrower and the issuance of

all of the Equity Interests therein to Holdings, (c) the consummation of the Contribution and all related transactions, (d) the entering into by the Loan Parties and their applicable Subsidiaries of the Loan Documents and the Contribution Documents to which they are or are intended to be a party and (e) the payment of the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the consummation of the foregoing.

"Type" means, with respect to a Revolving Credit Loan, its character as a Base Rate Loan or a Eurodollar Rate Loan.

"<u>UCC</u>" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in the State of New York; <u>provided</u> that, if perfection or the effect of perfection or nonperfection or the priority of any security interest in any Collateral is governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in a jurisdiction other than the State of New York, "<u>UCC</u>" means the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect from time to time in such other jurisdiction for purposes of the provisions hereof relating to such perfection, effect of perfection or non-perfection or priority.

"<u>UCP</u>" means, with respect to any Letter of Credit, the Uniform Customs and Practice for Documentary Credits, International Chamber of Commerce ("<u>ICC</u>") Publication No. 600 (or such later version thereof as may be in effect at the time of issuance).

"Unencumbered Company Group Parties" means Company Group Parties that have not issued Guarantees pursuant to Section 7.02(j) hereof.

"United States" and "U.S." mean the United States of America.

"Unreimbursed Amount" has the meaning specified in Section 2.03(c)(i).

"U.S. Person" means any Person that is a "United States person" as defined in Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code.

"Voidable Transfer" has the meaning specified in Section 10.09.

"Weighted Average Life to Maturity" means, when applied to any Indebtedness at any date, the number of years obtained by dividing (a) the sum of the products obtained by multiplying (i) the amount of each then remaining installment, sinking fund, serial maturity or other required payments of principal, including payment at final maturity, in respect of the Indebtedness, by (ii) the number of years (calculated to the nearest one-twelfth) that will elapse between such date and the making of such payment; by (b) the then outstanding principal amount of such Indebtedness.

1.02 <u>Other Interpretive Provisions</u>. With reference to this Agreement and each other Loan Document, unless otherwise specified herein or in such other Loan Document:

(a) The definitions of terms herein shall apply equally to the singular and plural forms of the terms defined. Whenever the context may require, any pronoun shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine and neuter forms. The words "include," "include," "includes" and "including" shall be deemed to be followed by the phrase "without limitation." The word "will" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect as the word "shall." Unless the context

requires otherwise, (i) any definition of or reference to any agreement, instrument or other document (including any Organization Document) shall be construed as referring to such agreement, instrument or other document as from time to time amended, supplemented or otherwise modified (subject to any restrictions on such amendments, supplements or modifications set forth herein or in any other Loan Document), (ii) any reference herein to any Person shall be construed to include such Person's successors and assigns, (iii) the words "herein," "hereof" and "hereunder," and words of similar import when used in any Loan Document, shall be construed to refer to such Loan Document in its entirety and not to any particular provision thereof, (iv) all references in a Loan Document to Articles, Sections, Preliminary Statements, Exhibits and Schedules shall be construed to refer to Articles and Sections of, and Preliminary Statements, Exhibits and Schedules to, the Loan Document in which such references appear, (v) any reference to any law shall include all statutory and regulatory provisions consolidating, amending, replacing or interpreting such law and any reference to any law or regulation shall, unless otherwise specified, refer to such law or regulation as amended, modified or supplemented from time to time, and (vi) the words "<u>asset</u>" and "<u>property</u>" shall be construed to have the same meaning and effect and to refer to any and all tangible and intangible assets and properties, including cash, securities, accounts and contract rights.

(b) In the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "<u>from</u>" means "<u>from and</u> <u>including</u>;" the words "<u>to</u>" and "<u>until</u>" each mean "<u>to but excluding</u>;" and the word "<u>through</u>" means "<u>to and including</u>."

(c) Section headings herein and in the other Loan Documents are included for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this Agreement or any other Loan Document.

1.03 Accounting Terms. (a) Generally. All accounting terms not specifically or completely defined herein shall be construed in conformity with, and all financial data (including financial ratios and other financial calculations) required to be submitted pursuant to this Agreement shall be prepared in conformity with, GAAP applied in a manner consistent with that used in preparing the Audited Financial Statements, except as otherwise specifically prescribed herein. Notwithstanding any other provision contained herein, all terms of an accounting or financial nature used herein shall be construed, and all computations of amounts and ratios referred to herein shall be made, without giving effect to any election under Accounting Standards Codification Section 825-10 (or any other Financial Accounting Standard having a similar result or effect) to value any Indebtedness or other liabilities of Parent or any Subsidiary thereof at "fair value", as defined therein.

(b) <u>Changes in GAAP</u>. If at any time any change in GAAP would affect the computation of any financial ratio or requirement set forth in any Loan Document, and either the Borrower or the Required Lenders shall so request, the Administrative Agent, the Revolving Credit Lenders and the Borrower shall negotiate in good faith to amend such ratio or requirement to preserve the original intent thereof in light of such change in GAAP (subject to the approval of the Required Lenders); <u>provided</u> that, until so amended, (i) such ratio or requirement shall continue to be computed in accordance with GAAP prior to such change therein and (ii) the Borrower shall provide to the Administrative Agent and the Revolving Credit Lenders financial

statements and other documents required under this Agreement or as reasonably requested hereunder setting forth a reconciliation between calculations of such ratio or requirement made before and after giving effect to such change in GAAP.

(c) <u>Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities</u>. All references herein to consolidated financial statements of Parent and its Subsidiaries or to the determination of any amount for Parent and its Subsidiaries on a consolidated basis or any similar reference shall, in each case, be deemed to include each variable interest entity that Parent is required to consolidate pursuant to FASB Interpretation No. 46 — Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities: an interpretation of ARB No. 51 (January 2003) as if such variable interest entity were a Subsidiary as defined herein.

1.04 <u>Rounding</u>. Any financial ratios required to be maintained by the Borrower pursuant to this Agreement shall be calculated by dividing the appropriate component by the other component, carrying the result to one place more than the number of places by which such ratio is expressed herein and rounding the result up or down to the nearest number (with a rounding-up if there is no nearest number).

1.05 <u>Times of Day</u>. Unless otherwise specified, all references herein to times of day shall be references to Eastern time (daylight or standard, as applicable).

1.06 Letter of Credit Amounts. Unless otherwise specified herein, the amount of a Letter of Credit at any time shall be deemed to be the stated amount of such Letter of Credit in effect at such time.

1.07 <u>Currency Equivalents Generally</u>. Any amount specified in this Agreement (other than in <u>Articles II</u>, <u>IX</u> and <u>X</u>) or any of the other Loan Documents to be in Dollars shall also include the equivalent of such amount in any currency other than Dollars, such equivalent amount thereof in the applicable currency to be determined by the Administrative Agent at such time on the basis of the Spot Rate (as defined below) for the purchase of such currency with Dollars. For purposes of this <u>Section 1.07</u>, the "<u>Spot Rate</u>" for a currency means the rate determined by the Administrative Agent to be the rate quoted by the Person acting in such capacity as the spot rate for the purchase by such Person of such currency with another currency through its principal foreign exchange trading office at approximately 11:00 a.m. on the date two Business Days prior to the date of such determination; <u>provided</u> that the Administrative Agent may obtain such spot rate from another financial institution designated by the Administrative Agent if the Person acting in such capacity does not have as of the date of determination a spot buying rate for any such currency.

ARTICLE II THE COMMITMENTS AND CREDIT EXTENSIONS

2.01 <u>The Revolving Credit Borrowings</u>. Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, each Revolving Credit Lender severally agrees to make loans (each such loan, a <u>"Revolving Credit Loan</u>") to the Borrower from time to time, on any Business Day during the Availability Period, in an aggregate amount not to exceed at any time outstanding the amount of such Revolving Credit Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that after



giving effect to any Revolving Credit Borrowing, (i) the Total Revolving Credit Outstandings shall not exceed the Revolving Credit Facility, and (ii) the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Revolving Credit Loans of any Revolving Credit Lender, plus such Revolving Credit Lender's Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage of the Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations, shall not exceed such Revolving Credit Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment. Within the limits of each Revolving Credit Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment, and subject to the other terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower may borrow under this Section 2.01, prepay under Section 2.04, and reborrow under this Section 2.01. Revolving Credit Loans may be Base Rate Loans or Eurodollar Rate Loans, as further provided herein.

2.02 Borrowings, Conversions and Continuations of Revolving Credit Loans. (a) Each Revolving Credit Borrowing, each conversion of Revolving Credit Loans from one Type to the other, and each continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be made upon the Borrower's notice (which notice may, subject to Section 3.05 hereof, be revoked by the Borrower) to the Administrative Agent, which may be given by telephone. Each such notice must be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. (i) three Business Days prior to the requested date of any Revolving Credit Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans or of any conversion of Eurodollar Rate Loans to Base Rate Loans, and (ii) on the requested date of any Revolving Credit Borrowing of Base Rate Loans. Each telephonic notice by the Borrower pursuant to this Section 2.02(a) must be confirmed promptly by delivery to the Administrative Agent of a written Committed Loan Notice, appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower. Each Revolving Credit Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$1,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof. Except as provided in Section 2.03(c), each Revolving Credit Borrowing of or conversion to Base Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof. Each Committed Loan Notice (whether telephonic or written) shall specify (i) whether the Borrower is requesting a Revolving Credit Borrowing, a conversion of Revolving Credit Loans from one Type to the other, or a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans, (ii) the requested date of the Revolving Credit Borrowing, conversion or continuation, as the case may be (which shall be a Business Day), (iii) the principal amount of Revolving Credit Loans to be borrowed, converted or continued, (iv) the Type of Revolving Credit Loans to be borrowed or to which existing Revolving Credit Loans are to be converted, and (v) if applicable, the duration of the Interest Period with respect thereto. If the Borrower fails to specify a Type of Revolving Credit Loan in a Committed Loan Notice or if the Borrower fails to give a timely notice requesting a conversion or continuation, then the applicable Revolving Credit Loans shall be made as, or converted to, Base Rate Loans. Any such automatic conversion to Base Rate Loans shall be effective as of the last day of the Interest Period then in effect with respect to the applicable Eurodollar Rate Loans. If the Borrower requests a Revolving Credit Borrowing of, conversion to, or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans in any such Committed Loan Notice, but fails to specify an Interest Period, it will be deemed to have specified an Interest Period of one month.

(b) Following receipt of a Committed Loan Notice, the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Revolving Credit Lender of the amount of its Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage of the Revolving Credit Loans, and if no timely notice of a conversion or continuation is provided by the Borrower, the Administrative Agent shall notify each Revolving Credit Lender of the details of any automatic conversion to Base Rate Loans described in <u>Section</u>

2.02(a). In the case of a Revolving Credit Borrowing, each Appropriate Revolving Credit Lender shall make the amount of its Revolving Credit Loan available to the Administrative Agent in immediately available funds at the Administrative Agent's Office not later than 12:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in the applicable Committed Loan Notice. Upon satisfaction of the applicable conditions set forth in Section 4.02 (and, if such Revolving Credit Borrowing is the initial Credit Extension, Section 4.01), the Administrative Agent shall make all funds so received available to the Borrower in like funds as received by the Administrative Agent either by (i) crediting the account of the Borrower on the books of Bank of America with the amount of such funds or (ii) wire transfer of such funds, in each case in accordance with instructions provided to (and reasonably acceptable to) the Administrative Agent by the Borrower; provided, however, that if, on the date a Committed Loan Notice with respect to a Revolving Credit Borrowing is given by the Borrower, there are L/C Borrowings outstanding, then the proceeds of such Revolving Credit Borrowing, first, shall be applied to the payment in full of any such L/C Borrowings, and second, shall be made available to the Borrower as provided above.

(c) Except as otherwise provided herein, a Eurodollar Rate Loan may be continued or converted only on the last day of an Interest Period for such Eurodollar Rate Loan. During the existence of an Event of Default, no Revolving Credit Loans may be requested as, converted to or continued as Eurodollar Rate Loans without the consent of the Required Lenders.

(d) The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Revolving Credit Lenders of the interest rate applicable to any Interest Period for Eurodollar Rate Loans upon determination of such interest rate. At any time that Base Rate Loans are outstanding, the Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Revolving Credit Lenders of any change in Bank of America's prime rate used in determining the Base Rate promptly following the public announcement of such change.

(e) After giving effect to all Revolving Credit Borrowings, all conversions of Revolving Credit Loans from one Type to the other, and all continuations of Revolving Credit Loans as the same Type, there shall not be more than five (5) Interest Periods in effect in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility.

2.03 Letters of Credit. (a) The Letter of Credit Commitment. (i) Subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, (A) each L/C Issuer agrees, in reliance upon the agreements of the Revolving Credit Lenders set forth in this Section 2.03, (1) from time to time on any Business Day during the period from the Closing Date until the Letter of Credit Expiration Date, to issue Letters of Credit for the account of the Borrower, Holdings or any of their respective Subsidiaries and to amend or extend Letters of Credit previously issued by it, in accordance with Section 2.03(b), and (2) to honor drawings under the Letters of Credit; and (B) the Revolving Credit Lenders severally agree to participate in Letters of Credit, (w) the Total Revolving Credit Outstanding shall not exceed the Revolving Credit Facility, (x) the aggregate Outstanding Amount of the Revolving Credit Lender's Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage of the Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations, shall not exceed such Revolving Credit Commitment, (y) the Outstanding Amount of the L/C Obligations shall not exceed the Letter of Credit Sublimit, and (z) the

Outstanding Amount of the L/C Obligations in respect of Letters of Credit issued by any given L/C Issuer shall not exceed such L/C Issuer's L/C Commitment. Each request by the Borrower for the issuance or amendment of a Letter of Credit shall be deemed to be a representation by the Borrower that the L/C Credit Extension so requested complies with the conditions set forth in the proviso to the preceding sentence. Within the foregoing limits, and subject to the terms and conditions hereof, the Borrower's ability to obtain Letters of Credit shall be fully revolving, and accordingly the Borrower may, during the foregoing period, obtain Letters of Credit to replace Letters of Credit that have expired or that have been drawn upon and reimbursed.

(ii) No L/C Issuer shall issue any Letter of Credit if:

(A) subject to Section 2.03(b)(iii), the expiry date of such requested Letter of Credit would occur more than twelve months after the date of issuance or last extension, unless the Required Lenders have approved such expiry date; or

(B) the expiry date of such requested Letter of Credit would occur after the Letter of Credit Expiration Date, unless all the Revolving Credit Lenders have approved such expiry date.

(iii) No L/C Issuer shall be under any obligation to issue any Letter of Credit if:

(A) any order, judgment or decree of any Governmental Authority or arbitrator shall by its terms purport to enjoin or restrain such L/C Issuer from issuing such Letter of Credit, or any Law applicable to such L/C Issuer or any request or directive (whether or not having the force of law) from any Governmental Authority with jurisdiction over such L/C Issuer shall prohibit, or request that such L/C Issuer refrain from, the issuance of letters of credit generally or such Letter of Credit in particular;

(B) the issuance of such Letter of Credit would violate one or more policies of such L/C Issuer applicable to letters of credit generally;

(C) except as otherwise agreed by the Administrative Agent and such L/C Issuer, such Letter of Credit is in an initial stated amount less than \$500,000;

(D) such Letter of Credit is to be denominated in a currency other than Dollars;

(E) such Letter of Credit contains any provisions for automatic reinstatement of the stated amount after any drawing thereunder; or

(F) a default of any Revolving Credit Lender's obligations to fund under <u>Section 2.03(c)</u> exists or any Revolving Credit Lender is at such time a Defaulting Lender hereunder, unless such L/C Issuer has entered into reasonably

satisfactory arrangements with the Borrower or such Revolving Credit Lender to eliminate such L/C Issuer's risk with respect to such Revolving Credit Lender.

(iv) No L/C Issuer shall be under any obligation to amend any Letter of Credit if (A) such L/C Issuer would have no obligation at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its amended form under the terms hereof, or (B) the beneficiary of such Letter of Credit does not accept the proposed amendment to such Letter of Credit.

(h)Procedures for Issuance and Amendment of Letters of Credit; Auto Extension Letters of Credit . (i) Each Letter of Credit shall be issued or amended, as the case may be, upon the request of the Borrower delivered to the applicable L/C Issuer (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) in the form of a Letter of Credit Application, appropriately completed and signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower. Such Letter of Credit Application may be sent by facsimile, by United States mail, by overnight courier, by electronic transmission using the system provided by such L/C Issuer, by personal delivery or by any other means acceptable to such L/C Issuer. Such Letter of Credit Application must be received by the applicable L/C Issuer and the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. at least two Business Days (or such later date and time as the Administrative Agent and such L/C Issuer may agree in a particular instance in their sole discretion) prior to the proposed issuance date or date of amendment, as the case may be. In the case of a request for an initial issuance of a Letter of Credit, such Letter of Credit Application shall specify in form and detail satisfactory to the applicable L/C Issuer: (A) the proposed issuance date of the requested Letter of Credit (which shall be a Business Day); (B) the amount thereof; (C) the expiry date thereof; (D) the name and address of the beneficiary thereof; (E) the documents to be presented by such beneficiary in case of any drawing thereunder; (F) the full text of any certificate to be presented by such beneficiary in case of any drawing thereunder; (G) the purpose and nature of the requested Letter of Credit; and (H) such other matters as such L/C Issuer may require. In the case of a request for an amendment of any outstanding Letter of Credit, such Letter of Credit Application shall specify in form and detail satisfactory to the applicable L/C Issuer (1) the Letter of Credit to be amended; (2) the proposed date of amendment thereof (which shall be a Business Day); (3) the nature of the proposed amendment; and (4) such other matters as such L/C Issuer may require. Additionally, (x) the Borrower shall furnish to each L/C Issuer and the Administrative Agent such other documents and information pertaining to such requested Letter of Credit issuance or amendment, including any Issuer Documents, as such L/C Issuer or the Administrative Agent may require and (y) each L/C Issuer shall furnish to the Administrative Agent periodic reports and reconciliation statements with respect to outstanding Letters of Credit and such other documents and information pertaining thereto, as the Administrative Agent may reasonably require.

(ii) Promptly after receipt of any Letter of Credit Application, the applicable L/C Issuer will confirm with the Administrative Agent (by telephone or in writing) that the Administrative Agent has received a copy of such Letter of Credit Application from the Borrower and, if not, such L/C Issuer will provide the Administrative Agent with a copy thereof. Unless such L/C Issuer has received written notice from any Revolving Credit Lender, the Administrative Agent or any Loan Party, at least one Business Day prior to the requested date of an L/C Credit Extension, that one or more applicable conditions contained in <u>Article IV</u> shall not then be satisfied, then, subject to the terms and conditions hereof, such L/C Issuer shall, on the requested date,

issue a Letter of Credit for the account of the Borrower or enter into the applicable amendment constituting an L/C Credit Extension, as the case may be, in each case in accordance with such L/C Issuer's usual and customary business practices, and notify the Administrative Agent thereof on the same day of each such issuance or amendment. The satisfaction of the conditions contained in <u>Section 4.02</u> is not applicable to amendments to Letters of Credit not constituting an L/C Credit Extension. Immediately upon the issuance of each Letter of Credit and notification thereof by such L/C Issuer to the Administrative Agent, each Revolving Credit Lender shall be deemed to, and hereby irrevocably and unconditionally agrees to, purchase from such L/C Issuer a risk participation in such Letter of Credit in an amount equal to the product of such Revolving Credit Lender's Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage <u>times</u> the amount of such Letter of Credit.

(iii) If the Borrower so requests in any applicable Letter of Credit Application, the applicable L/C Issuer may, in its sole and absolute discretion, agree to issue a Letter of Credit that has automatic extension provisions (each, an "<u>Auto-Extension Letter of Credit</u>"); provided that any such Auto-Extension Letter of Credit must permit such L/C Issuer to prevent any such extension at least once in each twelve-month period (commencing with the date of issuance of such Letter of Credit) by giving prior notice to the beneficiary thereof not later than a day (the "<u>Non-Extension Notice Date</u>") in each such twelve-month period to be agreed upon at the time such Letter of Credit is issued. Unless otherwise directed by any L/C Issuer, the Borrower shall not be required to make a specific request to the applicable L/C Issuer for any such extension. Once an Auto-Extension Letter of Credit has been issued, the Revolving Credit Lenders shall be deemed to have authorized (but may not require) the applicable L/C Issuer to permit the extension of such Letter of Credit at any time to an expiry date not later than the Letter of Credit Expiration Date; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such L/C Issuer shall not permit any such extension if (A) such L/C Issuer has determined that it would not be permitted, or would have no obligation, at such time to issue such Letter of Credit in its revised form (as extended) under the terms hereof (by reason of the provisions of clause (ii) or (iii) of Section 2.03(a) or otherwise), or (B) it has received notice (which may be by telephone or in writing) on or before the day that is seven Business Days before the Non-Extension Notice Date (1) from the Administrative Agent that the Required Lenders have elected not to permit such extension or (2) from the Administrative Agent, any Revolving Credit Lender or the Borrower that one or more of the applicable conditions specified in Section 4.02 is not then satisfied, and in each such case directing such L/C Issuer not to permit such extension.

(iv) Promptly after its delivery of any Letter of Credit or any amendment to a Letter of Credit to an advising bank with respect thereto or to the beneficiary thereof, the applicable L/C Issuer will also deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent a true and complete copy of such Letter of Credit or amendment.

(c) <u>Drawings and Reimbursements; Funding of Participations</u>. (i) Upon receipt from the beneficiary of any Letter of Credit of any notice of a drawing under such Letter of Credit, the applicable L/C Issuer shall notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent thereof. Not later than 1:00 p.m. on the Business Day immediately following any payment by

such L/C Issuer under a Letter of Credit, <u>provided</u> that the Borrower received notice of such payment from such L/C Issuer or the Administrative Agent on or prior to 4:00 p.m. on the date of such payment, and if not, on the second succeeding Business Day (each such date, an "<u>Honor Date</u>"), the Borrower shall reimburse such L/C Issuer in an amount equal to the amount of such drawing. Interest shall be payable on any such amounts from the date on which the relevant drawing is made until reimbursement in full at a rate equal to (i) until the second succeeding Business Day following the date of the relevant notice, the rate applicable to Base Rate Loans under the Revolving Credit Facility and (ii) thereafter, the rate set forth in Section 2.07(b). If the Borrower fails to so reimburse such L/C Issuer by such time, such L/C Issuer shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent, and the Administrative Agent shall promptly notify each Revolving Credit Lender of the Honor Date, the amount of the unreimbursed drawing (the "<u>Unreimbursed Amount</u>"), and the amount of such Revolving Credit Lender's Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage thereof. In such event, the Borrower shall be deemed to have requested a Revolving Credit Borrowing of Base Rate Loans to be disbursed on the Honor Date in an amount equal to the Unreimbursed Amount, without regard to the minimum and multiples specified in <u>Section 2.02</u> for the principal amount of Base Rate Loans, but subject to the amount of the unutilized portion of the Revolving Credit Lender in the delivery of a Committed Loan Notice); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that no Default or Event of Default shall result as a result of the Borrower failing to reimburse the relevant L/C Issuer or the Administrative Agent pursuant to this <u>Section 2.03(c)(i)</u> may be given by telephone if immediately confirmed in writing; <u>provided</u> that the lack of such an immediate confirmation shall not affect the conclusiveness or binding effect of such notice.

(ii) Each Revolving Credit Lender shall upon any notice pursuant to <u>Section 2.03(c)(i)</u> make funds available to the Administrative Agent for the account of the applicable L/C Issuer at the Administrative Agent's Office in an amount equal to its Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage of the Unreimbursed Amount not later than 1:00 p.m. on the Business Day specified in such notice by the Administrative Agent, whereupon, subject to the provisions of <u>Section 2.03(c)(iii)</u>, each Revolving Credit Lender that so makes funds available shall be deemed to have made a Base Rate Loan to the Borrower in such amount. The Administrative Agent shall remit the funds so received to such L/C Issuer.

(iii) With respect to any Unreimbursed Amount that is not fully refinanced by a Revolving Credit Borrowing of Base Rate Loans because the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 (other than the delivery of a Committed Loan Notice) cannot be satisfied or for any other reason, the Borrower shall be deemed to have incurred from the applicable L/C Issuer an L/C Borrowing in the amount of the Unreimbursed Amount that is not so refinanced, which L/C Borrowing shall be due and payable on demand (together with interest) and shall bear interest at the Default Rate. In such event, each Revolving Credit Lender's payment to the Administrative Agent for the account of such L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 2.03(c)(ii) shall be deemed payment in respect of its participation in such L/C Borrowing and shall constitute an L/C Advance from such Revolving Credit Lender in satisfaction of its participation under this Section 2.03.

(iv) Until each Revolving Credit Lender funds its Revolving Credit Loan or L/C Advance pursuant to this Section 2.03(c) to reimburse the applicable L/C Issuer for any amount drawn under any Letter of Credit, interest in respect of such Revolving Credit Lender's Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage of such amount shall be solely for the account of such L/C Issuer.

(v) Each Revolving Credit Lender's obligation to make Revolving Credit Loans or L/C Advances to reimburse any L/C Issuer for amounts drawn under Letters of Credit, as contemplated by this <u>Section 2.03(c)</u>, shall be absolute and unconditional and shall not be affected by any circumstance, including (A) any setoff, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other right which such Revolving Credit Lender may have against such L/C Issuer, the Borrower or any other Person for any reason whatsoever; (B) the occurrence or continuance of a Default, or (C) any other occurrence, event or condition, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing; provided, however, that each Revolving Credit Lender's obligation to make Revolving Credit Loans pursuant to this Section 2.03(c) is subject to the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 (other than delivery by the Borrower of a Committed Loan Notice). The making of an L/C Advance shall satisfy the obligation of the Borrower to reimburse the applicable L/C Issuer for the amount of any payment made by such L/C Issuer under any Letter of Credit.

(vi) If any Revolving Credit Lender fails to make available to the Administrative Agent for the account of any L/C Issuer any amount required to be paid by such Revolving Credit Lender pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 2.03(c)</u> by the time specified in <u>Section 2.03(c)(ii)</u>, such L/C Issuer (acting through the Administrative Agent) shall be entitled to recover from such Revolving Credit Lender, on demand, such amount with interest thereon for the period from the date such payment is required to the date on which such payment is immediately available to such L/C Issuer at a rate per annum equal to the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by such L/C Issuer in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation, plus any administrative, processing or similar fees customarily charged by such L/C Issuer in connection with the foregoing. If such Revolving Credit Lender pays such amount (with interest and fees as aforesaid), the amount so paid shall constitute such Revolving Credit Lender's Revolving Credit Loan included in the relevant Revolving Credit Borrowing or L/C Advance in respect of the relevant L/C Borrowing, as the case may be. A certificate of such L/C Issuer submitted to any Revolving Credit Lender (through the Administrative Agent) with respect to any amounts owing under this <u>Section 2.03(c)(vi)</u> shall be prima facie evidence thereof.

(d) <u>Repayment of Participations</u>. (i) At any time after any L/C Issuer has made a payment under any Letter of Credit and has received from any Revolving Credit Lender such Revolving Credit Lender's L/C Advance in respect of such payment in accordance with <u>Section 2.03(c)</u>, if the Administrative Agent receives for the account of such L/C Issuer any payment in respect of the related Unreimbursed Amount or interest thereon (whether directly from the Borrower or otherwise, including proceeds of Cash Collateral applied thereto by the Administrative Agent), the Administrative Agent will distribute to such Revolving Credit Lender its Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage thereof in the same funds as those received by the Administrative Agent.

(ii) If any payment received by the Administrative Agent for the account of any L/C Issuer pursuant to Section 2.03(c)(i) is required to be returned under any of the circumstances described in Section 11.05 (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by such L/C Issuer in its discretion), each Revolving Credit Lender shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of such L/C Issuer its Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage thereof on demand of the Administrative Agent, <u>plus</u> interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such amount is returned by such Revolving Credit Lender, at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate from time to time in effect. The obligations of the Revolving Credit Lenders shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.

(e) <u>Obligations Absolute</u>. The obligation of the Borrower to reimburse each L/C Issuer for each drawing under each Letter of Credit and to repay each L/C Borrowing shall be absolute, unconditional and irrevocable, and shall be paid strictly in accordance with the terms of this Agreement under all circumstances, including the following:

(i) any lack of validity or enforceability of such Letter of Credit, this Agreement, or any other Loan Document;

(ii) the existence of any claim, counterclaim, setoff, defense or other right that the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries may have at any time against any beneficiary or any transferee of such Letter of Credit (or any Person for whom any such beneficiary or any such transferee may be acting), any L/C Issuer or any other Person, whether in connection with this Agreement, the transactions contemplated hereby or by such Letter of Credit or any agreement or instrument relating thereto, or any unrelated transaction;

(iii) any draft, demand, certificate or other document presented under such Letter of Credit proving to be forged, fraudulent, invalid or insufficient in any respect or any statement therein being untrue or inaccurate in any respect; or any loss or delay in the transmission or otherwise of any document required in order to make a drawing under such Letter of Credit;

(iv) any payment by any L/C Issuer under such Letter of Credit against presentation of a draft or certificate that does not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit; or any payment made by any L/C Issuer under such Letter of Credit to any Person purporting to be a trustee in bankruptcy, debtor-in-possession, assignee for the benefit of creditors, liquidator, receiver or other representative of or successor to any beneficiary or any transferee of such Letter of Credit, including any arising in connection with any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law;

(v) waiver by any L/C Issuer of any requirement that exists for such L/C Issuer's protection and not the protection of the Borrower or any waiver by any L/C Issuer which does not in fact materially prejudice the Borrower;

(vi) honor of a demand for payment presented electronically even if such Letter of Credit requires that demand be in the form of a draft;

(vii) any payment made by any L/C Issuer in respect of an otherwise complying item presented after the date specified as the expiration date of, or the date by which documents must be received under such Letter of Credit if presentation after such date is authorized by the UCC or the ISP, as applicable; or

(viii) any other circumstance or happening whatsoever, whether or not similar to any of the foregoing, including any other circumstance that might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries, other than payment of the applicable Obligations in full in cash.

The Borrower shall promptly examine a copy of each Letter of Credit and each amendment thereto that is delivered to it and, in the event of any claim of noncompliance with the Borrower's instructions or other irregularity, the Borrower will immediately notify the applicable L/C Issuer. The Borrower shall be conclusively deemed to have waived any such claim against any L/C Issuer and its correspondents unless such notice is given as aforesaid.

Role of L/C Issuer. Each Revolving Credit Lender and the Borrower agree that, in paying any drawing under a Letter of Credit, (f)no L/C Issuer shall have any responsibility to obtain any document (other than any sight draft, certificates and documents expressly required by the Letter of Credit) or to ascertain or inquire as to the validity or accuracy of any such document or the authority of the Person executing or delivering any such document. None of the L/C Issuers, the Administrative Agent, any of their respective Related Parties nor any correspondent, participant or assignee of any L/C Issuer shall be liable to any Revolving Credit Lender for (i) any action taken or omitted in connection herewith at the request or with the approval of the Revolving Credit Lenders or the Required Lenders, as applicable; (ii) any action taken or omitted in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct; or (iii) the due execution, effectiveness, validity or enforceability of any document or instrument related to any Letter of Credit or Issuer Document. The Borrower hereby assumes all risks of the acts or omissions of any beneficiary or transferee with respect to its use of any Letter of Credit; provided, however, that this assumption is not intended to, and shall not, preclude the Borrower's pursuing such rights and remedies as it may have against the beneficiary or transferee at law or under any other agreement. None of the L/C Issuers, the Administrative Agent, any of their respective Related Parties nor any correspondent. participant or assignee of any L/C Issuer shall be liable or responsible for any of the matters described in clauses (i) through (v) of Section 2.03(e); provided, however, that anything in such clauses to the contrary notwithstanding, the Borrower may have a claim against any L/C Issuer, and each L/C Issuer may be liable to the Borrower, to the extent, but only to the extent, of any direct, as opposed to consequential or exemplary, damages suffered by the Borrower which the Borrower proves were caused by such L/C Issuer's willful misconduct or gross negligence or such L/C Issuer's willful failure to pay under any Letter of Credit after the presentation to it by the beneficiary of a sight draft and certificate(s) strictly complying with the terms and conditions of a Letter of Credit. In furtherance and not in limitation of the foregoing, each L/C Issuer may accept documents that appear on their face to be in order, without responsibility for further investigation, regardless of any notice or information to the contrary, and such L/C Issuer shall not be responsible for the validity or sufficiency of any instrument transferring or assigning or purporting to transfer or assign a Letter of Credit or the rights or benefits thereunder or proceeds thereof, in whole or in part, which may prove to be invalid or ineffective for any reason. Each L/C Issuer may send a

Letter of Credit or conduct any communication to or from the beneficiary via the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (" <u>SWIFT</u>") message or overnight courier, or any other commercially reasonable means of communicating with a beneficiary.

(g) <u>Cash Collateral</u>.

(i) <u>Certain Credit Support Events</u>. If (A) any L/C Issuer has honored any full or partial drawing request under any Letter of Credit and such drawing has resulted in an L/C Borrowing, (B) as of the Letter of Credit Expiration Date, any L/C Obligation for any reason remains outstanding, (C) the Borrower shall be required to provide Cash Collateral pursuant to <u>Section 8.02(c)</u>, or (D) any Revolving Credit Lender shall be a Defaulting Lender, the Borrower shall immediately (in the case of <u>clause (C)</u> above) or within one Business Day (in all other cases) following any request by the Administrative Agent or any L/C Issuer, provide Cash Collateral in an amount not less than the applicable Minimum Collateral Amount (determined, in the case of Cash Collateral provided pursuant to <u>clause (D)</u> above, after giving effect to <u>Section 2.14(a)(iv)</u> and any Cash Collateral provided by the Defaulting Lender). Additionally, if the Administrative Agent notifies the Borrower at any time that the Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations at such time exceeds the Letter of Credit Sublimit then in effect, then, within two Business Days after receipt of such notice, the Borrower shall provide Cash Collateral for the Outstanding Amount of the L/C Obligations in an amount not less than the amount by which the Outstanding Amount of all L/C Obligations exceeds the Letter of Credit Sublimit.

(ii) <u>Grant of Security Interest</u>. The Borrower, and to the extent provided by any Defaulting Lender, such Defaulting Lender, hereby grants to (and subjects to the control of) the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuers and the Revolving Credit Lenders, and agrees to maintain, a first priority security interest in all such cash, deposit accounts and all balances therein, and all other property so provided as collateral pursuant hereto, and in all proceeds of the foregoing, all as security for the obligations to which such Cash Collateral may be applied pursuant to <u>Section 2.03(g)(iii)</u>. If at any time the Administrative Agent determines that Cash Collateral is subject to any right or claim of any Person other than the Administrative Agent, the Revolving Credit Lenders or any L/C Issuer as herein provided or the depositary or intermediary institution in respect of such Cash Collateral and the relevant Controlled Accounts, or that the total amount of such Cash Collateral is less than the Minimum Collateral Amount, the Borrower will, promptly upon demand by the Administrative Agent, pay or provide to the Administrative Agent additional Cash Collateral in an amount sufficient to eliminate such deficiency. All Cash Collateral (other than credit support not constituting funds subject to deposit) shall be maintained in one or more Controlled Accounts at Bank of America. The Borrower shall pay promptly upon written demand therefor from time to time all customary account opening, activity and other administrative fees and charges in connection with the maintenance and disbursement of Cash Collateral.

(iii) Application. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, Cash Collateral provided under any of this Section 2.03 or

Sections 2.04, 2.14 or 8.02 in respect of Letters of Credit shall be held and applied to the satisfaction of the specific L/C Obligations, obligations to fund participations therein (including, as to Cash Collateral provided by a Defaulting Lender, any interest accrued on such obligation) and other obligations for which the Cash Collateral was so provided, prior to any other application of such property as may otherwise be provided for herein.

(iv) <u>Release</u>. Cash Collateral (or the appropriate portion thereof) provided to reduce Fronting Exposure or to secure other obligations shall be released promptly (i) following the elimination of the applicable Fronting Exposure or other obligations giving rise thereto (including by the termination of Defaulting Lender status of the applicable Lender (or, as appropriate, its assignee following compliance with <u>Section 11.06(b)(vi)</u>)) or (ii) if there exists excess Cash Collateral; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, the Borrower and the applicable L/C Issuer may agree that Cash Collateral shall not be released but instead held to support future anticipated Fronting Exposure or other obligations.

(h) <u>Applicability of ISP; Limitation of Liability</u>. Unless otherwise expressly agreed by the applicable L/C Issuer and the Borrower when a Letter of Credit is issued, the rules of the ISP shall apply to such Letter of Credit. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no L/C Issuer shall be responsible to the Borrower for, and no L/C Issuer's rights and remedies against the Borrower shall be impaired by, any action or inaction of such L/C Issuer required or permitted under any law, order, or practice that is required or permitted to be applied to any Letter of Credit or this Agreement, including the Law or any order of a jurisdiction where such L/C Issuer or the beneficiary is located, the practice stated in the ISP, or in the decisions, opinions, practice statements, or official commentary of the ICC Banking Commission, the Bankers Association for Finance and Trade - International Financial Services Association (BAFT-IFSA), or the Institute of International Banking Law & Practice, whether or not any Letter of Credit chooses such law or practice.

(i) Letter of Credit Fees. The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Revolving Credit Lender in accordance with its Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage a Letter of Credit fee (the "Letter of Credit Fee") for each Letter of Credit equal to the Applicable Rate times the daily amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit. For purposes of computing the daily amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with <u>Section 1.06</u>. Letter of Credit Fees shall be (i) due and payable on the first Business Day after the end of each March, June, September and December, commencing with the first such date to occur after the issuance of such Letter of Credit, on the Letter of Credit Expiration Date and thereafter on demand and (ii) computed on a quarterly basis in arrears. If there is any change in the Applicable Rate during any quarter, the daily amount available to be drawn under each Letter of Credit shall be computed and multiplied by the Applicable Rate separately for each period during such quarter that such Applicable Rate was in effect. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, while any Event of Default under Sections 8.01(a), (f) or (g) exists, all Letter of Credit Fees shall accrue at the Default Rate.

(j) <u>Fronting Fee and Documentary and Processing Charges Payable to L/C Issuers</u>. The Borrower shall pay directly to each L/C Issuer for its own account a fronting fee

with respect to each Letter of Credit issued by it, at the rate per annum specified in the Fee Letter or such other fee letter as may be entered into by the Borrower and such L/C Issuer in respect thereof, computed on the daily amount available to be drawn under such Letter of Credit on a quarterly basis in arrears. Such fronting fee shall be due and payable on the tenth Business Day after the end of each March, June, September and December in respect of the most recentlyended quarterly period (or portion thereof, in the case of the first payment), commencing with the first such date to occur after the issuance of such Letter of Credit, on the Letter of Credit Expiration Date and thereafter on demand. For purposes of computing the daily amount available to be drawn under any Letter of Credit, the amount of such Letter of Credit shall be determined in accordance with <u>Section 1.06</u>. In addition, the Borrower shall pay directly to each L/C Issuer for its own account the customary issuance, presentation, amendment and other processing fees, and other standard costs and charges, of such L/C Issuer relating to letters of credit as from time to time in effect. Such customary fees and standard costs and charges are due and payable on demand and are nonrefundable.

(k) <u>Conflict with Issuer Documents</u>. In the event of any conflict between the terms hereof and the terms of any Issuer Document, the terms hereof shall control.

(1) Letters of Credit Issued for Holdings and its Subsidiaries. Notwithstanding that a Letter of Credit issued or outstanding hereunder is in support of any obligations of, or is for the account of, Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries, the Borrower shall be obligated to reimburse the L/C Issuer hereunder for any and all drawings under such Letter of Credit. The Borrower hereby acknowledges that the issuance of Letters of Credit for the account of Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries inures to the benefit of the Borrower, and that the Borrower's business derives substantial benefits from the businesses of Holdings or such Subsidiaries.

(m) Additional L/C Issuers. The Borrower may, at any time and from time to time, add one or more Additional L/C Issuers as an L/C Issuer without replacing a current L/C Issuer, in each instance, upon 5 Business Days prior written notice to the current L/C Issuer(s) and the Administrative Agent. The appointment by the Borrower of an Additional L/C Issuer as L/C Issuer and such Additional L/C Issuer's acceptance of such appointment shall be evidenced by a written agreement among the Borrower, the Administrative Agent, the current L/C Issuer(s) and such Additional L/C Issuer, which agreement shall be reasonably satisfactory to such parties. The Administrative Agent shall notify the Revolving Credit Lenders of the appointment of any Additional L/C Issuer. From and after the effective date of the appointment of an Additional L/C Issuer, (i) such Additional L/C Issuer shall have all the rights and obligations of an L/C Issuer under this Agreement with respect to Letters of Credit to be issued by it thereafter, (ii) references herein to the term "L/C Issuer" shall be deemed to refer to such Additional L/C Issuer or to any previous L/C Issuer or to such Additional L/C Issuer and all previous L/C Issuer or to any or all current L/C Issuer or to require, references herein to the term "Letter of Credit" or "Letters of Credit" shall be deemed to refer to a Letter of Credit or Letters of Credit and there shall be more than one L/C Issuer (other than an L/C Issuer. In the event that at any time the Borrower desires the issuance of a Letter of Credit and there shall be more than one L/C Issuer will issue such Letter of Credit. The Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers hereby irrevocably authorize the Administrative Agent to

enter into technical or immaterial (in the reasonable view of the Administrative Agent) amendments to this Agreement and the other Loans Documents with the applicable Loan Parties and the L/C Issuers as may be necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the inclusion of an Additional L/C Issuer as an L/C Issuer (including amendments to Schedule 2.03 to change the amount of the L/C Commitment of any L/C Issuer). All such amendments entered into with the applicable Loan Parties by the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuers hereunder shall be binding and conclusive on all Revolving Credit Lenders.

Prepayments. (a) Optional. The Borrower may, upon notice (which notice, subject to Section 3.05, may state that such prepayment is 2.04conditioned upon the effectiveness of other credit facilities or any other event, in which case such notice may be revoked by the Borrower (by notice to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the specified prepayment date) if such condition is not satisfied) to the Administrative Agent, at any time or from time to time voluntarily prepay Revolving Credit Loans in whole or in part without premium or penalty; provided that (i) such notice must be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. (A) two Business Days prior to any date of prepayment of Eurodollar Rate Loans and (B) on the date of prepayment of Base Rate Loans; (ii) any prepayment of Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$5,000,000 or a whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof; and (iii) any prepayment of Base Rate Loans shall be in a principal amount of \$500,000 or a whole multiple of \$100,000 in excess thereof or, in each case, if less, the entire principal amount thereof then outstanding. Each such notice shall specify the date and amount of such prepayment and the Type(s) of Revolving Credit Loans to be prepaid and, if Eurodollar Rate Loans are to be prepaid, the Interest Period(s) of such Revolving Credit Loans. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify each Revolving Credit Lender of its receipt of each such notice, and of the amount of such Revolving Credit Lender's ratable portion of such prepayment (based on such Revolving Credit Lender's Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage of the Revolving Credit Facility). Subject to the first sentence in this Section 2.04(a), if such notice is given by the Borrower, the Borrower shall make such prepayment and the payment amount specified in such notice shall be due and payable on the date specified therein; provided, that a notice of termination of the Revolving Credit Commitments and prepayment of Revolving Credit Loans delivered by the Borrower may state that such notice is conditioned upon the effectiveness of other credit facilities, in which case such notice may be revoked by the Borrower (by notice to the Administrative Agent on or prior to the specified effective date) if such condition is not satisfied. Any prepayment of a Eurodollar Rate Loan shall be accompanied by all accrued interest on the amount prepaid, together with any additional amounts required pursuant to Section 3.05.

(b) <u>Mandatory</u>. (i) Upon the incurrence or issuance by any Loan Party or any Company Group Party of any Indebtedness (other than Indebtedness not prohibited to be incurred or issued pursuant to Section 7.02), the Borrower shall prepay an aggregate principal amount of Revolving Credit Loans equal to 100% of all Net Cash Proceeds received by any Loan Party or Company Group Party therefrom, immediately upon receipt thereof by such Loan Party or such Company Group Party (such prepayments to be applied as set forth in clause (iii) below).

(ii) If for any reason the Total Revolving Credit Outstandings at any time exceed the Revolving Credit Facility at such time, the Borrower shall immediately prepay Revolving Credit Loans and L/C Borrowings and/or Cash Collateralize the L/C

Obligations (other than the L/C Borrowings) in an aggregate amount equal to such excess.

(iii) Prepayments of the Revolving Credit Facility made pursuant to this <u>Section 2.04(b)</u>, <u>first</u>, shall be applied ratably to the L/C Borrowings, <u>second</u>, shall be applied ratably to the outstanding Revolving Credit Loans, and, <u>third</u>, shall be used to Cash Collateralize the remaining L/C Obligations; and, in the case of prepayments of the Revolving Credit Facility required pursuant to clause (i) of this <u>Section 2.04(b)</u>, the amount remaining, if any, after the prepayment in full of all L/C Borrowings and Revolving Credit Loans outstanding at such time and the Cash Collateralization of the remaining L/C Obligations in full (the sum of such prepayment amounts, cash collateralization amounts and remaining amount being, collectively, the "<u>Reduction Amount</u>") may be retained by the Borrower for use in the ordinary course of its business, and the Revolving Credit Facility shall be automatically and permanently reduced by the Reduction Amount as set forth in <u>Section 2.05(b)(i)</u>. Upon the drawing of any Letter of Credit that has been Cash Collateralized, the funds held as Cash Collateral shall be applied (without any further action by or notice to or from the Borrower or any other Loan Party) to reimburse the applicable L/C Issuer or the Revolving Credit Lenders, as applicable.

2.05 <u>Termination or Reduction of Revolving Credit Commitments</u>. (a) <u>Optional</u>. The Borrower may, upon notice to the Administrative Agent, terminate the Revolving Credit Facility or the Letter of Credit Sublimit, or from time to time permanently reduce the Revolving Credit Facility or the Letter of Credit Sublimit; <u>provided</u> that (i) any such notice shall be received by the Administrative Agent not later than 11:00 a.m. three Business Days prior to the date of termination or reduction, (ii) any such partial reduction shall be in an aggregate amount of \$10,000,000 or any whole multiple of \$1,000,000 in excess thereof and (iii) the Borrower shall not terminate or reduce (A) the Revolving Credit Facility if, after giving effect thereto and to any concurrent prepayments hereunder, the Total Revolving Credit Outstandings would exceed the Revolving Credit Facility or (B) the Letter of Credit Sublimit if, after giving effect thereto, the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations not fully Cash Collateralized hereunder would exceed the Letter of Credit Sublimit.

(b) <u>Mandatory</u>. (i) The Revolving Credit Facility shall be automatically and permanently reduced on each date on which the prepayment of Revolving Credit Loans outstanding thereunder is required to be made pursuant to <u>Section 2.04(b)(i)</u> by an amount equal to the applicable Reduction Amount.

(ii) If after giving effect to any reduction or termination of Revolving Credit Commitments under this Section 2.05, the Letter of Credit Sublimit exceeds the Revolving Credit Facility at such time, the Letter of Credit Sublimit shall be automatically reduced by the amount of such excess.

(c) <u>Application of Revolving Credit Commitment Reductions; Payment of Fees</u>. The Administrative Agent will promptly notify the Revolving Credit Lenders of any termination or reduction of the Letter of Credit Sublimit or the Revolving Credit Commitment under this <u>Section 2.05</u>. Upon any reduction of the Revolving Credit Commitments, the

Revolving Credit Commitment of each Revolving Credit Lender shall be reduced by such Revolving Credit Lender's Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage of such reduction amount. All fees in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility accrued until the effective date of any termination of the Revolving Credit Facility shall be paid on the effective date of such termination.

2.06 <u>Repayment of Revolving Credit Loans</u>. The Borrower shall repay to the Revolving Credit Lenders on the Maturity Date the aggregate principal amount of all Revolving Credit Loans outstanding on such date.

2.07 Interest. (a) Subject to the provisions of Section 2.07(b), (i) each Eurodollar Rate Loan under the Revolving Credit Facility shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof for each Interest Period at a rate per annum equal to the Eurodollar Rate for such Interest Period <u>plus</u> the Applicable Rate; and (ii) each Base Rate Loan under the Revolving Credit Facility shall bear interest on the outstanding principal amount thereof from the applicable borrowing date at a rate per annum equal to the Base Rate <u>plus</u> the Applicable Rate.

(b) (i) While any Event of Default under <u>Sections 8.01(a), 8.01(f) or 8.01(g)</u> exists, the Borrower shall pay interest on all outstanding Obligations hereunder at a fluctuating interest rate per annum at all times equal to the Default Rate to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Laws.

upon demand.

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Accrued and unpaid interest on past due amounts (including interest on past due interest) shall be due and payable

(c) Interest on each Revolving Credit Loan shall be due and payable in arrears on each Interest Payment Date applicable thereto and at such other times as may be specified herein. Interest hereunder shall be due and payable in accordance with the terms hereof before and after judgment, and before and after the commencement of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law.

2.08 Fees. In addition to certain fees described in Sections 2.03(i) and (j):

(a) <u>Commitment Fee</u>. The Borrower shall pay to the Administrative Agent for the account of each Revolving Credit Lender in accordance with its Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage, a commitment fee equal to the Applicable Fee Rate <u>times</u> the actual daily amount by which the Revolving Credit Facility exceeds the sum of (i) the Outstanding Amount of Revolving Credit Loans and (ii) the Outstanding Amount of L/C Obligations. The commitment fee shall accrue at all times during the Availability Period, including at any time during which one or more of the conditions in <u>Article IV</u> is not met, and shall be due and payable quarterly in arrears on the last Business Day of each March, June, September and December, commencing with the first such date to occur after the Closing Date, and on the last day of the Availability Period. The commitment fee shall be calculated quarterly in arrears, and if there is any change in the Applicable Fee Rate during any quarter, the actual daily amount shall be computed and multiplied by the Applicable Fee Rate separately for each period during such quarter that such Applicable Fee Rate was in effect.

(b) <u>Other Fees</u>. The Borrower shall pay to the applicable Lenders and Arrangers and the Administrative Agent for their own respective accounts fees in the amounts and at the times specified in the Fee Letter and in the Engagement Letter. Such fees shall be fully earned when paid and shall not be refundable for any reason whatsoever.

2.09 <u>Computation of Interest and Fees</u>. All computations of interest for Base Rate Loans when the Base Rate is determined by Bank of America's "prime rate" shall be made on the basis of a year of 365 or 366 days, as the case may be, and actual days elapsed. All other computations of fees and interest shall be made on the basis of a 360-day year and actual days elapsed (which results in more fees or interest, as applicable, being paid than if computed on the basis of a 365-day year). Interest shall accrue on each Revolving Credit Loan for the day on which the Revolving Credit Loan is made, and shall not accrue on a Revolving Credit Loan, or any portion thereof, for the day on which the Revolving Credit Loan or such portion is paid, <u>provided</u> that any Revolving Credit Loan that is repaid on the same day on which it is made shall, subject to <u>Section 2.11(a)</u>, bear interest for one day. Each determination by the Administrative Agent of an interest rate or fee hereunder shall be prima facie evidence thereof for all purposes.

2.10 Evidence of Debt. (a) The Credit Extensions made by each Revolving Credit Lender shall be evidenced by one or more accounts or records maintained by such Revolving Credit Lender and by the Administrative Agent in the ordinary course of business. The accounts or records maintained by the Administrative Agent and each Revolving Credit Lender shall be conclusive absent manifest error of the amount of the Credit Extensions made by the Revolving Credit Lenders to the Borrower and the interest and payments thereon. Any failure to so record or any error in doing so shall not, however, limit or otherwise affect the obligation of the Borrower hereunder to pay any amount owing with respect to the Obligations. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by any Revolving Credit Lender and the accounts and records of the Administrative Agent in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of the Administrative Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error. Upon the request of any Revolving Credit Lender made through the Administrative Agent, the Borrower shall execute and deliver to such Revolving Credit Lender (through the Administrative Agent) a Revolving Credit Lender's Revolving Credit Loans in addition to such accounts or records. Each Revolving Credit Lender may attach schedules to its Revolving Credit Note and endorse thereon the date, Type (if applicable), amount and maturity of its Revolving Credit Loans and payments with respect thereto.

(b) In addition to the accounts and records referred to in Section 2.10(a), each Revolving Credit Lender and the Administrative Agent shall maintain in accordance with its usual practice accounts or records evidencing the purchases and sales by such Revolving Credit Lender of participations in Letters of Credit. In the event of any conflict between the accounts and records maintained by the Administrative Agent and the accounts and records of any Revolving Credit Lender in respect of such matters, the accounts and records of the Administrative Agent shall control in the absence of manifest error.

2.11 <u>Payments Generally; Administrative Agent's Clawback</u>. (a) <u>General</u>. All payments to be made by the Borrower shall be made without condition or deduction for any counterclaim, defense, recoupment or setoff. Except as otherwise expressly provided herein, all

payments by the Borrower hereunder shall be made to the Administrative Agent, for the account of the respective Revolving Credit Lenders to which such payment is owed, at the Administrative Agent's Office in Dollars and in immediately available funds not later than 2:00 p.m. on the date specified herein. The Administrative Agent will promptly distribute to each Revolving Credit Lender its Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility (or other applicable share as provided herein) of such payment in like funds as received by wire transfer to such Revolving Credit Lender's Lending Office. All payments received by the Administrative Agent after 2:00 p.m. shall be deemed received on the next succeeding Business Day and any applicable interest or fee shall continue to accrue. If any payment to be made by the Borrower shall come due on a day other than a Business Day, payment shall be made on the next following Business Day, and such extension of time shall be reflected in computing interest or fees, as the case may be.

(i) Funding by Revolving Credit Lenders; Presumption by Administrative Agent. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have (b) received notice from a Revolving Credit Lender prior to the proposed date of any Borrowing of Eurodollar Rate Loans (or, in the case of any Revolving Credit Borrowing of Base Rate Loans, prior to 12:00 noon on the date of such Revolving Credit Borrowing) that such Revolving Credit Lender will not make available to the Administrative Agent such Revolving Credit Lender's share of such Revolving Credit Borrowing, the Administrative Agent may assume that such Revolving Credit Lender has made such share available on such date in accordance with Section 2.02 (or, in the case of a Revolving Credit Borrowing of Base Rate Loans, that such Revolving Credit Lender has made such share available in accordance with and at the time required by Section 2.02) and may, in reliance upon such assumption, make available to the Borrower a corresponding amount. In such event, if a Revolving Credit Lender has not in fact made its share of the applicable Revolving Credit Borrowing available to the Administrative Agent, then the applicable Revolving Credit Lender and the Borrower severally agree to pay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand such corresponding amount in immediately available funds with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is made available to the Borrower to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at (A) in the case of a payment to be made by such Revolving Credit Lender, the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation, plus any administrative, processing or similar fees customarily charged by the Administrative Agent in connection with the foregoing, and (B) in the case of a payment to be made by the Borrower, the interest rate applicable to Base Rate Loans. If the Borrower and such Revolving Credit Lender shall pay such interest to the Administrative Agent for the same or an overlapping period, the Administrative Agent shall promptly remit to the Borrower the amount of such interest paid by the Borrower for such period. If such Revolving Credit Lender pays its share of the applicable Revolving Credit Borrowing to the Administrative Agent, then the amount so paid shall constitute such Revolving Credit Lender's Revolving Credit Loan included in such Revolving Credit Borrowing. Any payment by the Borrower shall be without prejudice to any claim the Borrower may have against a Revolving Credit Lender that shall have failed to make such payment to the Administrative Agent.

(ii) <u>Payments by Borrower; Presumptions by Administrative Agent</u>. Unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from the Borrower prior to the time at which any payment is due to the Administrative Agent for the account of the

Revolving Credit Lenders or any L/C Issuer hereunder that the Borrower will not make such payment, the Administrative Agent may assume that the Borrower has made such payment on such date in accordance herewith and may, in reliance upon such assumption, distribute to the Appropriate Revolving Credit Lenders or the applicable L/C Issuer, as the case may be, the amount due. In such event, if the Borrower has not in fact made such payment, then each of the Appropriate Revolving Credit Lenders or the applicable L/C Issuer, as the case may be, severally agrees to repay to the Administrative Agent forthwith on demand the amount so distributed to such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, in immediately available funds with interest thereon, for each day from and including the date such amount is distributed to it to but excluding the date of payment to the Administrative Agent, at the greater of the Federal Funds Rate and a rate determined by the Administrative Agent in accordance with banking industry rules on interbank compensation.

A notice of the Administrative Agent to any Revolving Credit Lender or the Borrower with respect to any amount owing under this subsection (b) shall prima facie evidence thereof.

(c) <u>Failure to Satisfy Conditions Precedent</u>. If any Revolving Credit Lender makes available to the Administrative Agent funds for any Revolving Credit Loan to be made by such Revolving Credit Lender as provided in the foregoing provisions of this <u>Article II</u>, and such funds are not made available to the Borrower by the Administrative Agent because the conditions to the applicable Credit Extension set forth in <u>Article IV</u> are not satisfied or waived in accordance with the terms hereof, the Administrative Agent shall return such funds (in like funds as received from such Revolving Credit Lender) to such Revolving Credit Lender, without interest.

(d) <u>Obligations of Revolving Credit Lenders Several</u>. The obligations of the Revolving Credit Lenders hereunder to make Revolving Credit Loans, to fund participations in Letters of Credit and to make payments pursuant to <u>Section 11.04(c)</u> are several and not joint. The failure of any Revolving Credit Lender to make any Revolving Credit Lender of its corresponding obligation to do so on such date, and no Revolving Credit Lender shall be responsible for the failure of any other Revolving Credit Lender to so make its Revolving Credit Loan, to purchase its participation or to make its payment under <u>Section 11.04(c)</u>.

(e) <u>Funding Source</u>. Nothing herein shall be deemed to obligate any Revolving Credit Lender to obtain the funds for any Revolving Credit Loan in any particular place or manner or to constitute a representation by any Revolving Credit Lender that it has obtained or will obtain the funds for any Revolving Credit Loan in any particular place or manner; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Loan Parties will not be liable for increased costs under <u>Sections</u> <u>3.02</u> or <u>3.04</u> of this Agreement as a result of any Revolving Credit Lender changing the place from, or the manner in which, it obtains funds.

(f) <u>Insufficient Funds</u>. If at any time insufficient funds are received by and available to the Administrative Agent to pay fully all amounts of principal, L/C Borrowings, interest and fees then due hereunder, such funds shall be applied (i) <u>first</u>, toward payment of

interest and fees then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of interest and fees then due to such parties, and (ii) second, toward payment of principal and L/C Borrowings then due hereunder, ratably among the parties entitled thereto in accordance with the amounts of principal and L/C Borrowings then due to such parties.

Sharing of Payments by Revolving Credit Lenders. If any Revolving Credit Lender shall, by exercising any right of setoff or counterclaim 2.12 or otherwise, obtain payment in respect of (a) Obligations in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility due and payable to such Revolving Credit Lender hereunder and under the other Loan Documents at such time in excess of its ratable share (according to the proportion of (i) the amount of such Obligations due and payable to such Revolving Credit Lender at such time to (ii) the aggregate amount of the Obligations in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility due and payable to all Revolving Credit Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents at such time) of payments on account of the Obligations in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility due and payable to all Revolving Credit Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents at such time obtained by all the Revolving Credit Lenders at such time or (b) Obligations in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility owing (but not due and payable) to such Revolving Credit Lender hereunder and under the other Loan Documents at such time in excess of its ratable share (according to the proportion of (i) the amount of such Obligations owing (but not due and payable) to such Revolving Credit Lender at such time to (ii) the aggregate amount of the Obligations in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility owing (but not due and payable) to all Revolving Credit Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents at such time) of payment on account of the Obligations in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility owing (but not due and payable) to all Revolving Credit Lenders hereunder and under the other Loan Documents at such time obtained by all of the Revolving Credit Lenders at such time, then the Revolving Credit Lender receiving such greater proportion shall (a) notify the Administrative Agent of such fact, and (b) purchase (for cash at face value) participations in the Revolving Credit Loans and subparticipations in L/C Obligations of the other Revolving Credit Lenders, or make such other adjustments as shall be equitable, so that the benefit of all such payments shall be shared by the Revolving Credit Lenders ratably in accordance with the aggregate amount of Obligations in respect of the Revolving Credit Facility then due and payable to the Revolving Credit Lenders or owing (but not due and payable) to the Revolving Credit Lenders, as the case may be, provided that:

(i) if any such participations or subparticipations are purchased and all or any portion of the payment giving rise thereto is recovered, such participations or subparticipations shall be rescinded and the purchase price restored to the extent of such recovery, without interest;

(ii) the provisions of this Section shall not be construed to apply to (A) any payment made by the Borrower pursuant to and in accordance with the express terms of this Agreement or (B) any payment obtained by a Revolving Credit Lender as consideration for the assignment of or sale of a participation in any of its Revolving Credit Loans or subparticipations in L/C Obligations to any assignee or participant; and

(iii) for the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of this Section will not apply to payments made under Sections 2.08, 2.13, 3.01, 3.02, 3.04, 3.05, 11.04, 11.06,

and pursuant to any other terms or conditions in any Loan Document expressly providing for payments to specific Lenders, Agents or other Persons.

Each Loan Party consents to the foregoing and agrees, to the extent it may effectively do so under applicable law, that any Revolving Credit Lender acquiring a participation pursuant to the foregoing arrangements may exercise against such Loan Party rights of setoff and counterclaim with respect to such participation as fully as if such Revolving Credit Lender were a direct creditor of such Loan Party in the amount of such participation.

2.13 Increase in Revolving Credit Facility. (a) Request for Increase. Provided there exists no Default at such time, upon written notice to the Administrative Agent, the Borrower may from time to time elect to request, prior to the Maturity Date, an increase in the Revolving Credit Facility (any such increase, the "<u>New Revolving Credit Commitments</u>") by an amount determined by the Borrower (for all such requests taken together) not exceeding \$40,000,000; provided that any such request for an increase shall be in a minimum amount of \$5,000,000. Each such notice shall specify (i) the date (the "<u>Revolving Credit Increase Effective Date</u>") on which the Borrower proposes that the New Revolving Credit Commitments shall be effective, which shall be a date not less than five (5) Business Days after the date on which such notice is delivered to the Administrative Agent (unless the Administrative Agent otherwise agrees to a shorter period) and (ii) the identity of each Revolving Credit Lender or other Person (which shall be an Eligible Assignee) (each, a "<u>New Revolving Credit Lender</u>") to whom the Borrower proposes any portion of such New Revolving Credit Commitments be allocated and the amounts of such allocations; <u>provided</u> that any Revolving Credit Lender approached to provide all or a portion of the New Revolving Credit Commitments may elect or decline, in its sole discretion, to provide a New Revolving Credit Commitment.

(b) Effective Date and Allocations. The Administrative Agent shall promptly notify the Borrower and the Revolving Credit Lenders of (x) the New Revolving Credit Commitments and the New Revolving Credit Lenders, and (y) the respective interests in such Revolving Credit Lender's Revolving Credit Loans, in each case subject to the assignments contemplated by this Section 2.13. Each New Revolving Credit Lender shall be subject to the requirements set forth in Section 3.01(e). On any Revolving Credit Increase Effective Date on which New Revolving Credit Commitments are effected, subject to the satisfaction of the terms and conditions in this Section 2.13, (i) each of the Revolving Credit Lenders, at the principal amount thereof (together with accrued interest), such interests in the Revolving Credit Loans outstanding on such Revolving Credit Increase Effective Date as shall be necessary in order that, after giving effect to all such assignments and purchases, such Revolving Credit Loans will be held by existing Revolving Credit Lenders and New Revolving Credit Commitments, (ii) each New Revolving Credit Commitment shall be deemed for all purposes a Revolving Credit Commitment and each Revolving Credit Loan made thereunder (a "New Revolving Credit Loan") shall be deemed, for all purposes, a Revolving Credit Loan and (iii) each New Revolving Credit Lender with respect to the New Revolving Credit Loan and all matters relating thereto. The terms and provisions of the New Revolving Credit Loans shall be

identical to the Revolving Credit Loans. The New Revolving Credit Commitments shall become Revolving Credit Commitments under this Agreement pursuant to an amendment (an "<u>Incremental Amendment</u>") to this Agreement and, as appropriate, the other Loan Documents, executed by the Borrower, each Revolving Credit Lender providing a New Revolving Credit Commitment and the Administrative Agent. The Incremental Amendment may, without the consent of any other Revolving Credit Lender, effect such amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary, in the reasonable opinion of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to effect the provisions of this Section 2.13. Each Assignment and Assumption may, without the consent of any other Revolving Credit Lenders, effect such amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the opinion of Administrative Agent to effect the provision of this <u>Section 2.13</u>.

Conditions to Effectiveness of Increase. As a condition precedent to such increase, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent (x) reaffirmation agreements of the Loan Parties which reaffirm the Guaranty and Liens provided pursuant to the Loan Documents and (y) a certificate of each Loan Party dated as of the Revolving Credit Increase Effective Date (in sufficient copies for each Revolving Credit Lender) signed by a Responsible Officer of such Loan Party (i) certifying and attaching the resolutions adopted by such Loan Party approving or consenting to such increase and (ii) in the case of the Borrower, certifying that, before and after giving effect to such increase, (A) the representations and warranties contained in Article V and the other Loan Documents are true and correct in all material respects (except to the extent any such representation and warranty itself is qualified by "materiality", "Material Adverse Effect" or any similar qualifier, in which case, it shall be true and correct in all respects) on and as of the Revolving Credit Increase Effective Date, except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they are true and correct as of such earlier date, and except that for purposes of this Section 2.13, the representations and warranties contained in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 5.05 shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to clauses (a) and (b), respectively, of Section 6.01; provided that to the extent that such New Revolving Credit Commitments will be used concurrently with the initial provision of such commitment to finance any Investment permitted pursuant to Section 7.03(g), then such representations and warranties shall be limited to customary "SunGard" representations and warranties (including those with respect to the target contained in the acquisition or merger agreement to the extent failure of such representations and warranties to be true and correct permits the Borrower or relevant Affiliate thereof not to consummate the transactions contemplated thereby). (B) no Default or Event of Default (except in the case of any New Revolving Credit Commitments used concurrently with the initial provision of such commitment to finance any Investment permitted pursuant to Section 7.03(g), in which case no Event of Default under Sections 8.01(a), (f) and (g)) shall exist on such Revolving Credit Increase Effective Date before and after giving effect to such New Revolving Credit Commitments and (C) the Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall be in pro forma compliance with each of the covenants set forth in Section 7.11 as of the last day of the most recently ended fiscal quarter after giving effect to such New Revolving Credit Commitments (and assuming a drawing of Revolving Credit Loans hereunder has been made in the full amount of such New Revolving Credit Commitments). The Borrower shall deliver or cause to be delivered legal opinions which are similar to those delivered on the Closing Date pursuant to Section 4.01(a)(v) (or otherwise in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent) and any

other documents reasonably requested by Administrative Agent in connection with any such transaction.

(d) <u>Conflicting Provisions</u>. This Section shall supersede any provisions in <u>Section 2.12</u> or <u>11.01</u> to the contrary.

2.14 Defaulting Lenders.

(a) <u>Adjustments</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if any Revolving Credit Lender becomes a Defaulting Lender, then, until such time as such Revolving Credit Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, to the extent permitted by applicable Law:

(i) <u>Waivers and Amendments</u>. Such Defaulting Lender's right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent with respect to this Agreement shall be restricted as set forth in the definition of "Required Lenders" and <u>Section 11.01</u>.

Defaulting Lender Waterfall. Any payment of principal, interest, fees or other amounts received by the Administrative (ii) Agent for the account of such Defaulting Lender (whether voluntary or mandatory, at maturity, pursuant to Article VIII or otherwise) or received by the Administrative Agent from a Defaulting Lender pursuant to Section 11.08 shall be applied at such time or times as may be determined by the Administrative Agent as follows: first, to the payment of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent hereunder; second, to the payment on a pro rata basis of any amounts owing by such Defaulting Lender to the L/C Issuers; third, to Cash Collateralize each L/C Issuer's Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender in accordance with Section 2.03(g); fourth, as the Borrower may request (so long as no Default or Event of Default exists), to the funding of any Revolving Credit Loan in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has failed to fund its portion thereof as required by this Agreement, as determined by the Administrative Agent; fifth, if so determined by the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to be held in a deposit account and released pro rata in order to (x) satisfy such Defaulting Lender's potential future funding obligations with respect to Revolving Credit Loans under this Agreement and (y) Cash Collateralize each L/C Issuer's future Fronting Exposure with respect to such Defaulting Lender with respect to future Letters of Credit issued under this Agreement, in accordance with Section 2.03(g); sixth, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Revolving Credit Lenders or the L/C Issuers as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; seventh, so long as no Default or Event of Default exists, to the payment of any amounts owing to the Borrower as a result of any judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction obtained by the Borrower against such Defaulting Lender as a result of such Defaulting Lender's breach of its obligations under this Agreement; and eighth, to such Defaulting Lender or as otherwise directed by a court of competent jurisdiction; provided that if (x) such payment is a payment of the principal amount of any Revolving Credit Loans or L/C Borrowings in respect of which such Defaulting Lender has not fully funded its appropriate share and (y) such Revolving

Credit Loans were made or the related Letters of Credit were issued at a time when the conditions set forth in Section 4.02 were satisfied or waived, such payment shall be applied solely to pay the Revolving Credit Loans of, and L/C Obligations owed to, all Non-Defaulting Lenders on a pro rata basis prior to being applied to the payment of any Revolving Credit Loans of, or L/C Obligations owed to, such Defaulting Lender until such time as all Revolving Credit Loans and funded and unfunded participations in L/C Obligations are held by the Revolving Credit Lenders pro rata in accordance with the Revolving Credit Commitments hereunder without giving effect to Section 2.14(a)(iv). Any payments, prepayments or other amounts paid or payable to a Defaulting Lender that are applied (or held) to pay amounts owed by a Defaulting Lender or to post Cash Collateral pursuant to this Section 2.14(a)(ii) shall be deemed paid to and redirected by such Defaulting Lender, and each Revolving Credit Lender irrevocably consents hereto.

(iii) <u>Certain Fees</u>.

(A) No Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive any fee payable under <u>Section 2.08(a)</u> for any period during which such Revolving Credit Lender is a Defaulting Lender (and the Borrower shall not be required to pay any such fee that otherwise would have been required to have been paid to that Defaulting Lender).

(B) Each Defaulting Lender shall be entitled to receive Letter of Credit Fees for any period during which such Revolving Credit Lender is a Defaulting Lender only to the extent allocable to its Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage of the stated amount of Letters of Credit for which it has provided Cash Collateral pursuant to <u>Section 2.03(g)</u>.

(C) With respect to any Letter of Credit Fee not required to be paid to any Defaulting Lender pursuant to clause (A) or (B) above, the Borrower shall (x) pay to each Non-Defaulting Lender that portion of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender with respect to such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/C Obligations that has been reallocated to such Non-Defaulting Lender pursuant to clause (iv) below, (y) pay to each L/C Issuer the amount of any such fee otherwise payable to such Defaulting Lender to the extent allocable to such L/C Issuer's Fronting Exposure to such Defaulting Lender, and (z) not be required to pay the remaining amount of any such fee.

(iv) <u>Reallocation of Applicable Percentages to Reduce Fronting Exposure</u>. All or any part of such Defaulting Lender's participation in L/C Obligations shall be reallocated among the Non-Defaulting Lenders in accordance with their respective Applicable Revolving Credit Percentages (calculated without regard to such Defaulting Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment) but only to the extent that (x) the conditions set forth in <u>Section 4.02</u> are satisfied at the time of such reallocation (and, unless the Borrower shall have otherwise notified the Administrative Agent at such time, the Borrower shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that such conditions are satisfied at such time) and (y) such reallocation does not cause the aggregate Revolving Credit Exposure of any Non-Defaulting Lender to exceed such Non-Defaulting Lender's

Revolving Credit Commitment. No reallocation hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder against a Defaulting Lender arising from such Revolving Credit Lender having become a Defaulting Lender, including any claim of a Non-Defaulting Lender as a result of such Non-Defaulting Lender's increased exposure following such reallocation.

(b) Defaulting Lender Cure. If the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the L/C Issuers agree in writing that a Revolving Credit Lender is no longer a Defaulting Lender, the Administrative Agent will so notify the parties hereto, whereupon as of the effective date specified in such notice and subject to any conditions set forth therein (which may include arrangements with respect to any Cash Collateral), such Revolving Credit Lender will, to the extent applicable, purchase at par that portion of outstanding Revolving Credit Loans of the other Revolving Credit Lenders or take such other actions as the Administrative Agent may determine to be necessary to cause the Revolving Credit Loans and funded and unfunded participations in Letters of Credit to be held on a pro rata basis by the Revolving Credit Lenders in accordance with their Applicable Revolving Credit Percentages (without giving effect to <u>Section 2.14(a)(iv)</u>), whereupon such Revolving Credit Lender will cease to be a Defaulting Lender; <u>provided</u> that no adjustments will be made retroactively with respect to fees accrued or payments made by or on behalf of the Borrower while that Revolving Credit Lender was a Defaulting Lender; and <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that except to the extent otherwise expressly agreed by the affected parties, no change hereunder from Defaulting Lender to Non-Defaulting Lender will constitute a waiver or release of any claim of any party hereunder arising from such Revolving Credit Lender's having been a Defaulting Lender.

2.15 Extensions of Loans.

(a) The Borrower may from time to time, pursuant to the provisions of this Section 2.15, agree with one or more Revolving Credit Lenders holding Revolving Credit Loans and Revolving Credit Commitments of any Class ("<u>Existing Class</u>") to extend the maturity date and to provide for other terms consistent with this Section 2.15 (each such modification, an "<u>Extension</u>") pursuant to one or more written offers (each an "<u>Extension Offer</u>") made from time to time by the Borrower to all Revolving Credit Lenders under any Class that is proposed to be extended under this Section 2.15, in each case on a pro rata basis (based on the relative outstanding Revolving Credit Commitments of each Revolving Credit Lender in such Class) and on the same terms to each such Revolving Credit Lender. In connection with each Extension, the Borrower will provide notification to the Administrative Agent (for distribution to the Revolving Credit Lenders of the applicable Class), no later than 30 days prior to the maturity of the applicable Class or Classes to be extended of the requested new maturity date for the extended Revolving Credit Loans of each such Class (each an "<u>Extended Maturity Date</u>") and the due date for Revolving Credit Lender responses. In connection with any Extension, each Revolving Credit Lender of the applicable Class wishing to participate in such Extension shall, prior to such due date, provide the Administrative Agent with a written notice thereof in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent. Any Revolving Credit Lender that does not respond to an Extension Offer by the applicable due date shall be deemed to have rejected such Extension. In connection with any Extension, the Borrower shall agree to such procedures, if any, as may be reasonably established by, or acceptable to, the Administrative Agent to accomplish the purposes of this Section 2.15.

(b) After giving effect to any Extension, the Revolving Credit Commitments so extended shall cease to be a part of the Class that they were a part of immediately prior to the Extension and shall be a new Class hereunder; provided that at no time shall there be more than two different classes of Revolving Credit Commitments; provided further that, (i) all borrowings and all prepayments of Revolving Credit Loans shall continue to be made on a ratable basis among all Revolving Credit Lenders, based on the relative amounts of their Revolving Credit Commitments, until the repayment of the Revolving Credit Loans attributable to the non-extended Revolving Credit Commitments on the relevant Maturity Date, (ii) the allocation of the participation exposure with respect to any then-existing or subsequently issued or made Letter of Credit as between the Revolving Credit Commitments of such new "Class" and the remaining Revolving Credit Commitments shall be made on a ratable basis in accordance with the relative amounts thereof until the Maturity Date relating to such non-extended Revolving Credit Commitments has occurred, (iii) no termination of Extended Revolving Credit Commitments and no repayment of Extended Revolving Credit Loans accompanied by a corresponding permanent reduction in Extended Revolving Credit Commitments shall be permitted unless such termination or repayment (and corresponding reduction) is accompanied by at least a pro rata termination or permanent repayment (and corresponding pro rata permanent reduction), as applicable, of all other Classes of Revolving Credit Loans and Revolving Credit Commitments with an earlier Maturity Date (or all such Revolving Credit Commitments and related Revolving Credit Loans shall have otherwise been terminated and repaid in full) and (iv) with respect to Letters of Credit, the Maturity Date with respect to the Revolving Credit Commitments cannot be extended without the prior written consent of the L/C Issuers, and the availability of the L/C Commitments cannot be extended without the prior written consent of the applicable L/C Issuer. If the Outstanding Amount exceeds the Revolving Credit Commitment as a result of the occurrence of the Maturity Date with respect to any Class of Revolving Credit Commitments while an extended Class of Revolving Credit Commitments remains outstanding, the Borrower shall make such payments as are necessary in order to eliminate such excess on such Maturity Date.

(c) The consummation and effectiveness of each Extension shall be subject to the following both before and after giving effect thereto:

(i) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing at the time any Extension Offer is delivered to the Revolving Credit Lenders or at the time of such Extension;

(ii) the Revolving Credit Commitments of any Revolving Credit Lender extended pursuant to any Extension ("<u>Extended</u> <u>Revolving Credit Commitments</u>" and the loans thereunder, "<u>Extended Revolving Credit Loans</u>") shall have the same terms as the Class of Revolving Credit Commitments subject to the related Extension Amendment ("<u>Existing Revolving Credit Commitments</u>" and the loans thereunder, "<u>Existing</u> <u>Revolving Credit Loans</u>"); except (A) the final maturity date of any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments and Extended Revolving Credit Loans of a Class to be extended pursuant to an Extension shall be later than the Maturity Date of the Class of Existing Revolving Credit Commitments and Existing Revolving Credit Loans subject to the related Extension Amendment, and the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments and Extended Revolving Credit Loans of a

Class to be extended pursuant to an Extension shall be no shorter than the Weighted Average Life to Maturity of the Class of Existing Revolving Credit Commitments and Existing Revolving Credit Loans subject to the related Extension Amendment; (B) the all-in pricing (including, without limitation, with respect to margins, fees and premiums) with respect to the Extended Revolving Credit Commitments and Extended Revolving Credit Loans may be higher or lower than the all-in pricing (including, without limitation, margins, fees and premiums) for the Existing Revolving Credit Commitments and Existing Revolving Credit Loans; (C) the revolving credit commitment fee rate with respect to the Extended Revolving Credit Commitments may be higher or lower than the revolving credit commitment fee rate for Existing Revolving Credit Commitments; (D) no repayment of any Extended Revolving Credit Loans and no cancellation of any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments shall be permitted unless such repayment or cancellation, as applicable, is accompanied by an at least pro rata repayment or cancellation, as applicable, of all earlier maturing Revolving Credit Loans and Revolving Credit Commitments (including previously extended Revolving Credit Loans and Revolving Credit Commitments) (or all earlier maturing Revolving Credit Loans and Revolving Credit Commitments (including previously extended Revolving Credit Loans and Revolving Credit Commitments) shall otherwise be or have been terminated and repaid in full); (E) the Extended Revolving Credit Commitments may contain a "most favored nation" provision for the benefit of Revolving Credit Lenders holding Extended Revolving Credit Commitments; and (F) the other terms and conditions applicable to Extended Revolving Credit Commitments and Extended Revolving Credit Loans may be terms different than those with respect to the Existing Revolving Credit Commitments and Existing Revolving Credit Loans, so long as such terms and conditions only apply after the Latest Maturity Date in effect at the time of the Extension; provided further, each Extension Amendment may, without the consent of any Revolving Credit Lender other than the applicable extending Revolving Credit Lenders, effect such amendments to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary or appropriate, in the opinion of the Administrative Agent and the Borrower, to give effect to the provisions of this Section 2.15, including any amendments necessary to treat the applicable Revolving Credit Loans and/or Revolving Credit Commitments of the extending Revolving Credit Lenders as a new "Class" of loans and/or commitments hereunder; provided however, no Extension Amendment may provide for any Class of Extended Revolving Credit Commitments and Extended Revolving Credit Loans to be secured by any Collateral or other assets of any Loan Party that does not also secure the Existing Revolving Credit Commitments and Existing Revolving Credit Loans;

(iii) all documentation in respect of such Extension shall be consistent with the foregoing; and

(iv) a minimum amount in respect of such Extension (to be determined in the Borrower's discretion and specified in the relevant Extension Offer, but in no event less than \$25,000,000, unless another amount is agreed to by the Administrative Agent) shall be satisfied.

(d) For the avoidance of doubt, it is understood and agreed that the provisions of Section 2.12 and Section 11.01 will not apply to Extensions of Revolving Credit

Commitments and Revolving Credit Loans pursuant to Extension Offers made pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of this Section 2.15, including to any payment of interest or fees in respect of any Extended Revolving Credit Commitments and Extended Revolving Credit Loans that have been extended pursuant to an Extension at a rate or rates different from those paid or payable in respect of Revolving Credit Loans of any other Class, in each case as is set forth in the relevant Extension Offer.

(e) The Revolving Credit Lenders hereby irrevocably authorize the Administrative Agent to enter into amendments (collectively, "Extension Amendments") to this Agreement and the other Loan Documents as may be necessary in order to establish new Classes of Revolving Credit Commitments created pursuant to an Extension, in each case on terms consistent with this Section 2.15. Without limiting the foregoing, in connection with any Extension, (i) the appropriate Loan Parties shall (at their expense) amend (and the Administrative Agent is hereby directed to amend) any Loan Document that the Administrative Agent reasonably requests to be amended to reflect an Extension that has a maturity date prior to the latest Extended Maturity Date so that such maturity date is extended to the then latest Extended Maturity Date (or such later date as may be advised by counsel to the Administrative Agent) and (ii) the Borrower shall deliver board resolutions, secretary's certificates and officer's certificates as reasonably be requested by the Administrative Agent in connection therewith and a legal opinion of counsel reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent (i) as to the enforceability of such Extension Amendment and (ii) as to such other matters reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent.

(f) Promptly following the consummation and effectiveness of any Extension, the Borrower will furnish to the Administrative Agent (who shall promptly furnish to each Revolving Credit Lender) written notice setting forth the Extended Maturity Date and material economic terms of the Extension and the aggregate principal amount of each Class of Revolving Credit Loans and Revolving Credit Commitments after giving effect to the Extension and attaching a copy of the fully executed Extension Amendment.

ARTICLE III

TAXES, YIELD PROTECTION AND ILLEGALITY

3.01 <u>Taxes</u>. (a) <u>Payments Free of Taxes</u>; <u>Obligation to Withhold</u>; <u>Payments on Account of Taxes</u>. (i) Any and all payments by or on account of any obligation of the Borrower or any other Loan Party hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall to the extent permitted by applicable Laws be made free and clear of and without deduction or withholding for any Taxes. If, however, applicable Laws require the Borrower, any other Loan Party or the Administrative Agent to withhold or deduct any Tax, such Tax shall be withheld or deducted in accordance with such Laws as determined by the Borrower, such other Loan Party or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, upon the basis of the information and documentation to be delivered pursuant to subsection (e) below.

(ii) If the Borrower, any other Loan Party or the Administrative Agent shall be required by applicable Law to withhold or deduct any Taxes, including United States Federal withholding Taxes, from any payment under any Loan Document, then (A) it shall withhold or make such deductions as are determined by it to be required based



upon the information and documentation received pursuant to subsection (e) below, (B) it shall timely pay the full amount withheld or deducted to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable Law, and (C) to the extent that the withholding or deduction is made on account of Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes, the sum payable by the Borrower or other Loan Party, as the case may be, shall be increased as necessary so that after any required withholding or the making of all required deductions (including deductions applicable to additional sums payable under this Section) the Administrative Agent, Revolving Credit Lender or L/C Issuer, as the case may be, receives an amount equal to the sum it would have received had no such withholding or deduction been made.

(b) <u>Payment of Other Taxes by the Loan Parties</u>. Without limiting the provisions of subsection (a) above, the Loan Parties shall timely pay any Other Taxes to the relevant Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable law.

Tax Indemnifications. (i) Without limiting the provisions of subsection (a) or (b) above, the Loan Parties shall, and do hereby, (c) jointly indemnify the Administrative Agent, each Revolving Credit Lender and each L/C Issuer, and shall make payment in respect thereof within 10 days after written demand therefor, for the full amount of any Indemnified Taxes and Other Taxes (including Indemnified Taxes and Other Taxes imposed or asserted on or attributable to amounts payable under this Section) withheld or deducted by the Borrower, any other Loan Party or the Administrative Agent or paid by the Administrative Agent, such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, and any penalties, interest and reasonable expenses arising therefrom or with respect thereto, whether or not such Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes were correctly or legally imposed or asserted by the relevant Governmental Authority; provided that if the Loan Parties reasonably believe that such Taxes were not correctly or legally asserted, the Administrative Agent, such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as applicable, will use reasonable efforts to cooperate with the Loan Parties to obtain a refund of such Taxes so long as such efforts would not, in the sole good faith determination of the Administrative Agent, such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as applicable, result in any additional costs, expenses or risks or be otherwise disadvantageous to it; provided further that the Loan Parties shall not be required to compensate the Administrative Agent, any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer pursuant to this Section 3.01(c) for any interest and penalties that would not have arisen but for the failure of the Administrative Agent, such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as applicable, to furnish written notice of the applicable claim for Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes within 180 days after the date the Administrative Agent, such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer first receives written notice thereof. A certificate as to the amount of any such payment or liability delivered to the Borrower or any other Loan Party by a Revolving Credit Lender or an L/C Issuer (with a copy to the Administrative Agent), or by the Administrative Agent on its own behalf or on behalf of a Revolving Credit Lender or an L/C Issuer, shall be conclusive absent manifest error.

(ii) Without limiting the provisions of subsection (a), (b) or (c)(i) above, each Revolving Credit Lender and each L/C Issuer shall, and does hereby, indemnify the Administrative Agent, and shall make payment in respect thereof within 10 days after demand therefor, against any and all Taxes and any and all related losses, claims, liabilities, penalties, interest and expenses (including the fees, charges and

disbursements of any counsel for the Administrative Agent) incurred by or asserted against the Administrative Agent by any Governmental Authority as a result of the failure by such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, to deliver, or as a result of the inaccuracy, inadequacy or deficiency of, any documentation required to be delivered by such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, pursuant to this <u>Section 3.01</u>. Each Revolving Credit Lender and each L/C Issuer hereby authorizes the Administrative Agent to set off and apply any and all amounts at any time owing to such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, under this Agreement or any other Loan Document against any amount due to the Administrative Agent under this clause (ii). The agreements in this clause (ii) shall survive the resignation and/or replacement of the Administrative Agent, any assignment of rights by, or the replacement of, a Revolving Credit Lender or an L/C Issuer, the termination of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all other Obligations.

(d) <u>Evidence of Payments</u>. Upon request by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, after any payment of Taxes by the Borrower (or any other Loan Party) or the Administrative Agent to a Governmental Authority as provided in this <u>Section 3.01</u>, the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent or the Administrative Agent shall deliver to the Borrower, as the case may be, the original or a certified copy of a receipt issued by such Governmental Authority evidencing such payment, a copy of any return required by Laws to report such payment or other evidence of such payment reasonably satisfactory to the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be.

(e) <u>Status of Revolving Credit Lenders; Tax Documentation</u>. (i) Each Revolving Credit Lender and L/C Issuer shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, at the time or times prescribed by applicable Laws and reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, such properly completed and executed documentation prescribed by applicable Laws or by the taxing authorities of any jurisdiction and such other reasonably requested information as will permit the Loan Parties or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, to determine (A) whether or not payments made hereunder or under any other Loan Document are subject to Taxes, (B) if applicable, the required rate of withholding or deduction, and (C) such Revolving Credit Lender's or such L/C Issuer's entitlement to any available exemption from, or reduction of, applicable Taxes in respect of all payments to be made to it pursuant to the Loan Documents or otherwise to establish such Revolving Credit Lender's or such L/C Issuer's status for withholding Tax purposes in the applicable jurisdiction.

(ii) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing,

(A) any Revolving Credit Lender and L/C Issuer that is a U.S. Person shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, on or prior to the date it becomes a party to this Agreement, two accurate and complete originally executed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 (or successor form) or such other documentation or information prescribed by applicable Laws or reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as will enable the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, as the case may be, to establish an exemption from United States federal backup withholding; and

(B) each Foreign Revolving Credit Lender that is entitled under the Code or any applicable treaty to an exemption from or reduction of United States federal withholding tax with respect to payments hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, on or prior to the date on which such Foreign Revolving Credit Lender becomes a Revolving Credit Lender under this Agreement (and from time to time thereafter upon the request of the Borrower or the Administrative Agent, but only if such Foreign Revolving Credit Lender is legally entitled to do so), whichever of the following is applicable:

(I) two accurate and complete originally executed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or successor form) claiming eligibility for benefits of an income tax treaty to which the United States is a party,

(II) two accurate and complete originally executed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8ECI or W-8EXP (or successor form),

(III) two accurate and complete originally executed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8IMY (or successor form) and all required supporting documentation,

(IV) in the case of a Foreign Revolving Credit Lender claiming the benefits of the exemption for portfolio interest under section 881(c) of the Code, (x) a certificate to the effect that such Foreign Revolving Credit Lender is not (A) a "bank" within the meaning of section 881(c)(3)(A) of the Code, (B) a "10-percent shareholder" of the Borrower within the meaning of section 881(c)(3)(B) of the Code, or (C) a "controlled foreign corporation" described in section 881(c)(3)(C) of the Code and (y) two accurate and complete originally executed copies of Internal Revenue Service Form W-8BEN (or successor form), or

(V) executed originals of any other form prescribed by applicable Laws as a basis for claiming exemption from or a reduction in United States federal withholding tax together with such supplementary documentation as may be prescribed by applicable Laws to permit the Borrower or the Administrative Agent to determine the withholding or deduction required to be made.

(iii) Each Revolving Credit Lender shall promptly (A) update any form or certification previously delivered pursuant to this <u>Section 3.01(e)</u> that expires or becomes obsolete or inaccurate in any respect or notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent of any change in circumstances which would modify or render invalid any claimed exemption or reduction, and (B) take such steps as shall not be materially disadvantageous to it, in the reasonable judgment of such Revolving Credit Lender, and as may be reasonably necessary (including the re-designation of its Lending

Office) to avoid any requirement of applicable Laws of any jurisdiction that the Borrower or the Administrative Agent make any withholding or deduction for taxes from amounts payable to such Revolving Credit Lender.

(iv) If a payment made to a Revolving Credit Lender under any Loan Document would be subject to U.S. federal withholding Tax imposed by FATCA if such Revolving Credit Lender were to fail to comply with the applicable reporting requirements of FATCA (including those contained in Section 1471(b) or 1472(b) of the Code, as applicable), such Revolving Credit Lender shall deliver to the Borrower and the Administrative Agent at the time or times prescribed by Law and at such time or times reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent such documentation prescribed by applicable Law (including as prescribed by Section 1471(b)(3)(C)(i) of the Code) and such additional documentation reasonably requested by the Borrower or the Administrative Agent as may be necessary for the Borrower and the Administrative Agent to comply with their obligations under FATCA and to determine that such Revolving Credit Lender has complied with such Revolving Credit Lender's obligations under FATCA or to determine the amount to deduct and withhold from such payment. Solely for purposes of this <u>Section 3.01(e)(iv)</u>, "FATCA" shall include any amendments made to FATCA after the date of this Agreement.

Treatment of Certain Refunds. Unless required by applicable Laws, at no time shall the Administrative Agent have any (f) obligation to file for or otherwise pursue on behalf of a Revolving Credit Lender or an L/C Issuer, or have any obligation to pay to any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer, any refund of Taxes withheld or deducted from funds paid for the account of such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be. If the Administrative Agent, any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer determines, in its sole discretion, exercised in good faith, that it has received a refund of any Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes as to which it has been indemnified by the Borrower or with respect to which the Borrower has paid additional amounts pursuant to this Section, it shall pay to the Borrower an amount equal to such refund (but only to the extent of indemnity payments made, or additional amounts paid, by the Borrower under this Section with respect to the Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes giving rise to such refund), net of all outof-pocket expenses (including Taxes) incurred by the Administrative Agent, such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, and without interest (other than any interest paid by the relevant Governmental Authority with respect to such refund), provided that the Borrower, upon the request of the Administrative Agent, such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, agrees to repay the amount paid over to the Borrower (plus any penalties, interest or other charges imposed by the relevant Governmental Authority) to the Administrative Agent, such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer in the event the Administrative Agent, such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer is required to repay such refund to such Governmental Authority. This subsection shall not be construed to require the Administrative Agent, any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer to make available its Tax returns (or any other information relating to its Taxes that it deems confidential) to the Borrower or any other Person. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Section 3.01(f), in no event will the Administrative Agent, any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer be required to pay any amount to the Borrower pursuant to this Section 3.01(f) the payment of which would place the Administrative Agent, such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, in a less favorable net after-Tax position than it would have been

in if the Tax subject to indemnification (or with respect to which additional amounts were paid) and giving rise to such refund had not been deducted, withheld or otherwise imposed and the indemnification payments or additional amounts with respect to such Tax had never been paid.

3.02 <u>Illegality</u>. If any Revolving Credit Lender determines that any Law has made it unlawful, or that any Governmental Authority has asserted in writing that it is unlawful, for any Revolving Credit Lender or its applicable Lending Office to make, maintain or fund Eurodollar Rate Loans, or to determine or charge interest rates based upon the Eurodollar Rate, or any Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of such Revolving Credit Lender to purchase or sell, or to take deposits of, Dollars in the London interbank market, then, on written notice thereof by such Revolving Credit Lender to the Borrower through the Administrative Agent, any obligation of such Revolving Credit Lender to make or continue Eurodollar Rate Loans or to convert Base Rate Loans to Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be suspended until such Revolving Credit Lender notifies the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that the circumstances giving rise to such determination no longer exist. Upon receipt of such written notice, the Borrower shall, upon demand from such Revolving Credit Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) convert all Eurodollar Rate Loans of such Revolving Credit Lender to Base Rate Loans, either on the last day of the Interest Period therefor, if such Revolving Credit Lender may lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Rate Loans to such day, or immediately, if such Revolving Credit Lender may not lawfully continue to maintain such Eurodollar Rate Loans. Upon any such conversion, the Borrower shall also pay accrued interest on the amount so prepaid or converted.

3.03 Inability to Determine Rates. If in connection with any request for a Eurodollar Rate Loan or a conversion to or continuation thereof, (a) the Administrative Agent determines that (i) Dollar deposits are not being offered to banks in the London interbank eurodollar market for the applicable amount and Interest Period of such Eurodollar Rate Loan, or (ii) adequate and reasonable means do not exist for determining the Eurodollar Rate for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed Eurodollar Rate Loan (in each case with respect to clause (a) above, "Impacted Loans"), or (b) the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders determine that for any reason the Eurodollar Rate for any requested Interest Period with respect to a proposed Eurodollar Rate Loan (credit Lenders of funding such Revolving Credit Loan, the Administrative Agent will promptly so notify in writing the Borrower and each Revolving Credit Lender. Thereafter, (x) the obligation of the Revolving Credit Lenders to make or maintain Eurodollar Rate Loans shall be suspended (to the extent of the affected Eurodollar Rate Loans or Interest Periods) and (y) in the event of a determination described in the preceding sentence with respect to the Eurodollar Rate component of the Base Rate, the utilization of the Required Lenders) revokes such notice. Upon receipt of such notice, the Borrower may revoke any pending request for a Revolving Credit Borrowing of, conversion to or continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans (to the extent of the affected Eurodollar Rate Loans) or, failing that, will be deemed to have converted such request into a request for a Revolving Credit Borrowing of Base Rate Loans in the amount specified therein.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Administrative Agent has made the determination described in clause (a) of the first sentence of this section, the Administrative Agent, in

consultation with the Borrower and the affected Revolving Credit Lenders, may establish an alternative interest rate for the Impacted Loans, in which case, such alternative rate of interest shall apply with respect to the Impacted Loans until (1) the Administrative Agent revokes the notice delivered with respect to the Impacted Loans under clause (a) of the first sentence of this section, (2) the Administrative Agent or the Required Lenders notify the Administrative Agent and the Borrower that such alternative interest rate does not adequately and fairly reflect the cost to such Revolving Credit Lenders of funding the Impacted Loans, or (3) any Revolving Credit Lender determines that any Law has made it unlawful, or that any Governmental Authority has asserted that it is unlawful, for such Revolving Credit Lender or its applicable Lending Office to make, maintain or fund Revolving Credit Loans whose interest is determined by reference to such alternative rate of interest or to determine or charge interest rates based upon such rate or any Governmental Authority has imposed material restrictions on the authority of such Revolving Credit Lender to do any of the foregoing and provides the Administrative Agent and the Borrower written notice thereof; provided that nothing in this paragraph shall affect any right that the Borrower may otherwise have to revoke any pending request for a Revolving Credit Borrowing of Base Rate Loans in the amount specified therein, in each case in accordance with and subject to the terms of this Agreement, it being understood and agreed that the Administrative Agent may not establish an alternative interest rate pursuant to this <u>Section 3.03</u>.

3.04 Increased Costs; Reserves on Eurodollar Rate Loans. (a) Increased Costs Generally. If any Change in Law shall:

(i) impose, modify or deem applicable any reserve, special deposit, compulsory loan, insurance charge or similar requirement against assets of, deposits with or for the account of, or credit extended or participated in by, any Revolving Credit Lender (except any reserve requirement contemplated by <u>Section 3.04(e)</u>) or any L/C Issuer;

(ii) subject any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer to any Tax of any kind whatsoever with respect to this Agreement, any Letter of Credit, any participation in a Letter of Credit or any Eurodollar Rate Loan made by it, or change the basis of taxation of payments to such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer in respect thereof (except for Indemnified Taxes or Other Taxes covered by <u>Section 3.01</u> and the imposition of, or any change in the rate of, any Excluded Tax payable by such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer); or

(iii) impose on any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer or the London interbank market any other condition, cost or expense affecting this Agreement or Eurodollar Rate Loans made by such Revolving Credit Lender or any Letter of Credit or participation therein;

and the result of any of the foregoing shall be to increase the cost to such Revolving Credit Lender of making or maintaining any Eurodollar Rate Loan (or of maintaining its obligation to

make any such Revolving Credit Loan), or to increase the cost to such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer of participating in, issuing or maintaining any Letter of Credit (or of maintaining its obligation to participate in or to issue any Letter of Credit), or to reduce the amount of any sum received or receivable by such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer hereunder (whether of principal, interest or any other amount) then, upon request of such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, the Borrower will pay to such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, such additional amount or amounts as will compensate such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, for such additional costs incurred or reduction suffered.

(b) <u>Capital Requirements</u>. If any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer determines that any Change in Law affecting such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer or any Lending Office of such Revolving Credit Lender or such Revolving Credit Lender's or such L/C Issuer's holding company, if any, regarding capital requirements has or would have the effect of reducing the rate of return on such Revolving Credit Lender's or such L/C Issuer's capital or on the capital of such Revolving Credit Lender's or such L/C Issuer's holding company, if any, as a consequence of this Agreement, the Revolving Credit Commitments of such Revolving Credit Lender or the Revolving Credit Loans made by, or participations in Letters of Credit held by, such Revolving Credit Lender, or the Letters of Credit issued by such L/C Issuer, to a level below that which such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer or such Revolving Credit Lender's or such L/C Issuer's holding company could have achieved but for such Change in Law (taking into consideration such Revolving Credit Lender's or such L/C Issuer's policies and the policies of such Revolving Credit Lender's or such L/C Issuer's holding company with respect to capital adequacy), then from time to time the Borrower will pay to such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer's holding amount or amounts as will compensate such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer's holding company for any such reduction suffered.

(c) <u>Certificates for Reimbursement</u>. A certificate of a Revolving Credit Lender or an L/C Issuer setting forth the amount or amounts necessary to compensate such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer or its holding company, as the case may be, and describing in reasonable detail the calculation thereof, and providing reasonable documentation to support the request as specified in subsection (a), (b) or (e) of this Section and delivered to the Borrower shall be conclusive absent manifest error. The Borrower shall pay such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, the amount shown as due on any such certificate within 30 days after receipt thereof.

(d) <u>Delay in Requests</u>. Failure or delay on the part of any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer to demand compensation pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section shall not constitute a waiver of such Revolving Credit Lender's or such L/C Issuer's right to demand such compensation, <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall not be required to compensate a Revolving Credit Lender or an L/C Issuer pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section for any increased costs incurred or reductions suffered more than nine months prior to the date that such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, notifies the Borrower of the Change in Law giving rise to such increased costs or reductions is retroactive, then the

nine-month period referred to above shall be extended to include the period of retroactive effect thereof).

(e) <u>Reserves on Eurodollar Rate Loans</u>. The Borrower shall pay to each Revolving Credit Lender, as long as such Revolving Credit Lender shall be required to maintain reserves with respect to liabilities or assets consisting of or including Eurocurrency funds or deposits (currently known as "Eurocurrency liabilities"), additional interest on the unpaid principal amount of each Eurodollar Rate Loan equal to the actual costs of such reserves allocated to such Revolving Credit Loan by such Revolving Credit Lender (as determined by such Revolving Credit Lender in good faith, which determination shall be conclusive), which shall be due and payable on each date on which interest is payable on such Revolving Credit Loan, <u>provided</u> the Borrower shall have received at least 30 days' prior notice (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) of such additional interest from such Revolving Credit Lender. If a Revolving Credit Lender fails to give notice 10 days prior to the relevant Interest Payment Date, such additional interest shall be due and payable 10 days from receipt of such notice.

3.05 <u>Compensation for Losses</u>. Upon written demand of any Revolving Credit Lender (with a copy to the Administrative Agent) from time to time, the Borrower shall promptly compensate such Revolving Credit Lender for and hold such Revolving Credit Lender harmless from any loss, cost or expense incurred by it as a result of:

(a) any continuation, conversion, payment or prepayment of any Revolving Credit Loan other than a Base Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period for such Revolving Credit Loan (whether voluntary, mandatory, automatic, by reason of acceleration, or otherwise);

(b) any failure by the Borrower (for a reason other than the failure of such Revolving Credit Lender to make a Revolving Credit Loan) to prepay, borrow, continue or convert any Revolving Credit Loan other than a Base Rate Loan on the date or in the amount notified by the Borrower; or

(c) any assignment of a Eurodollar Rate Loan on a day other than the last day of the Interest Period therefor as a result of a request by the Borrower pursuant to Section 11.13;

including any loss of anticipated profits and any loss or expense arising from the liquidation or reemployment of funds obtained by it to maintain such Revolving Credit Loan or from fees payable to terminate the deposits from which such funds were obtained. The Borrower shall also pay any customary administrative fees charged by such Revolving Credit Lender in connection with the foregoing.

For purposes of calculating amounts payable by the Borrower to the Revolving Credit Lenders under this <u>Section 3.05</u>, each Revolving Credit Lender shall be deemed to have funded each Eurodollar Rate Loan made by it at the Eurodollar Rate for such Revolving Credit Loan by a matching deposit or other borrowing in the London interbank eurodollar market for a comparable amount and for a comparable period, whether or not such Eurodollar Rate Loan was in fact so funded.

3.06 <u>Mitigation Obligations; Replacement of Revolving Credit Lenders</u>. (a) If any Revolving Credit Lender requests compensation under Section 3.04, or the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Revolving Credit Lender, any L/C Issuer, or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u>, or if any Revolving Credit Lender gives a written notice pursuant to <u>Section 3.02</u>, then such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer shall, as applicable, use reasonable efforts (which shall not require such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer to incur an unreimbursed loss or unreimbursed cost or expense or otherwise take any action inconsistent with its internal policies or legal or regulatory restrictions or suffer any disadvantage or burden reasonably deemed by it to be significant) to mitigate or reduce the additional amounts payable, which reasonable efforts may include designating a different Lending Office for funding or booking its Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, such change or other measure (i) would eliminate or reduce amounts payable pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u> or <u>3.04</u>, as the case may be, in the future, or eliminate the need for the notice pursuant to <u>Section 3.02</u>, as applicable, and (ii) in each case, would not subject such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as the case may be, to any unreimbursed cost or expense and would not otherwise be disadvantageous to such Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer in connection with any such designation or assignment.

(b) <u>Replacement of Revolving Credit Lenders</u>. If any Revolving Credit Lender requests compensation under <u>Section 3.04</u>, or if the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Revolving Credit Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Revolving Credit Lender pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u>, the Borrower may replace such Revolving Credit Lender in accordance with <u>Section 11.13</u>.

3.07 <u>Survival</u>. All of the Loan Parties' obligations and all of the Revolving Credit Lenders', L/C Issuers' and Administrative Agent's obligations under this <u>Article III</u> shall survive termination of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Commitments, repayment of all other Obligations hereunder, any assignment of rights by (or the replacement of) a Revolving Credit Lender and resignation of the Administrative Agent.

ARTICLE IV CONDITIONS PRECEDENT TO CREDIT EXTENSIONS

4.01 <u>Conditions of Initial Credit Extension</u>. The effectiveness of this Agreement and the obligation of each L/C Issuer and each Revolving Credit Lender to make its initial Credit Extension hereunder is subject to satisfaction or waiver in accordance with <u>Section 11.01</u> of the following conditions precedent, in addition to each of the conditions set forth in <u>Section 4.02</u>, on or prior to July 22, 2013:

(a) The Administrative Agent's receipt of the following, each of which shall be originals or electronically transmitted copies of originals (followed as soon as reasonably practicable by originals) unless otherwise specified, each properly executed by a Responsible Officer of the signing Loan Party, each dated the Closing Date (or, in the case of certificates of

governmental officials, a recent date before the Closing Date) and each in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and each of the Revolving Credit Lenders:

- (i) executed counterparts of this Agreement;
- (ii) a Revolving Credit Note executed by the Borrower in favor of each Revolving Credit Lender requesting a Revolving Credit Note;

(iii) a pledge and security agreement, in substantially the form of Exhibit E (the "Security Agreement"), duly executed by each Loan Party, together with:

(A) certificates representing the Pledged Equity referred to therein accompanied by undated stock or other transfer powers executed in blank and instruments evidencing the Pledged Debt endorsed in blank,

(B) proper financing statements in form appropriate for filing under the Uniform Commercial Code of all jurisdictions required to perfect the Liens created under the Security Agreement, covering the Collateral described in the Security Agreement,

(C) completed results of a search of the UCC filings made with respect to the Persons in the jurisdictions contemplated by the Collateral Questionnaire, dated on or before the Closing Date, listing all effective financing statements that name any Loan Party as debtor disclosed by such search and evidence reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent that the Liens indicated by such financing statements are permitted by <u>Section 7.01</u> or have been or will be contemporaneously released or terminated, and

(D) evidence of the completion of all other actions, recordings and filings of or with respect to the Security Agreement required to perfect (subject to Section 4.7(b) of the Security Agreement, in the case of IP Rights) the Liens created under the Security Agreement (including receipt of duly executed payoff letters and UCC-3 termination statements);

(iv) (A) a certificate of the secretary or assistant secretary of each Loan Party dated the Closing Date, certifying (I) that attached thereto is a true and complete copy of each Organization Document of such Loan Party certified (to the extent applicable) as of a recent date by the Secretary of State (or equivalent Governmental Authority) of the state or jurisdiction of its organization, and a certificate as to the good standing of each Loan Party and each Company Group Party as of a recent date, from such Secretary of State, (II) that attached thereto is a true and complete copy of resolutions duly authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of the Loan Documents to which such person is a party, (III) as to the incumbency and specimen signature of each officer executing any Loan Document, and (B) a certificate of another Responsible Officer as to the incumbency and specimen signature of the secretary or assistant secretary executing the certificate pursuant to clause (A) above;

(v) (A) a favorable opinion of (1) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, counsel to the Loan Parties, (2) King & Spalding LLP, special regulatory counsel to the Loan Parties, (3) Murtha Cullina LLP, special regulatory counsel to the Loan Parties, (4) Nossaman LLP, special regulatory counsel to the Loan Parties, (3) Cozen O'Connor LLP, special regulatory counsel to the Loan Parties and (B) an in-house counsel's certificate, in each case addressed to the Administrative Agent and each Revolving Credit Lender, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent;

(vi) a certificate signed by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower certifying (A) that the conditions specified in <u>Sections</u> <u>4.02(a)</u> and (b) have been satisfied and (B) that there has been no event or circumstance since the date of the Audited Financial Statements that has had or could be reasonably expected to have, either individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect;

(vii) the Closing Date Projections (which shall be deemed satisfied by the delivery to the Administrative Agent of the Form S-1 filed by Parent in connection with the IPO);

(viii) certificates attesting to the Solvency of the Loan Parties, taken as a whole after giving effect to the Transaction, from the chief financial officer of Holdings;

(ix) certified copies of each of the Contribution Documents, duly executed by the parties thereto, together with all agreements, instruments and other documents delivered in connection therewith for purposes of consummating the Contribution; and

(x) a completed Collateral Questionnaire dated the Closing Date and executed by a Responsible Officer of each Loan Party, together with all attachments contemplated thereby.

(b) (i) All fees required to be paid to the Administrative Agent and the Arrangers on or before the Closing Date shall have been paid and (ii) all fees required to be paid to the Revolving Credit Lenders on or before the Closing Date, including pursuant to the Engagement Letter, shall have been paid.

(c) The Borrower shall have paid all reasonable and documented fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the Administrative Agent directly to such counsel to the extent invoiced within two Business Days prior to the Closing Date.

(d) The Contribution shall have been consummated in accordance with the terms described in the Contribution Documents.

(e) At least 3 Business Days prior to the Closing Date, the Revolving Credit Lenders shall have received all documentation and other information required by bank regulatory authorities under applicable "know-your-customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law

October 26, 2001) the "PATRIOT Act" that has been requested at least ten (10) days prior to the Closing Date.

(f) The Administrative Agent and the Arrangers shall have received from Parent (i) the Audited Financial Statements referred to in Section 5.05(a) and the unaudited financial statements referred to in Section 5.05(b) and (ii) the pro forma consolidated and consolidating balance sheets of Parent and its Subsidiaries referred to in Section 5.05(d), which pro forma financial statements shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Arrangers.

(g) No event, circumstance or change shall have occurred since the date of the Audited Financial Statements that has resulted, or could reasonably be expected to result in, either in any case or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect or a material adverse change in, or material adverse effect upon, the operations, business, properties, liabilities or financial condition of the Project Companies taken as a whole.

(h) The IPO shall have been consummated.

Without limiting the generality of the provisions of clause (f) of <u>Section 9.03</u>, for purposes of determining compliance with the conditions specified in this <u>Section 4.01</u>, each Revolving Credit Lender that has signed this Agreement shall be deemed to have consented to, approved or accepted, or to be satisfied with, each document or other matter required thereunder to be consented to or approved by or acceptable or satisfactory to a Revolving Credit Lender unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice from such Revolving Credit Lender prior to the proposed Closing Date specifying its objection thereto.

4.02 <u>Conditions to all Credit Extensions</u>. The obligation of each Revolving Credit Lender to honor any Request for Credit Extension (other than a Committed Loan Notice requesting only a conversion of Revolving Credit Loans to the other Type, or a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans) is subject to the following conditions precedent:

(a) The representations and warranties of the Loan Parties contained in <u>Article V</u> or any other Loan Document, or which are contained in any document furnished at any time under or in connection herewith or therewith, shall be true and correct in all material respects (except to the extent any such representation and warranty itself is qualified by "materiality", "Material Adverse Effect" or any similar qualifier, in which case, it shall be true and correct in all respects) on and as of the date of such Credit Extension (except as may otherwise be limited in connection with a New Revolving Credit Commitment pursuant to Section 2.13(c)), except to the extent that such representations and warranties specifically refer to an earlier date, in which case they shall be true and correct as of such earlier date, and except that for purposes of this <u>Section 4.02</u>, the representations and warranties contained in <u>Sections 5.05(a)</u> and (b) shall be deemed to refer to the most recent statements furnished pursuant to <u>Sections 6.01(a)</u> and (b), respectively.

(b) No Default shall exist, or would result from such proposed Credit Extension or from the application of the proceeds thereof (except as may otherwise be limited in connection with a New Revolving Credit Commitment pursuant to Section 2.13(c)).

(c) The Administrative Agent and, if applicable, the applicable L/C Issuer shall have received a Request for Credit Extension in accordance with the requirements hereof.

Each Request for Credit Extension (other than a Committed Loan Notice requesting only a conversion of Revolving Credit Loans to the other Type or a continuation of Eurodollar Rate Loans) submitted by the Borrower shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty that the conditions specified in <u>Sections 4.02(a)</u> and <u>(b)</u> have been satisfied on and as of the date of the applicable Credit Extension.

ARTICLE V REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

Each of Holdings and the Borrower represents and warrants to the Administrative Agent and the Revolving Credit Lenders that:

5.01 Existence, Qualification and Power. Each Loan Party and each of their respective Subsidiaries (a) is duly organized or formed, validly existing and, as applicable, in good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, (b) has all requisite power and authority and all requisite governmental licenses, authorizations, consents and approvals to (i) own or lease its assets and carry on its business and (ii) execute, deliver and perform its obligations under the Loan Documents to which it is a party and consummate the Transaction, and (c) is duly qualified and is licensed and, as applicable, in good standing under the Laws of each jurisdiction where its ownership, lease or operation of properties or the conduct of its business requires such qualification or license; except in each case referred to in clause (b)(i) or (c), to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.02 <u>Authorization; No Contravention</u>. The execution, delivery and performance by each Loan Party of each Loan Document to which such Person is or is to be a party have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other organizational action, and do not and will not (a) contravene the terms of any of such Person's Organization Documents; (b) conflict with or result in any breach or contravention of, or the creation of any Lien under, or require any payment to be made under (i) any Contractual Obligation to which such Person is a party or affecting such Person or the properties of such Person or any of its Subsidiaries, or (ii) any order, injunction, writ or decree of any Governmental Authority or any arbitral award to which such Person or its property is subject; or (c) violate any Law.

5.03 <u>Governmental Authorization</u>. No approval, consent, exemption, authorization, or other action by, or notice to, or filing with, any Governmental Authority or any other Person is necessary or required in connection with (a) the execution, delivery or performance by, or enforcement against, any Loan Party of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or for the consummation of the Transaction, (b) the grant by any Loan Party of the Liens granted by it pursuant to the Collateral Documents, (c) the perfection (subject to Section 4.7(b) of the Security Agreement in the case of IP Rights) or maintenance of the Liens created under the Collateral Documents (including the first priority nature thereof) or (d) the exercise by the Administrative Agent or any Revolving Credit Lender of its rights under the Loan Documents or the remedies in respect of the Collateral pursuant to the Collateral Documents, except for (i) the authorizations,

approvals, actions, notices and filings listed on Schedule 5.03, which will be sought, (ii) any immaterial actions, consents, approvals, registrations or filings, (iii) any additional filings in connection with any IP Rights acquired after the date hereof, and (iv) approvals, consents, exemptions, authorizations, or other actions by, or notices to, or filings with, FERC or state regulatory authorities under the FPA or state laws respecting the rates of, or the financial or organizational regulation of, public utilities that may be required in connection with the exercise of certain foreclosure remedies allowed under the Loan Documents. All applicable waiting periods in connection with the Transaction have expired without any action having been taken by any Governmental Authority restraining, preventing or imposing materially adverse conditions upon the Transaction or the rights of the Loan Parties freely to transfer or otherwise dispose of, or to create any Lien on, any properties now owned or hereafter acquired by any of them.

5.04 <u>Binding Effect</u>. This Agreement has been, and each other Loan Document, when delivered hereunder, will have been, duly executed and delivered by each Loan Party that is party thereto. This Agreement constitutes, and each other Loan Document when so delivered will constitute, a legal, valid and binding obligation of such Loan Party, enforceable against each Loan Party that is party thereto in accordance with its terms, except as the enforceability hereof or thereof may be limited by (a) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer or other laws now or hereafter in effect relating to creditors' rights generally (including specific performance) and (b) general equitable principles (whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law), and to the discretion of the court before which any proceeding may be brought.

5.05 <u>Financial Statements; No Material Adverse Effect</u>. (a) The Audited Financial Statements (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein; and (ii) fairly present, in all material respects, the financial condition of Parent and its Subsidiaries as of the date thereof and their results of operations for the period covered thereby in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein;

(b) The unaudited consolidated and consolidating balance sheets of Parent and its Subsidiaries dated March 31, 2013, and the related consolidated and consolidating statements of income or operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows for the fiscal quarter ended on that date (i) were prepared in accordance with GAAP consistently applied throughout the period covered thereby, except as otherwise expressly noted therein, and (ii) fairly present, in all material respects, the financial condition of Parent and its Subsidiaries as of the date thereof and their results of operations for the period covered thereby, subject, in the case of clauses (i) and (ii), to the absence of footnotes and to normal year-end audit adjustments.

(c) Since the date of the Audited Financial Statements, there has been no event or circumstance, either individually or in the aggregate, that has had or could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(d) The consolidated and consolidating pro forma balance sheets of Parent and its Subsidiaries as at the Closing Date, and the related consolidated and consolidating pro forma statements of income and cash flows of Parent and its Subsidiaries for the twelve months then ended, certified by the chief financial officer or treasurer of Parent, fairly present, in all material respects, the consolidated and consolidating pro forma financial condition of Parent and its

Subsidiaries as at such date and the consolidated and consolidating pro forma results of operations of Parent and its Subsidiaries for the period ended on such date, in each case giving effect to the Transaction, all in accordance with GAAP.

(e) The Projections were prepared in good faith upon accounting principles consistent with the Audited Financial Statements and upon assumptions that are reasonable at the time made and at the time the related Projections are made available to the Administrative Agent and the Arrangers, it being understood that the Projections are not to be viewed as facts and are subject to significant uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond the Borrower's control (and that may be material) and that no assurance can be given that any Projection will be realized.

5.06 <u>Litigation</u>. There are no actions, suits, proceedings, claims or disputes pending or, to the knowledge of the Loan Parties, threatened in writing, at law, in equity, in arbitration or before any Governmental Authority, by or against any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries or against any of their properties or revenues that (a) purport to affect or pertain to this Agreement, any other Loan Document or the consummation of the Transaction or (b) except as specifically disclosed in <u>Schedule 5.06</u> (the "<u>Disclosed Litigation</u>"), either individually or in the aggregate, if there is a reasonable possibility of an adverse determination and if determined adversely, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.07 <u>No Default</u>. No Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from the consummation of the Transactions.

5.08 <u>Ownership of Properties</u>. Each Loan Party and each of their respective Subsidiaries has good record and marketable title in all property used in the ordinary conduct of its business, except as could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.09 Environmental Compliance.

(a) Each Loan Party and their respective Subsidiaries is in compliance in all material respects with the requirements of all Environmental Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its material properties under Environmental Law, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Environmental Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted or (b) the failure to comply therewith, either individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Each of the Loan Parties and their respective Subsidiaries conduct in the ordinary course of business a review of the effect of existing Environmental Laws and claims alleging potential liability or responsibility for violation of any Environmental Law on their respective businesses, operations and properties, and as a result thereof the Borrower has reasonably concluded that such Environmental Laws and claims could not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) (i) None of the properties currently or formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries is listed or proposed for listing on the NPL or



on the CERCLIS or any analogous foreign, state or local list or is adjacent to any such property; (ii) there are no and never have been any underground or above-ground storage tanks or any surface impoundments, septic tanks, pits, sumps or lagoons in which Hazardous Materials are being or have been treated, stored or disposed on any property currently owned or operated by any Loan Party, any of their respective Subsidiaries or, to the knowledge of the Loan Parties, on any property formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries; (iii) there is no asbestos or asbestos-containing material on any property currently owned or operated by any Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries; and (iv) Hazardous Materials have not been released, discharged or disposed of on any property currently or formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries; and (iv) Hazardous Materials have not been released, discharged or disposed of on any property currently or formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries; and (iv) Hazardous Materials have not been released, discharged or disposed of on any property currently or formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries that in each case referred to in clauses (i) through (iv) above individually or in the aggregate has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect.

(d) Neither any Loan Party nor any of its Subsidiaries is undertaking, and has not completed, either individually or together with other potentially responsible parties, any investigation or assessment or remedial or response action relating to any actual or threatened release, discharge or disposal of Hazardous Materials at any site, location or operation, either voluntarily or pursuant to the order of any Governmental Authority or the requirements of any Environmental Law, in each case that individually or in the aggregate has had, or could reasonably be expected to have, a Material Adverse Effect; and all Hazardous Materials generated, used, treated, handled or stored at, or transported to or from, any property currently or formerly owned or operated by any Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries have been disposed of in a manner not reasonably expected to result in liability to any Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(e) There are no actions, suits, proceedings, claims or disputes pending or, to the knowledge of the Loan Parties, threatened in writing, at law, in equity, in arbitration or before any Governmental Authority under any Environmental Law, by or against any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries or against any of their properties, either individually or in the aggregate, in respect of which there is a reasonable possibility of an adverse determination and which, if determined adversely, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Notwithstanding anything set forth in this Agreement or any other Loan Document to the contrary, the representations and warranties set forth in this <u>Section 5.09</u>, are the sole representations and warranties in any Loan Document with respect to environmental matters, including those relating to Environmental Laws or Hazardous Materials.

5.10 <u>Insurance</u>. The properties of the Loan Parties and their respective Subsidiaries are insured with financially sound and reputable insurance companies not Affiliates of the Borrower, in such amounts, with such deductibles and covering such risks as are customarily carried by companies engaged in similar businesses and owning similar properties in localities where the Loan Party or its applicable Subsidiary operates.

5.11 <u>Taxes</u>. Except as would not, either individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, the Loan Parties and each of their respective Subsidiaries have filed all Federal, state and other Tax returns and reports required to be filed,

and have paid all Federal, state and other Taxes levied or imposed upon them or their properties, income or assets otherwise due and payable, except those which are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and for which adequate reserves have been provided in accordance with GAAP. There is no proposed Tax assessment against the Loan Parties or any of their Subsidiaries that would, if made, have a Material Adverse Effect. Neither any Loan Party nor any Subsidiary thereof is party to any Tax sharing agreement. No Tax liability with respect to any of the Loan Parties or their respective Subsidiaries could reasonably be expected to result in, either in any case or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect.

5.12 <u>ERISA Compliance</u>. (a) Except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect: (i) each Plan is in compliance with the applicable provisions of ERISA, the Code and other Federal or state Laws; (ii) each Plan that is intended to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code has received a favorable determination letter from the IRS or an application for such a letter is currently being processed by the IRS with respect thereto and, to the knowledge of the Borrower, nothing has occurred which would prevent, or cause the loss of, such qualification; and (iii) the Borrower and each ERISA Affiliate have made all required contributions to each Plan subject to Section 412 of the Code.

(b) There are no pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened claims, actions or lawsuits, or action by any Governmental Authority, with respect to any Plan that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. There has been no prohibited transaction or violation of the fiduciary responsibility rules with respect to any Plan that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect.

(c) Except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect: (i) no ERISA Event has occurred or is reasonably expected to occur; (ii) neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred, or reasonably expects to incur, any liability under Title IV of ERISA with respect to any Pension Plan (other than premiums due and not delinquent under Section 4007 of ERISA); (iii) neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has incurred any liability that remains outstanding (and no event has occurred which, with the giving of notice under Section 4219 of ERISA, would result in such liability) under Section 4201 of ERISA with respect to a Multiemployer Plan; and (iv) neither the Borrower nor any ERISA Affiliate has engaged in a transaction that could reasonably be expected to be subject to Section 4069 or 4212(c) of ERISA.

5.13 Subsidiaries; Equity Interests; Loan Parties; Project Companies. As of the Closing Date no Loan Party has any Subsidiaries other than those specifically disclosed in Part (a) of <u>Schedule 5.13</u>, and all of the outstanding Equity Interests in such Subsidiaries have been validly issued, are fully paid and to the extent constituting shares in a corporation, if any, non-assessable and are owned by a Loan Party in the amounts specified on Part (a) of <u>Schedule 5.13</u>, in the case of Pledged Equity, free and clear of all Liens except Permitted Prior Liens. As of the Closing Date no Loan Party has any equity investments in any other Person other than those specifically disclosed in Part (b) of <u>Schedule 5.13</u>. All of the outstanding Equity Interests in the Borrower have been validly issued, are fully paid and are owned by Holdings in the amounts specified on Part (c) of <u>Schedule 5.13</u> free and clear of all Liens (other than Liens set forth in Sections 7.01(a) and (c)) except those created under the Collateral Documents. Set forth on Part (d) of <u>Schedule 5.13</u> is a complete and accurate list of all Loan Parties, showing as of the Closing

Date its jurisdiction of its incorporation, the address of its principal place of business and its U.S. taxpayer identification number.

As of the Closing Date, each entity listed on Part (e) of Schedule 5.13 (other than the Kennedy Project Companies) is subject to the applicable terms of and any applicable covenants contained in (which shall, at a minimum, include limitations on debt and liens of such entities) Project-Level Indebtedness binding on such Person.

5.14 <u>Margin Regulations; Investment Company Act</u>. (a) Neither Holdings nor the Borrower is engaged and will not engage, principally or as one of its important activities, in the business of purchasing or carrying margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U issued by the FRB), or extending credit for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock. No portion of the proceeds of any Credit Extension shall be used in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, that causes or could reasonably be expected to cause, such Credit Extension or the application of such proceeds to violate Regulation T, Regulation U or Regulation X of the Board of Governors or any other regulation thereof or to violate the Exchange Act.

(b) None of Holdings or the Borrower, any Person Controlling Holdings or the Borrower, or any of the Borrower's Subsidiaries is or is required to be registered as an "investment company" under the Investment Company Act of 1940.

5.15 <u>Disclosure</u>. Neither this Agreement nor any other document, certificate or written statement, in each case concerning any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof (expressly excluding projections and other forward-looking statements and, to the extent not prepared by Parent or its Subsidiaries, general market data and information of a general economic or industry specific nature), furnished to the Administrative Agent by or on behalf of any Loan Party in connection herewith contains, as of the date prepared and taken as a whole, any untrue statement of a material fact or omits to state any material fact necessary in order to make the statements contained herein and therein not materially misleading, in light of the circumstances under which they were made; <u>provided</u> that, to the extent any such other document, certificate or statement constitutes a forecast or projection, the Loan Parties represent only that they acted in good faith and utilized assumptions believed by them to be reasonable at the time made and furnished (it being understood that forecasts and projections are subject to significant contingencies and assumptions, many of which are beyond the control of the Loan Parties and their respective Subsidiaries, and that no assurance can be given that the projections or forecasts will be realized).

5.16 <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. Each Loan Party and each of their respective Subsidiaries is in compliance in all material respects with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its material properties, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted or (b) the failure to comply therewith, either individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.17 <u>Regulatory Matters</u>.

(a) Each of the Generation Portfolio Companies meets the requirements for, and has been determined by FERC to be, either an "Exempt Wholesale Generator" within the meaning of PUHCA or the generating facility meets the requirement as a Qualifying Facility under PURPA. The Loan Parties, the Company Group Parties and the Generation Portfolio Companies are not subject to or are exempt from regulation under PUHCA (other than, with respect to the Generation Portfolio Companies, maintaining status as a Qualifying Facility under PURPA or an Exempt Wholesale Generator within the meaning of PUHCA).

(b) Each of (i) the Generation Portfolio Companies that are PUHCA Exempt Wholesale Generators (other than South Trent Wind, LLC ("South Trent")), (ii) NRG Solar Roadrunner LLC and (iii) GenConn Energy LLC have a validly-issued order from FERC, not subject to any pending challenge or investigation: (i) authorizing it to engage in wholesale sales of electricity and, to the extent permitted under its market-based rate tariff, other products and services at market-based rates; and (ii) granting such waivers and authorizations as are customarily granted to power marketers by FERC, including blanket authorizations to issue securities and assume liabilities pursuant to Section 204 of the FPA. As of the Closing Date, FERC had not issued any orders imposing a rate cap, mitigation measure, or other limitation on any of the Generation Portfolio Companies' authority to engage in sales of electricity at market-based rates, other than rate caps and mitigation measures generally applicable to wholesale suppliers participating in the applicable electric market, or is exempt from FERC FPA jurisdiction for only making intrastate sales (although, to the knowledge of the Borrower or Holdings, there are no generally applicable challenges currently pending before FERC to the market-based rate authorization of wholesale suppliers in the electric markets in which the Generation Portfolio Companies make wholesale sales under their market-based rate tariffs).

(c) No Loan Party, Company Group Party or Project Company will, as the result of the ownership, construction, testing, repair, maintenance, use and/or operation of any facility or the sale of electricity and other services related to the sale of electricity from the facilities or the entering into of, or the performance of any obligations under any of the agreements to which any of them are a party or the consummation of any transaction contemplated thereby, be subject to regulation under the laws of any state governing the rates charged by, or the financial or organizational regulation of, electric utilities, electrical transmission and distribution utilities, retail electric utilities, electrical public utilities, electric public service companies, or other similar entities relating to the sale of electricity.

(d) The Thermal Utilities are subject to state public utility commission regulation with respect to rates or financial organization.

(e) South Trent is an Exempt Wholesale Generator under PUHCA and registered as a Power Generation Company ("<u>PGC</u>") pursuant to Substantive Rule § 25.109 of the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("<u>PUCT</u>"). South Trent has made all filings with the PUCT which are required by any PUCT requirement or order applicable to South Trent or applicable to the conduct by South Trent of its business as a PGC, and South Trent has timely made all filings that are required to be made under any PUCT requirement.

(f) None of the Revolving Credit Lenders nor any "affiliate" (as that term is defined in PUHCA) of any of them will, solely as a result of each Generation Portfolio

Company's respective ownership, leasing or operation of its facility, the sale or transmission of thermal energy or electricity therefrom or the Borrower's, any Loan Party's, any Project Company's, or any Generation Portfolio Company's entering into any Loan Document, Contribution Document, or any transaction contemplated hereby or thereby, be subject to regulation under the FPA, PUHCA, or state laws and regulations respecting the rates of, or the financial or organizational regulation of, public utilities, except that the exercise by the Administrative Agent or the Revolving Credit Lenders of certain foreclosure remedies allowed under the Loan Documents or Contribution Documents may subject the Administrative Agent, the Revolving Credit Lenders and their "affiliates" (as that term is defined in PUHCA) to regulation under the FPA, PUHCA or state laws respecting the rates of, or the financial or organizational regulation of, public utilities.

5.18 <u>Intellectual Property; Licenses, Etc.</u> Each Loan Party and each of their respective Subsidiaries own, or possess rights to use, all of the IP Rights that are reasonably necessary for the operation of their respective businesses, except where failure to so own or possess such right, either individually or in the aggregate, could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. To the knowledge of the Borrower, the conduct of the respective businesses of Loan Parties or any of their respective Subsidiaries is not infringing upon any IP Rights owned by any other Person, except where such infringement could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.19 Solvency. Each Loan Party, and the Loan Parties and their Subsidiaries taken as a whole, is Solvent.

5.20 <u>Casualty, Etc.</u> Neither the businesses nor the properties of any Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries are affected by any fire, explosion, accident, strike, lockout or other labor dispute, drought, storm, hail, earthquake, embargo, act of God or of the public enemy or other casualty (whether or not covered by insurance) that, either individually or in the aggregate, could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.21 <u>Labor Matters</u>. Neither any Loan Party nor any of their respective Subsidiaries has suffered any strikes, walkouts, work stoppages or other material labor difficulty within the last five years, that either individually or in the aggregate could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

5.22 <u>Collateral Documents</u>. The provisions of the Collateral Documents are effective to create in favor of the Administrative Agent for the benefit of the Secured Parties a legal, valid and enforceable first priority Lien (subject to Permitted Prior Liens) on all right, title and interest of the respective Loan Parties in the Collateral described therein. Except for filings completed on or prior to the Closing Date or as contemplated hereby or by the Collateral Documents (subject to Section 4.7(b) of the Security Agreement in the case of IP Rights), no filing or other action will be necessary to perfect or protect such Liens.

5.23 <u>OFAC</u>. Neither any Loan Party, nor any of its Subsidiaries, nor, to the knowledge of any Loan Party or its Subsidiaries, any director, officer, employee, agent, Affiliate or representative thereof, is an individual or entity currently the subject of any Sanctions, nor is any Loan Party or any Subsidiary located, organized or resident in a Designated Jurisdiction.

5.24 <u>Restricted Payments</u>. As of the Closing Date, no Contractual Obligation limits the ability of any Subsidiary of the Borrower to make Restricted Payments, directly or through one or more intermediate Subsidiaries of the Borrower, to the Borrower or to otherwise transfer property to or invest in the Borrower, except for any agreement in effect on the date hereof and set forth on <u>Schedule 5.24</u>.

5.25 <u>PATRIOT Act, Etc.</u> To the extent applicable, each Loan Party and its Subsidiaries is in compliance, in all material respects, with (i) the Trading with the Enemy Act, as amended, and each of the foreign assets control regulations of the United States Treasury Department (31 C.F.R., Subtitle B, Chapter V, as amended) and any other enabling legislation or executive order relating thereto, and (ii) the PATRIOT Act. No part of the proceeds of the Revolving Credit Loans will be used, directly or indirectly, for any payments to any governmental official or employee, political party, official of a political party, candidate for political office, or anyone else acting in an official capacity, in order to obtain, retain or direct business or obtain any improper advantage, in violation of the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, or any other applicable anti-corruption Law.

ARTICLE VI AFFIRMATIVE COVENANTS

So long as any Revolving Credit Lender shall have any Revolving Credit Commitment hereunder, any Revolving Credit Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied, or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding, in each case, other than Contingent Obligations as to which no claim has been made, Obligations in respect of Secured Cash Management Agreements and Obligations in respect of Secured Hedge Agreements, each of Holdings and the Borrower shall, and shall (except in the case of the covenants set forth in <u>Sections 6.01</u>, <u>6.02</u>, <u>6.03</u> and <u>6.11</u>) cause each Company Group Party to:

6.01 <u>Financial Statements</u>. Deliver to the Administrative Agent and each Revolving Credit Lender, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the Required Lenders:

(a) as soon as available, but in any event within 120 days (or earlier as may be required for the filing of the Parent's financial statements by the SEC) after the end of each fiscal year of Parent (commencing with the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013), a consolidated and consolidating balance sheet of Parent and its Subsidiaries as at the end of such fiscal year, and the related consolidated and consolidating statements of income or operations, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for such fiscal year, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the previous fiscal year, commencing with the first fiscal year for which such corresponding figures are available, all in reasonable detail and prepared in accordance with GAAP, such consolidated and consolidating statements to be audited and accompanied by a report and opinion of an independent certified public accountant of nationally recognized standing reasonably acceptable to the Required Lenders, which report and opinion shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and shall not be subject to any "going concern" or like qualification or exception or any qualification or exception as to the scope of such audit (other than a result of the pending maturity of the Revolving Credit Facility);

(b) as soon as available, but in any event within 60 days (or earlier as may be required for the filing of the Parent's financial statements by the SEC) after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters of each fiscal year of Parent (commencing with the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2013), a consolidated and consolidating balance sheet of Parent and its Subsidiaries as at the end of such fiscal quarter, and the related consolidated and consolidating statements of income or operations, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows for such fiscal quarter and for the portion of Parent's fiscal year then ended, setting forth in each case in comparative form the figures for the corresponding fiscal quarter of the previous fiscal year and the corresponding portion of the previous fiscal year, commencing with the first fiscal quarter for which such corresponding figures are available, all in reasonable detail, such consolidated and consolidating statements to be certified by the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, treasurer or controller of Parent as fairly presenting, in all material respects, the financial condition, results of operations, shareholders' equity and cash flows of Parent and its Subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP, subject only to normal year-end audit adjustments and the absence of footnotes; and

(c) as soon as available, but in any event no later than the earlier of (i) twenty (20) Business Days following the occurrence of the annual investor earnings presentation with respect to Parent and (ii) ninety (90) days following the beginning of each fiscal year of Holdings, forecasts and projections prepared by management of Holdings consistent with the type of information that would be customarily found in earnings presentations delivered by public filing companies (it being understood that delivery of earnings presentation material that contain such forecasts and projections which are made available to the public shall be sufficient for purposes hereof) (the "<u>Annual Projections</u>").

6.02 <u>Certificates; Other Information</u>. Deliver to the Administrative Agent, in form reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent:

(a) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in <u>Section 6.01(a)</u> (commencing with the delivery of the financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013), a certificate of its independent certified public accountants certifying such financial statements and stating that in making the examination necessary therefor no knowledge was obtained of any Default under the financial covenants set forth herein or, if any such Default shall exist, stating the nature and status of such event;

(b) concurrently with the delivery of the financial statements referred to in <u>Sections 6.01(a)</u> and (b) (commencing with the delivery of the financial statements for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2013), (i) a duly completed Compliance Certificate signed by the chief executive officer, chief financial officer, treasurer or controller of Parent and (ii) a copy of management's discussion and analysis with respect to such financial statements;

(c) promptly after any request by the Administrative Agent, copies of any audit reports, management letters or recommendations submitted to the board of directors or similar governing authority (or the audit committee thereof) of any Loan Party by independent accountants in connection with the accounts or books of any Loan Party or any of its Subsidiaries, or any audit of any of them;

(d) promptly, and in any event within fifteen (15) Business Days after receipt thereof by any Loan Party or any Company Group Party, copies of (i) each amendment to any Organization Document of any Loan Party or any Company Group Party and (ii) each notice or other correspondence received from the SEC (or comparable agency in any applicable non-U.S. jurisdiction) concerning any investigation or possible investigation or other inquiry by such agency regarding financial or other operational results of any Loan Party, any Company Group Party or Parent;

(e) promptly after the assertion or occurrence thereof, notice of any action or proceeding against or of any noncompliance by any Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries with any Environmental Law or Environmental Permit that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

(f) each year, at the time of delivery of annual financial statements with respect to the preceding fiscal year pursuant to <u>Section 6.01(a)</u>, a certificate of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower either confirming that there has been no change in the information set forth in the Collateral Questionnaire delivered on the Closing Date or the date of the most recent certificate delivered pursuant to this <u>Section 6.02(f)</u>, as applicable, and/or identifying any such changes; and

(g) promptly, such additional information regarding the business, financial, legal or corporate affairs of any Loan Party, any Company Group Party or any Project Company, or compliance with the terms of the Loan Documents, as the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably request.

Any documents required to be delivered pursuant to <u>Section 6.01(a)</u> or (b) may be delivered electronically (including by having been publicly filed with the SEC) and if so delivered, shall be deemed to have been delivered on the date (i) on which Parent posts such documents, or provides a link thereto on Parent's website on the Internet at the website address listed on <u>Schedule 11.02</u>; (ii) on which such documents are posted on the Borrower's behalf on an Internet or intranet website, if any, to which each Revolving Credit Lender and the Administrative Agent has access (whether a commercial, third-party website or whether sponsored by the Administrative Agent); or (iii) if publicly filed with the SEC, as of the date of such filing; <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall promptly notify the Administrative Agent and each Revolving Credit Lender (by telecopier or electronic mail) of the posting of any such documents and provide to the Administrative Agent by electronic mail electronic versions of such documents. The Administrative Agent shall have no obligation to request the delivery or to maintain copies of the documents referred to above, and in any event shall have no responsibility to monitor compliance by the Borrower with any such request for delivery, and each Revolving Credit Lender shall be solely responsible for requesting delivery to it or maintaining its copies of such documents.

The Borrower hereby acknowledges that (a) the Administrative Agent and/or the Arrangers will make available to the Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers materials and/or information provided by or on behalf of the Loan Parties hereunder (collectively, "<u>Borrower Materials</u>") by posting the Borrower Materials on IntraLinks or another similar electronic system (the "<u>Platform</u>") and (b) certain of the Revolving Credit Lenders (each, a

"Public Lender") may have personnel who do not wish to receive material non-public information with respect to the Borrower or its Affiliates, or the respective securities of any of the foregoing, and who may be engaged in investment and other market-related activities with respect to such Persons' securities. The Borrower hereby agrees that it will use commercially reasonable efforts to identify that portion of the Borrower Materials that may be distributed to the Public Lenders and that (w) all such Borrower Materials shall be clearly and conspicuously marked "PUBLIC" which, at a minimum, shall mean that the word "PUBLIC" shall appear prominently on the first page thereof; (x) by marking Borrower Materials "PUBLIC," the Borrower shall be deemed to have authorized the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, the L/C Issuers and the Revolving Credit Lenders to treat such Borrower Materials as not containing any material non-public information (although it may be sensitive and proprietary) with respect to the Loan Parties or their respective securities for purposes of United States Federal and state securities laws (provided, however, that to the extent such Borrower Materials constitute Information, they shall be treated as set forth in Section 11.07); (y) all Borrower Materials marked "PUBLIC" are permitted to be made available through a portion of the Platform designated "Public Side Information;" and (z) the Administrative Agent and the Arrangers shall be entitled to treat any Borrower Materials that are not marked "PUBLIC." unless otherwise marked "PUBLIC" all Borrower Materials will be presumed to be available for non-Public Lenders only.

6.03 <u>Notices</u>. Promptly notify the Administrative Agent:

(a) of the existence of any Default;

(b) of any matter that has resulted or could reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect (including as a result of a violation by any Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries of, or a liability of any Loan Party or any of their respective Subsidiaries arising under, Environmental Laws); and

(c) within ten (10) days after any officer of a Loan Party knows of the occurrence of any ERISA Event that could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

Each notice pursuant to <u>Section 6.03</u> shall be accompanied by a statement of a Responsible Officer of the Borrower setting forth details of the occurrence referred to therein and stating what action the Borrower has taken and proposes to take with respect thereto. Each notice pursuant to <u>Section 6.03(a)</u> shall describe with particularity any and all provisions of this Agreement and any other Loan Document that have been breached.

6.04 <u>Payment of Obligations</u>. Except as could not reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, pay and discharge as the same shall become due and payable, all its obligations and liabilities, including (a) all Tax liabilities, assessments and governmental charges or levies upon it or its properties or assets, unless the same are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted and adequate reserves in accordance with GAAP are being maintained by the Borrower or such Company Group Party; (b) all lawful claims

which, if unpaid, would by law become a Lien upon its property (except for Liens described in <u>Section 7.01</u>); and (c) all Indebtedness, as and when due and payable, but subject to any subordination provisions contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing such Indebtedness.

6.05 <u>Preservation of Existence, Etc.</u> (a) Preserve, renew and maintain in full force and effect its legal existence and good standing under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its organization except in a transaction permitted by <u>Section 7.04</u> or <u>7.05</u>; (b) take all reasonable action to maintain all rights, privileges, permits, licenses and franchises necessary or desirable in the normal conduct of its business, except to the extent that failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect; and (c) preserve or renew all (i) issued patents and (ii) registered trademarks, trade names and service marks, in each case with respect to clauses (i) and (ii), owned by any Loan Party, the non-preservation of which could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.06 <u>Maintenance of Properties</u>. (a) Maintain, preserve and protect all of its material tangible properties and equipment necessary in the operation of its business in good working order and condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted; and (b) make all necessary repairs thereto and renewals and replacements thereof, in each case, except where the failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.07 <u>Maintenance of Insurance</u>. Maintain with financially sound and reputable insurance companies not Affiliates of the Borrower, insurance with respect to its properties and business against loss or damage of the kinds customarily insured against by Persons engaged in the same or similar business, of such types and in such amounts as are customarily carried under similar circumstances by such other Persons and providing for not less than 30 days' prior notice to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower (or the Borrower's insurance agent and/or broker) of termination, lapse or cancellation of such insurance.

6.08 <u>Compliance with Laws</u>. Comply in all material respects with the requirements of all Laws and all orders, writs, injunctions and decrees applicable to it or to its business or property, except in such instances in which (a) such requirement of Law or order, writ, injunction or decree is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted; or (b) the failure to comply therewith could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.09 <u>Books and Records</u>. (a) Maintain proper books of record and account, in which true and correct entries in conformity with GAAP consistently applied shall be made of all financial transactions and matters involving the assets and business of the applicable Loan Party or such Company Group Party, as the case may be; and (b) maintain such books of record and account in material conformity with all applicable requirements of any Governmental Authority having regulatory jurisdiction over such Loan Party or such Company Group Party, as the case may be.

6.10 <u>Inspection Rights</u>. Permit representatives of the Administrative Agent to visit and inspect any of the properties of the Loan Parties and their respective material Subsidiaries, to examine the corporate, financial and operating records of the Loan Parties and their respective

material Subsidiaries, and make copies thereof or abstracts therefrom, and to discuss the affairs, finances and accounts of the Loan Parties and their respective material Subsidiaries with the directors, officers, and independent public accountants of the Loan Parties, all at the expense of the Borrower and at such reasonable times during normal business hours and as often as may be reasonably desired, upon reasonable advance notice to the Borrower; provided that the foregoing shall, unless an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, occur not more than twice during any fiscal year of the Borrower; provided further, so long as no Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, any visit pursuant to this Section in excess of once per calendar year by the Administrative Agent shall be at the expense of the Revolving Credit Lenders; provided further, however, that when an Event of Default exists the Administrative Agent may do any of the foregoing at the expense of the Borrower at any time during normal business hours and without advance notice.

6.11 <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. Use the proceeds of the Credit Extensions for ongoing working capital and other general corporate purposes, including permitted acquisitions and capital expenditures.

6.12 <u>Covenant to Give Security</u>. (a) Upon the formation or acquisition of any new Company Group Party or Project Company (unless, in the case of a Company Group Party or Project Company that is not wholly owned by a Loan Party or Affiliate thereof, such Company Group Party's or Project Company's Organization Documents prohibit Liens on Equity Interests of such Company Group Party or such Project Company pursuant to the Security Agreement, or in the case of any Project Company, such Lien is prohibited due to the terms of any Project-Level Indebtedness binding upon such Person or expected to become binding upon such Person within one hundred eighty (180) days (or such longer period not to exceed 270 days as is reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent), following its formation or acquisition by any Loan Party) owned directly by any Loan Party, then the Borrower shall, at the Borrower's expense, with respect to the Equity Interests in each such Company Group Party or Project Company:

(i) within 15 Business Days (or such longer period as may be agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion) after such formation or acquisition, duly execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent Security Agreement Supplements and other security and pledge agreements, as specified by and in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent, together with all Pledged Equity issued by such Company Group Party or Project Company and owned by a Loan Party and other instruments of the type specified in Section 4.01(a)(iii), securing payment of all the Obligations of such Loan Party and constituting Liens on all such properties (provided that in no event shall such security interests or Liens apply to, in the case of any Foreign Subsidiary or a Foreign Subsidiary Holding Company; provided further, that in no event shall any Foreign Subsidiary or any direct or indirect Subsidiary of a Foreign Subsidiary be required to pledge or grant a security interest in any of its assets pursuant to this Section 6.12(a)(i));

(ii) within 15 Business Days (or such longer period as may be agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion) after such formation or acquisition, cause the Loan Parties or their Subsidiaries to take whatever action (including the filing of Uniform Commercial Code financing statements and the giving of notices) may be necessary to vest in the Administrative Agent (or in any representative of the Administrative Agent designated by it) valid and subsisting first priority Liens (other than with respect to Permitted Prior Liens) on the properties purported to be subject to the Security Agreement Supplements and security and pledge agreements delivered pursuant to this <u>Section 6.12</u>, enforceable against all third parties in accordance with their terms, and

(iii) within 15 Business Days (or such longer period as may be agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion) after such formation or acquisition, to the extent reasonably requested by the Administrative Agent, deliver to the Administrative Agent a signed copy of a favorable opinion, addressed to the Administrative Agent and the other Secured Parties, of counsel for the Loan Parties reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent as to the matters contained in clauses (i) and (ii) above, and as to such other matters as the Administrative Agent may reasonably request and being substantially consistent with the opinions delivered pursuant to Section 4.01(a)(v) on the Closing Date.

(b) Subject to any limitations set forth in the Security Agreement with respect to particular types of assets or property, in the event that any Loan Party acquires any assets or property not referred to in Section 6.12(a) or any fee interest in any real property (with a fair market value in excess of \$5,000,000 in the case of such real property), and such assets, property or interest in real property have not otherwise been made subject to the Lien of the Collateral Documents in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of Secured Parties, then such Loan Party shall promptly take all such actions and execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, all such documents, instruments, agreements, opinions and certificates, including those which are similar to those described in Section 4.01(a)(iii), with respect to each such asset, property or interest in real property (other than Excluded Assets (as defined in the Security Agreement)), that the Administrative Agent shall reasonably request to create in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of Secured Parties, a valid and perfected (subject to Section 4.7(b) of the Security Agreement in the case of IP Rights) first priority (other than with respect to Permitted Prior Liens) security interest in such assets, property or interest in any real property with a fair market value in excess of \$5,000,000 ("Mortgaged Property") (or such longer period of time as may be agreed to by the Administrative Agent in its reasonable discretion), the following documents and instruments:

(i) a mortgage duly authorized and executed, in proper form for recording in the recording office of each jurisdiction where such Mortgaged Property to be encumbered thereby is situated, in favor of the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties, together with such other instruments as shall be necessary or appropriate (in the reasonable judgment of the Administrative Agent) to create a Lien under applicable law, all of which shall be in form and substance reasonably satisfactory

to Administrative Agent, which mortgage and other instruments shall be effective to create and/or maintain a first priority Lien on such Mortgaged Property, as the case may be, subject to no Liens other than Liens permitted by Section 7.01 applicable to such Mortgaged Property;

(ii) fully paid American Land Title Association Lender's Extended Coverage title insurance policies (the "<u>Mortgage Policies</u>"), with endorsements and in amounts reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, issued, coinsured and reinsured by title insurers reasonably acceptable to and reasonably required by the Administrative Agent, insuring the mortgages to be valid first and subsisting Liens on the property described therein, free and clear of all defects (including, but not limited to, mechanics' and materialmen's Liens) and encumbrances, other than Liens permitted by Section 7.01, and providing for such other affirmative insurance (including endorsements for future advances under the Loan Documents and for zoning of the applicable property) and such coinsurance and direct access reinsurance as the Administrative Agent may deem reasonably necessary or desirable and are available in the relevant jurisdiction;

(iii) American Land Title Association/American Congress on Surveying and Mapping form surveys or such other forms of surveys as are reasonably acceptable to Administrative Agent, including ExpressMaps prepared by First American Commercial Due Diligence Services, for which all necessary fees (where applicable) have been paid, and dated no more than 90 days before the date on which a mortgage in respect thereof is required to be delivered hereby (or such other dates as shall be reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent), either (i) certified by a land surveyor duly registered and licensed in the States in which the property described in such surveys is located and reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent, showing all buildings and other improvements, any off-site improvements, the location of any easements, parking spaces, rights of way, building set-back lines and other dimensional regulations and the absence of encroachments, either by such improvements or on to such property, and other defects, other than encroachments and other defects reasonably acceptable to the Administrative Agent or (ii) as to ExpressMaps, in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the issuer of the Mortgage Policies to delete the standard survey exceptions and to issue endorsements to the same extent as such exceptions could have been deleted and such endorsements issued had an ALTA/ACSM Survey been provided rather than an ExpressMap;

(iv) all such other items as shall be reasonably necessary in the opinion of counsel to the Administrative Agent to create a valid and perfected first priority mortgage Lien on such Mortgaged Property, subject only to Liens permitted by Section 7.01;

(v) opinions of local counsel for the Loan Parties in states in which the Mortgaged Properties are located, with respect to the enforceability and validity of the mortgages and any related fixture filings in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Administrative Agent; and

(vi) to the extent any Mortgaged Property is subject to the provisions of the Flood Insurance Laws, (i) (x) concurrently with the delivery of the mortgage in favor of

the Administrative Agent in connection therewith, and (y) at any other time if necessary for compliance with applicable Flood Insurance Laws, a standard flood hazard determination form for such Mortgaged Property and (ii) if improvements located on such Mortgaged Property are located in an area designated a "flood hazard area" in any Flood Insurance Rate Map published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (or any successor agency), evidence of flood insurance in such amount as the Administrative Agent may from time to time reasonably require, and otherwise to ensure compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program as set forth in the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973, as it may be amended from time to time (the "Flood Insurance Laws").

(c) If any Loan Party is prohibited from providing a Lien on the Equity Interests it owns in a Project Company pursuant to the requirements of Section 6.12(a) due to the terms of any Project-Level Indebtedness entered into by such Project Company after the Closing Date, and such prohibition was not implemented by the Borrower or any of its Affiliates primarily to prevent such Equity Interests from being Collateral (as determined from the standpoint of the Borrower (rather than any lenders of Project-Level Indebtedness)), then the Borrower shall provide written notice of the foregoing to the Administrative Agent and any such Lien on such Equity Interests under the Loan Documents shall automatically be discharged and released without any further action by any Person effective as of the time of entering into of such Project-Level Indebtedness Document containing such prohibition. The Administrative Agent hereby agrees to execute and deliver such documentation (including, without limitation, releases and UCC termination statements with respect to any such pledge) at the Borrower's expense as the Borrower may reasonably request to evidence any such discharge and release provided for in this Section 6.12 and the Revolving Credit Lenders hereby authorize the Administrative Agent to do so.

6.13 <u>Compliance with Environmental Law</u>. Except as could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect (i) comply, and cause all lessees and other Persons operating or occupying properties and facilities owned, leased or operated by it or the Company Group Parties to comply, in all material respects, with all applicable Environmental Laws and Environmental Permits; (ii) timely obtain and renew all Environmental Permits necessary for the ownership, leasing, use, and operation of its and the Company Group Parties' properties; and (iii) if required pursuant to applicable Environmental Law, conduct any investigation, study, sampling and testing, and undertake any cleanup, removal, remedial or other action necessary to remove and clean up all Hazardous Materials from any of its and the Company Group Parties' properties, in accordance with the requirements of all Environmental Laws; <u>provided</u>, however, that neither the Loan Parties nor any of the Company Group Parties shall be required to undertake any such cleanup, removal, remedial or other action to do so is being contested in good faith and by proper proceedings and appropriate reserves are being maintained with respect to such circumstances in accordance with GAAP.

6.14 <u>Further Assurances</u>. Promptly upon request by the Administrative Agent, or any Revolving Credit Lender through the Administrative Agent, (a) correct any material defect or error that may be discovered in any Loan Document or in the execution, acknowledgment, filing or recordation thereof, and (b) do, execute, acknowledge, deliver, record, re-record, file, re-file, register and re-register any and all such further acts, deeds, certificates, assurances and other instruments and documents as the Administrative Agent, or any Revolving Credit Lender

through the Administrative Agent, may reasonably require from time to time in order to perfect (subject to Section 4.7(b) of the Security Agreement in the case of IP Rights), preserve and maintain the validity, effectiveness and priority of the Guaranty, the Collateral Documents and the Liens intended to be created thereunder.

6.15 <u>Maintenance of "Power Generation Company" and Power Marketer Status</u>. (a) Each of the Generation Portfolio Companies (other than South Trent), shall maintain and preserve its authority as granted by FERC to engage in wholesale sales of electricity at market-based rates, and/or its status as a Qualifying Facility under PURPA, as applicable, except to the extent failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect. South Trent shall maintain and preserve its registration as a PGC under PUCT regulations, except to the extent failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

(b) Each of the Thermal Utilities shall maintain and preserve its authority under the appropriate state public utility commission to produce and sell thermal energy, except to the extent failure to do so could not reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

6.16. Post-Closing Obligations. As promptly as practicable, and in any event within the time periods following the Closing Date specified on Schedule 6.16 or such later date as the Administrative Agent agrees to in writing in its reasonable discretion, the Borrower and each other applicable Loan Party shall deliver the documents or take the actions specified on Schedule 6.16.

ARTICLE VII <u>NEGATIVE COVENANTS</u>

So long as any Revolving Credit Lender shall have any Revolving Credit Commitment hereunder, any Revolving Credit Loan or other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied, or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding, in each case, other than Contingent Obligations as to which no claim has been made, Obligations in respect of Secured Cash Management Agreements and Obligations in respect of Secured Hedge Agreements, the Borrower shall not, nor shall it permit any Company Group Party to, and solely in the case of <u>Section 7.17</u>, Holdings shall not:

7.01 Liens. Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Lien upon any of its property, assets or revenues, whether now owned or hereafter acquired other than the following:

(a) Liens pursuant to any Loan Document;

(b) Liens existing on the date hereof and listed on <u>Schedule 5.08(b)</u> and any renewals or extensions thereof, <u>provided</u> that (i) the property covered thereby is not changed (except for additions, improvements or other similar ancillary assets thereto), (ii) the amount secured thereby is not increased except as contemplated by <u>Section 7.02(d)</u>, and except for customer refinancing, underwriting, issuance and other related transaction fees and expenses, and (iii) any renewal or extension of the obligations secured or benefited thereby is permitted by <u>Section 7.02(d)</u>;

(c) Liens for taxes not yet due or which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the applicable Person in accordance with GAAP;

(d) carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's or other like Liens arising in the ordinary course of business which are not overdue for a period of more than 45 days or which are being contested in good faith and by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted, if adequate reserves with respect thereto are maintained on the books of the applicable Person;

(e) pledges or deposits in the ordinary course of business in connection with workers' compensation, unemployment insurance and other social security legislation, other than any Lien imposed by ERISA;

(f) deposits to secure the performance of bids, trade contracts, contractual obligations and leases (in each case, other than Indebtedness), statutory obligations, surety and appeal bonds, performance bonds and other obligations of a like nature incurred in the ordinary course of business;

(g) easements, rights-of-way, restrictions and other similar encumbrances affecting real property which, in the aggregate, are not substantial in amount, and which do not in any case materially detract from the value of the property subject thereto or materially interfere with the ordinary conduct of the business of the applicable Person;

(h) Liens securing judgments for the payment of money not constituting an Event of Default under Section 8.01(h);

(i) Liens on Equity Interests of Project Companies owned by Company Group Parties securing Project-Level Indebtedness or otherwise created pursuant to Contractual Obligations of such Project Company;

(j) Liens on cash deposits and other funds maintained with a depositary institution, in each case arising in the ordinary course of business by virtue of any statutory or common law provision relating to a banker's lien, including Section 4-210 of the UCC, and/or arising from customary contractual fee provisions, the reimbursement of funds advanced by a depositary or intermediary institution (and/or its Affiliates) on account of investments made or securities purchased, indemnity, returned check and other similar provisions;

(k) Liens on assets or securities deemed to arise in connection with the execution, delivery or performance of contracts to sell such assets or stock otherwise permitted under this Agreement;

(1) Liens resulting from restrictions on any Equity Interest or undivided interests, as the case may be, of a Person providing for a breach, termination or default under any joint venture, stockholder, membership, limited liability company, partnership, owners', participation or other similar agreement between such Person and one or more other holders of Equity Interests or undivided interests of such Person, as the case may be, if a Lien is created on such Equity Interest or undivided interest, as the case may be, as a result thereof;

(m) other Liens securing Indebtedness outstanding in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$10,000,000;

(n) (i) Liens securing Indebtedness permitted by <u>Section 7.02(k)</u>; *provided* that no such Lien incurred in connection with such Indebtedness shall extend to or cover property other than the respective property so acquired, and additions, improvements, warranties, and other similar assets, and the principal amount of Indebtedness secured by any such Lien shall at no time exceed the original purchase price of such property plus brokerage, acquisition, financing and other similar fees, costs and expenses, and (ii) Liens existing on any property or asset prior to the acquisition thereof by any Company Group Party or existing prior to the time such Person becomes a Company Group Party on any property or asset of any Person that becomes a Company Group Party after the date hereof, *provided* that (A) such Lien is not created in contemplation of or in connection with such acquisition or such Person becoming a Subsidiary, as the case may be, (B) such Lien shall not apply to any other property or asset of any Loan Party or Company Group Party and (C) such Lien shall secure only those obligations that it secures on the date of such acquisition or the date such Person becomes a Company Group Party, as the case may be, and extensions, renewals and replacements thereof so long as the principal amount of the obligations being extended, renewed or replaced (plus any accrued but unpaid interest and premium thereon);

(o) licenses and sublicenses of IP Rights in the ordinary course of business; and

(p) Liens on cash or Cash Equivalents in an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 at any time pledged by a Company Group Party to secure Swap Contracts permitted under Section 7.02(a).

7.02 <u>Indebtedness</u>. Create, incur, assume or suffer to exist any Indebtedness, except:

(a) obligations (contingent or otherwise) of the Borrower existing or arising under any Swap Contract, <u>provided</u> that (i) such obligations are (or were) entered into by such Person in the ordinary course of business for the purpose of directly mitigating risks associated with fluctuations in currency exchange rates and (ii) such Swap Contract is not for speculative purposes;

(b) Indebtedness of a Company Group Party owed to the Borrower or a wholly-owned Company Group Party, which Indebtedness shall (i) in the case of Indebtedness owed to the Borrower, constitute "Pledged Debt" under the Security Agreement and (ii) be otherwise permitted under the provisions of Section 7.03 (c), (f) or (j);

(c) Indebtedness under the Loan Documents;

(d) Indebtedness outstanding on the date hereof and listed on <u>Schedule 7.02(d)</u> and any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof;

(e) Guarantees by any Loan Party in respect of Indebtedness otherwise permitted hereunder of any other Loan Party, and Guarantees by any Company Group Party in respect of Indebtedness otherwise permitted hereunder of any other Company Group Party;

(f) the incurrence by the Borrower or any Company Group Party of Indebtedness arising from the honoring by a bank or other financial institution of a check, draft or similar instrument (except in the case of daylight overdrafts) inadvertently drawn against insufficient funds in the ordinary course of business, so long as such Indebtedness is covered within five (5) Business Days;

(g) the incurrence by the Borrower or any Company Group Party of Indebtedness consisting of (i) workers' compensation claims and self-insurance obligations and (ii) surety bonds provided by a Company Group Party in the ordinary course of business;

(h) the incurrence of Indebtedness that may be deemed to arise as a result of agreements of the Borrower or any Company Group Party providing for indemnification, adjustment of purchase price or any similar obligations, in each case, incurred in connection with the disposition of any business, assets or Equity Interests of any Subsidiary permitted hereunder; <u>provided</u> that the aggregate maximum liability associated with such provisions may not exceed the gross proceeds (including non-cash proceeds) of such disposition;

(i) Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Company Group Party consisting of (i) the financing of insurance premiums or (ii) take-orpay obligations contained in supply arrangements, in each case, in the ordinary course of business;

(j) (i) Guarantees and/or other credit support by a Company Group Party of Indebtedness of a Project Company to the extent such Guarantees are required by the terms of Project-Level Indebtedness; (ii) Guarantees and/or other credit support by the Borrower of Indebtedness of a Project Company that constitute an Investment in such Project Company permitted by Section 7.03(c)(i)(B) and/or Section 7.03(c)(iii)(A) and/or (B) (which Guarantees and/or other credit support will be deemed to be an Investment pursuant to such Section 7.03(c)(i)(B) and/or 7.03(c)(iii)(A) and/or (B)); and (iii) to the extent constituting Indebtedness and otherwise permitted by Section 7.03(c), (f) or (j), Letters of Credit and other credit support by a Company Group Party to any Subsidiary or joint venture of such Company Group Party;

(k) the incurrence by the Borrower or any Company Group Party of Indebtedness represented by obligations in respect of Capitalized Leases, mortgage financings or purchase money obligations, in each case, incurred for the purpose of financing all or any part of the purchase price or cost of design, construction, installation or improvement or lease of property (real or personal), plant or equipment used or useful in the business of the Borrower or any Company Group Party or incurred within 180 days thereafter, in an aggregate principal amount, including all Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness incurred to refund, refinance, replace, defease or discharge any Indebtedness incurred pursuant to this clause (k), not to exceed at any time outstanding \$5,000,000;

(1) unsecured Indebtedness of the Borrower and/or a Company Group Party in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$20,000,000 at any time outstanding for all such Persons;

(m) Indebtedness of the Borrower or any Company Group Party consisting of obligations under deferred compensation, deferred purchase price, earn-outs or similar arrangements incurred in connection with any acquisition permitted under Section 7.03(g), (i) or (j);

(n) Indebtedness incurred by a Loan Party and owed to the Equity Investor; *provided* that (i) such Indebtedness is subordinated to the Obligations on terms and conditions substantially in the form of Exhibit H (which subordinated debt may allow for interest payments in cash and payments of principal to the extent such payments could be made under Section 7.06(f)), (ii) immediately before and immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of any such Indebtedness, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (iii) immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of such Indebtedness, the Borrower shall be in pro forma compliance with the covenants set forth in Section 7.11, such compliance to be determined on the basis of the financial information most recently delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Revolving Credit Lenders pursuant to Section 6.01(a) or (b), as though such Indebtedness had been incurred as of the first day of the most recently completed Measurement Period and remained outstanding; and

(o) unsecured Contribution Indebtedness and any Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof; provided that (i) immediately before and immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of any such Contribution Indebtedness, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing; and (ii) immediately after giving effect to the incurrence of such Contribution Indebtedness, the Borrower shall be in pro forma compliance with the covenants set forth in Section 7.11, such compliance to be determined on the basis of the financial information most recently delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Revolving Credit Lenders pursuant to Section 6.01(a) or (b), as though such Contribution Indebtedness had been incurred as of the first day of the most recently completed Measurement Period and remained outstanding.

7.03 <u>Investments</u>. Make or hold any Investments, except:

(a) Investments held by the Borrower and the Company Group Parties in the form of cash and Cash Equivalents;

(b) advances to officers, directors and employees of the Borrower and Company Group Parties in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 at any time outstanding, for travel, entertainment, relocation and analogous ordinary business purposes;

(c) (i) Investments by the Borrower and the Company Group Parties in their respective Subsidiaries in an amount equal to the sum of (A) amounts outstanding on the date hereof, <u>plus</u> (B) any returns thereon from and after the date hereof that do not constitute Available Cash;

(ii) Investments by any Company Group Party in the Borrower or another Company Group Party; and

(iii) Investments by the Borrower or a Company Group Party in a Subsidiary owned, in whole or in part, by it on the Closing Date, plus Investments that would be permitted by Section 7.03(g) (without giving effect to clause (iii)(B) or (C) thereof) and other Investments, in each case made from, without duplication, (A) a substantially contemporaneous issuance of Equity Interests or debt by Parent that is contributed to or loaned to Holdings, and by Holdings to the Borrower, on a subordinated basis in the form of Indebtedness of Holdings or the Borrower (as applicable) permitted by Section 7.02(n), that does not constitute Available Cash or (B) Available Cash;

(d) Investments consisting of extensions of credit in the nature of accounts receivable or notes receivable arising from the grant of trade credit in the ordinary course of business, and Investments received in satisfaction or partial satisfaction thereof from financially troubled account debtors;

(e) to the extent constituting Investments, Guarantees permitted by <u>Section 7.02</u>;

(f) Investments existing on the date hereof (other than those referred to in Section 7.03(c)(i)) and set forth on Schedule 7.03(f);

(g) the purchase or other acquisition of all or any portion of the Equity Interests in, or in the case of a Company Group Party, the purchase by such Company Group Party of all or substantially all of the property of, any Person that, upon the consummation thereof, will be owned directly by the Borrower or one or more of the Company Group Parties (including as a result of a merger or consolidation with a Company Group Party); provided that, with respect to each purchase or other acquisition made pursuant to this Section 7.03(g):

(i) the Loan Parties shall comply with the requirements of <u>Section 6.12</u>, to the extent applicable;

(ii) the lines of business of the Person to be (or the property of which is to be) so purchased or otherwise acquired shall be substantially the same lines of business as one or more of the principal businesses of the Borrower and its Subsidiaries in the ordinary course;

(iii) (A) immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect to any such purchase or other acquisition, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing, (B) immediately after giving effect to such purchase or other acquisition, Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall be in pro forma compliance with all of the covenants set forth in <u>Section 7.11</u>, such compliance to be determined on the basis of the financial information most recently delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Revolving Credit Lenders pursuant to <u>Section 6.01(a)</u> or (b) as though such purchase or other acquisition had been consummated as of the first day of the fiscal period covered thereby and (C) the Borrower Leverage Ratio shall be equal to or less than the applicable Borrower Leverage Ratio for such period set forth in <u>Section 7.11</u> minus 0.25 and the

Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent a certificate of its chief executive officer, chief financial officer, treasurer or controller demonstrating such compliance calculations for clauses (B) and (C) in reasonable detail; and

(iv) the Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent and each Revolving Credit Lender, at least three Business Days prior to the date on which any such purchase or other acquisition is to be consummated, a certificate of a Responsible Officer certifying that all of the requirements set forth in this clause (g) have been satisfied or will be satisfied on or prior to the consummation of such purchase or other acquisition.

(h) to the extent (if any) constituting an Investment, Swap Contracts permitted by Section 7.02(a);

(i) to the extent constituting an Investment, Investments made pursuant to the RoFo Agreement; provided that, with respect to each Investment made pursuant to this Section 7.03(i):

(i) the Loan Parties shall comply with the requirements of <u>Section 6.12</u>, to the extent applicable;

(ii) (A) immediately before and immediately after giving pro forma effect to any such Investment, no Default shall have occurred and be continuing and (B) immediately after giving effect to such Investment, Borrower and its Subsidiaries shall be in pro forma compliance with all of the covenants set forth in Section 7.11, such compliance to be determined on the basis of the financial information most recently delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Revolving Credit Lenders pursuant to Section 6.01(a) or (b) as though such Investment had been consummated as of the first day of the fiscal period covered thereby and the Borrower shall deliver to the Administrative Agent a certificate of its chief executive officer, chief financial officer, treasurer or controller demonstrating such compliance calculations in reasonable detail; and

(iii) the Borrower shall have delivered to the Administrative Agent and each Revolving Credit Lender, at least three Business Days prior to the date on which any such Investment is to be consummated, a certificate of a Responsible Officer certifying that all of the requirements set forth in this clause (i) have been satisfied or will be satisfied on or prior to the consummation of such Investment; and

(j) so long as no Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from such Investment, any other Investments made since the Closing Date in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 in the aggregate.

7.04 <u>Fundamental Changes</u>. Merge, dissolve, liquidate, consolidate with or into another Person, or Dispose of (whether in one transaction or in a series of transactions) all or substantially all of its assets (whether now owned or hereafter acquired) to or in favor of any Person, except that, so long as no Default exists or would result therefrom:

(a) any Unencumbered Company Group Party may merge with (i) the Borrower, <u>provided</u> that the Borrower shall be the continuing or surviving Person, or (ii) any Company Group Party; <u>provided</u> that when any wholly-owned Company Group Party is merging with another Company Group Party, such wholly-owned Company Group Party shall be the continuing or surviving Person;

(b) any Company Group Party may dispose of all or substantially all of its assets (including any Disposition that is in the nature of a liquidation) to (i) another Company Group Party or (ii) to the Borrower;

(c) Holdings and its Subsidiaries may consummate the Contribution and all related transactions; and

(d) in connection with any acquisition permitted under <u>Section 7.03</u>, any Company Group Party may merge into or consolidate with any other Person or permit any other Person to merge into or consolidate with it; <u>provided</u> that the Person surviving such merger shall be a wholly-owned Company Group Party.

7.05 <u>Dispositions</u>. Make any Disposition or, in the case of any Company Group Party, issue, sell or otherwise transfer or dispose of any of its Equity Interests, except:

(a) Dispositions of obsolete, damaged, surplus or worn out property, whether now owned or hereafter acquired, in the ordinary course of business;

(b) Dispositions of inventory in the ordinary course of business;

(c) Dispositions of equipment or real property to the extent that (i) such property is exchanged for credit against the purchase price of similar replacement property or (ii) the proceeds of such Disposition are reasonably promptly applied to the purchase price of such replacement property;

(d) Dispositions of property, or issuances of its Equity Interests, by any Company Group Party to the Borrower or to a Company Group Party that is wholly-owned, directly or indirectly, by the Borrower;

(e) Dispositions permitted by <u>Sections 7.04</u> or 7.06;

(f) Dispositions by the Borrower and the Company Group Parties not otherwise permitted under this <u>Section 7.05</u>; provided that, (i) no Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of and immediately after giving effect to such Disposition and (ii) only if the relevant Disposition is in excess of \$5,000,000, after giving effect to such Disposition, the Borrower shall be in pro forma compliance with all of the covenants set forth in Section 7.11 as if such Disposition had occurred on the first day of the applicable Measurement Period, such compliance to be determined on the basis of the financial information most recently delivered to the Administrative Agent and the Revolving Credit Lenders pursuant to Section 6.01(a) or (b);

(g) Disposition of cash or Cash Equivalents;

(h) licenses and sublicenses of IP Rights in the ordinary course of business; and

(i) lapse, abandonment, expiration or other Disposition of any IP Rights that are immaterial or otherwise determined by Borrower or any Company Group Party to be no longer economically practicable to maintain, worth the cost of maintaining, or used or useful in any material respect, or the expiration of IP Rights in accordance with their respective statutory terms,

provided, however, that any Disposition pursuant to Section 7.05(a) through Section 7.05(i) shall be for fair market value.

7.06 <u>Restricted Payments</u>. Declare or make, directly or indirectly, any Restricted Payment, except that:

(a) each Company Group Party may make Restricted Payments to the Borrower, or to any other Person that owns a direct Equity Interest in such Company Group Party, ratably according to their respective holdings of the type of Equity Interests in respect of which such Restricted Payment is being made;

(b) the Borrower and each Company Group Party may declare and make dividend payments or other distributions payable solely in the common stock or other common Equity Interests of such Person;

(c) the Borrower and each Company Group Party may purchase, redeem or otherwise acquire its common Equity Interests with the proceeds received from the substantially concurrent issue of new common Equity Interests;

(d) the Borrower may declare and pay dividends in cash or Cash Equivalents to Holdings not to exceed an amount necessary to permit Holdings and Parent to pay (i) reasonable and customary corporate (including appropriate allocations of shared costs and expenses of the corporate group of the Equity Investor) and operating expenses (including reasonable out-of-pocket expenses for legal, administrative and accounting services provided by third parties, umbrella insurance costs, and compensation, benefits and other amounts payable to officers and employees in connection with their employment in the ordinary course of business) and (ii) so long as the Borrower is properly treated as a disregarded entity and Holdings is properly treated as a partnership for U.S. federal and applicable state and local income tax purposes, distributions to Holdings which distributions shall be used by its equity holders to discharge the relevant U.S. federal, state and local income tax liabilities of such equity holders attributable to the Borrower; provided that the amount of any distribution pursuant to this clause (ii) shall not exceed the amount that the Borrower would be required to pay in respect of the relevant U.S. federal, state and local income taxes as a stand alone corporate taxpayer, taking into account any net operating loss carryovers and other tax attributes arising from the Closing Date; provided, further, that any distribution pursuant to this clause (ii) shall be used to discharge the relevant tax liability of each such equity owner within 90 days of the distribution;

(e) the Borrower and each Company Group Party may issue common Equity Interests to a Loan Party or, in the case of a Company Group Party, another Company Group Party, in each case that is its direct parent;

(f) so long as no Default has occurred and is continuing or would result from such Restricted Payment, the Borrower may declare and pay dividends in cash or Cash Equivalents to Holdings from Available Cash; provided that immediately after giving effect to such dividend payment or other distribution, the Borrower shall be in pro forma compliance with all of the covenants set forth in <u>Section 7.11</u>;

(g) the Borrower may declare and pay dividends in cash or Cash Equivalents to Holdings not to exceed an amount necessary to permit Holdings and Parent to pay franchise fees or similar taxes and fees required to maintain its corporate existence;

(h) any Restricted Payments made pursuant to the Exchange Agreement; and

(i) to the extent constituting a Restricted Payment, Restricted Payments by Holdings or Borrower as required pursuant to the Management Services Agreement to (i) pay monitoring, consulting, management, transaction, advisory, termination or similar fees payable to the Equity Investor and indemnities, reimbursements and reasonable and documented out-of-pocket fees and expenses of the Equity Investor in connection therewith and (ii) reimburse the Equity Investor for costs and expenses of Holdings and its Subsidiaries incurred in the ordinary course of business, overhead costs and expenses and fees (including administrative, legal, accounting, insurance, cash management, reporting and compliance and/or similar expenses provided by third parties as well as trustee, directors, managers and general partner fees) which are paid by the Equity Investor on behalf of Holdings or its applicable Subsidiary.

7.07 <u>Change in Nature of Business</u>. Engage in any material line of business substantially different from those lines of business conducted by the Borrower and the Company Group Parties on the date hereof or any business substantially related or incidental thereto, or permit the Project Companies, taken as a whole, to do the same.

7.08 <u>Transactions with Affiliates</u>. Consummate any transaction of any kind with any of its Affiliates, whether or not in the ordinary course of business, other than:

(a) on fair and reasonable terms substantially as favorable to the Borrower or such Company Group Party as would be obtainable by the Borrower or such Company Group Party at the time in a comparable arm's length transaction with a Person other than an Affiliate thereof;

(b) a transaction between one or more Company Group Parties;

(c) any employment agreement or director's engagement agreement, employee benefit plan, officer and director indemnification agreement or any similar arrangement entered into by the Borrower or any Company Group Party and approved by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower in good faith;

- (d) any issuance of Equity Interests (other than Disqualified Equity Interests) of the Borrower or any Company Group Party;
- (e) Restricted Payments that do not violate the provisions of <u>Section 7.06;</u>

(f) payments or advances to employees or consultants that are incurred in the ordinary course of business or that are approved by a Responsible Officer of the Borrower in good faith;

(g) the existence of, or the performance by the Borrower or any Company Group Party of its obligations under the terms of, any stockholders agreement (including any registration rights agreement or purchase agreement related thereto) to which it is a party as of the Closing Date and any similar agreements which it may enter into thereafter; provided, however, that the existence of, or the performance by the Borrower or any of the Company Group Parties of its obligations under, any future amendment to any such existing agreement or under any similar agreement entered into after the Closing Date shall only be permitted by this Section 7.08(g) to the extent that the terms of any such amendment or new agreement are not otherwise more disadvantageous to the Revolving Credit Lenders in any material respect than those such agreements to which the Borrower or the Company Group Parties, as applicable, are party as of Closing Date;

- (h) transactions required pursuant to the RoFo Agreement and the Exchange Agreement;
- (i) licenses and sublicenses of IP Rights in the ordinary course of business; or
- (j) transactions pursuant to the Management Services Agreement.

7.09 <u>Burdensome Agreements</u>. Enter into or permit to exist any Contractual Obligation (other than this Agreement or any other Loan Document) that (a) limits the ability (i) of any Company Group Party to make Restricted Payments to the Borrower or to otherwise transfer property to or invest in the Borrower, except for any agreement in effect on the date hereof and set forth on Schedule 7.09 or (ii) of any Loan Party to create, incur, assume or suffer to exist Liens on property of such Person to secure the Obligations; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this clause (ii) shall not prohibit any negative pledge incurred or provided in connection with Indebtedness permitted under <u>Section 7.02(j)</u> (solely to the extent any such negative pledge relates to Equity Interests subject to a Lien permitted by <u>Section 7.01(i)</u>) or (b) requires the grant of a Lien to secure an obligation of such Person if a Lien is granted to secure another obligation of such Person.

7.10 <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. Use the proceeds of any Credit Extension, whether directly or indirectly, and whether immediately, incidentally or ultimately, to purchase or carry margin stock (within the meaning of Regulation U of the FRB) or to extend credit to others for the purpose of purchasing or carrying margin stock or to refund indebtedness originally incurred for such purpose.

7.11 Financial Covenants.

(a) Borrower Leverage Ratio. Commencing with fiscal quarter ending September 30, 2013, permit the Borrower Leverage Ratio for the most recently completed Measurement Period to be greater than 5.00:1.00; and

(b) <u>Borrower Interest Coverage Ratio</u>. Commencing with fiscal quarter ending September 30, 2013, permit the Borrower Interest Coverage Ratio for the most recently completed Measurement Period to be less than 1.75:1.00.

7.12 <u>Sanctions</u>. Directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of any Credit Extension, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any Subsidiary of the Borrower or any Company Group Party, joint venture partner or other individual or entity, to fund any activities of or business with any individual or entity, or in any Designated Jurisdiction, that, at the time of such funding, is the subject of Sanctions or in any other manner that will result in a violation by any individual or entity (including any individual or entity participating in the transaction, whether as Lender, Arranger, Administrative Agent, L/C Issuer or otherwise) of Sanctions.

7.13 <u>Amendments of Organization Documents</u>. Amend any of the Organization Documents of any such Person, other than amendments that do not, taken as a whole, materially adversely affect the interests of any Agent, any Lender or any Secured Party in their capacity as such.

7.14 Accounting Changes. Make any change in (a) accounting policies or reporting practices, except as required by GAAP, or (b) fiscal year.

7.15 <u>Prepayments, Etc. of Indebtedness</u>. Prepay, redeem, purchase, defease or otherwise satisfy prior to the scheduled maturity thereof in any manner, or make any payment in violation of any subordination terms of, any Indebtedness which is contractually subordinated to the Obligations, except (a) regularly scheduled payments of interest in respect of such Indebtedness in accordance with the terms of, and only to the extent required by, and subject to any subordination provisions contained in, the indenture or other agreement pursuant to which such Indebtedness was issued or incurred or any subordination agreement (including any subordination agreement entered into pursuant to Section 7.02(n)) in respect of such Indebtedness, (b) prepayments and repayments of such Indebtedness made from cash of the Borrower that at such time would be permitted to be distributed to Holdings pursuant to Section 7.06(f) and (c) prepayments of such Indebtedness made with the proceeds of Permitted Refinancing Indebtedness in respect thereof.

7.16 <u>Amendment, Etc. of Indebtedness</u>. Amend, modify or change in any manner any term or condition of any Indebtedness set forth in Schedule 7.02(d), except for any refinancing, refunding, renewal or extension thereof permitted by Section 7.02(d), in a manner materially adverse to the interests of the Agents, any Lender or any Secured Party in their capacity as such, taken as a whole.

7.17 <u>Holding Company</u>. In the case of Holdings, engage in any business, activity or transaction or own any interest (fee, leasehold or otherwise) in any real property, or incur,

assume, or suffer to exist any Indebtedness other than (a) the ownership of all outstanding Equity Interests in the Borrower, (b) maintaining its corporate existence, (c) participating in tax, accounting and other administrative activities as the parent of a consolidated group of companies, including the Borrower, (d) making Restricted Payments of amounts received by it pursuant to Section 7.06, and making Investments in the Borrower, (e) the Contribution and all related transactions, (f) in respect of the execution and delivery of the Loan Documents to which it is a party and the performance of its obligations thereunder, (g) the execution and delivery of the Exchange Agreement and the performance of its obligations thereunder and (h) activities incidental to the businesses or activities described in clauses (a) through (g) of this Section.

7.18 <u>Swap Contracts</u>. Enter into any Swap Contract other than as permitted by Section 7.02(a).

7.19 <u>Sales and Lease-Backs</u>. Become or remain liable as lessee or as a guarantor or other surety with respect to any lease of any property (whether real, personal or mixed), whether now owned or hereafter acquired, which the Borrower or such Company Group Party has sold or transferred or is to sell or to transfer to any other Person.

ARTICLE VIII EVENTS OF DEFAULT AND REMEDIES

8.01 <u>Events of Default</u>. Any of the following shall constitute an Event of Default:

(a) <u>Non-Payment</u>. The Borrower or any other Loan Party fails to (i) pay when and as required to be paid herein, any amount of principal of any Revolving Credit Loan or any L/C Obligation consisting of reimbursement of draws under a Letter of Credit, or (ii) pay within five (5) Business Days after the same becomes due any interest on any Revolving Credit Loan or on any L/C Obligation or any fee due hereunder, or (iii) pay within five (5) Business Days after the same becomes due, any other amount payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document; or

(b) <u>Specific Covenants</u>. The Borrower fails to perform or observe any term, covenant or agreement contained in any of <u>Section 6.01</u>, <u>6.03(a)</u>, <u>6.05(a)</u>, <u>6.11</u>, <u>6.12</u>, or <u>Article VII</u>; or

(c) <u>Other Defaults</u>. Any Loan Party fails to perform or observe any other covenant or agreement (not specified in <u>Section 8.01(a)</u> or (b) above) contained in any Loan Document on its part to be performed or observed and such failure continues for 45 days after written notice by the Administrative Agent or any Revolving Credit Lender to the Borrower; or

(d) <u>Representations and Warranties</u>. Any representation, warranty or certification made or deemed made by or on behalf of the Borrower or any other Loan Party herein, in any other Loan Document, or in any document delivered in connection herewith or therewith shall be incorrect or misleading in any material respects when made or deemed made; or

(e) <u>Cross-Default</u>.

Any Loan Party, Company Group Party or Material Project Company (A) fails to make any payment when due (i) (whether by scheduled maturity, required prepayment, acceleration, demand, or otherwise), after giving effect to any grace, waiver and any cure periods, in respect of any Indebtedness or Guarantee (other than Indebtedness hereunder and Indebtedness under Swap Contracts) (x) in the case of any Loan Party or Company Group Party, having an aggregate principal amount then outstanding (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any undrawn commitments) of more than the Threshold Amount and (y) in the case of (1) any Project Company that, individually or together with any other Project Company that is in default under any of its Indebtedness or Guarantees or that is then the subject of an event described in Section 8.01(f) or (g), made Restricted Payments, directly or indirectly through Company Group Parties or otherwise, to the Borrower in an amount equal to or greater than 15% of the Distributed Cash during the most recently completed Measurement Period (any such Project Company, a "Material Project Company") or (2) any Company Group Party, the terms of which Indebtedness or Guarantee prohibit such Person from making Restricted Payments as a result thereof, or (B) fails to observe or perform any other agreement or condition relating to any such Indebtedness or Guarantee or contained in any instrument or agreement evidencing, securing or relating thereto, or any other event occurs, the effect of which event of default or other event is to cause, or to permit the holder or holders of such Indebtedness or the beneficiary or beneficiaries of such Guarantee (or a trustee or agent on behalf of such holder or holders or beneficiary or beneficiaries) to cause, with the giving of notice if required, such Indebtedness to be demanded or to become due or to be repurchased, prepaid, defeased or redeemed (automatically or otherwise), or an offer to repurchase, prepay, defease or redeem such Indebtedness to be made, prior to its stated maturity, or such Guarantee to become payable or cash collateral in respect thereof to be demanded; or

(ii) there occurs under any Swap Contract an Early Termination Date (as defined in such Swap Contract) resulting from (A) any event of default under such Swap Contract as to which a Loan Party, Company Group Party or Material Project Company is the Defaulting Party (as defined in such Swap Contract) or (B) any Termination Event (as so defined) under such Swap Contract as to which a Loan Party, Company Group Party or Material Project Company is an Affected Party (as so defined) and, in either event, (x) in the case of any Loan Party, the Swap Termination Value (after giving effect to any netting arrangements) owed by such Loan Party as a result thereof is greater than the Threshold Amount and (y) in the case of any Company Group Party or Material Project Company, the terms of such Swap Contract prohibit such Person from making Restricted Payments as a result thereof; or

(f) <u>Insolvency Proceedings, Etc.</u> Any Loan Party or Company Group Party or any Material Project Company institutes or consents to the institution of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, or makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or applies for or consents to the appointment of any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer for it or for all or any material part of its property; or any receiver, trustee, custodian, conservator, liquidator, rehabilitator or similar officer is appointed without the application or consent of such Person and the appointment continues undischarged or unstayed for 60 calendar days; or any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law relating to any such Person

or to all or any material part of its property is instituted without the consent of such Person and continues undismissed or unstayed for 60 calendar days, or an order for relief is entered in any such proceeding; or

(g) <u>Inability to Pay Debts; Attachment</u>. (i) Any Loan Party or Company Group Party or any Material Project Company becomes unable or admits in writing its inability or fails generally to pay its debts as they become due, or (ii) any writ or warrant of attachment or execution or similar process is issued or levied against all or any material part of the property of any such Person and is not released, vacated or fully bonded within 45 days after its issue or levy; or

(h) Judgments. There is entered against any Loan Party or any Company Group Party (i) one or more final judgments or orders for the payment of money in an aggregate amount (as to all such judgments and orders) exceeding the Threshold Amount (to the extent not covered by independent third-party insurance, has been notified of the potential claim and does not dispute coverage), or (ii) any one or more non-monetary final judgments that have, or could reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Material Adverse Effect and, in either case, (A) enforcement proceedings are commenced by any creditor upon such judgment or order, or (B) there is a period of 20 consecutive days during which a stay of enforcement of such judgment, by reason of a pending appeal or otherwise, is not in effect; or

(i) <u>ERISA</u>. If a Material Adverse Effect would result as a result thereof: (i) an ERISA Event occurs with respect to a Pension Plan or Multiemployer Plan, or (ii) the Borrower or any ERISA Affiliate fails to pay when due, after the expiration of any applicable grace period, any installment payment with respect to its withdrawal liability under Section 4201 of ERISA under a Multiemployer Plan; or

(j) <u>Invalidity of Loan Documents</u>. Any material provision of any Loan Document, at any time after its execution and delivery and for any reason other than as expressly permitted hereunder or thereunder, or the satisfaction in full of all the Obligations (other than Contingent Obligations as to which no claim has been made), ceases to be in full force and effect; or any Loan Party or any Affiliate thereof that is the Equity Investor or a Subsidiary of the Equity Investor contests in any manner the validity or enforceability of any material provision of any Loan Document; or any Loan Party denies in writing that it has any or further liability or obligation under any provision of any Loan Document, or purports to revoke, terminate or rescind any provision of any Loan Document; or

(k) <u>Change of Control</u>. There occurs any Change of Control; or

(1) <u>Collateral Documents</u>. Any Collateral Document after delivery thereof pursuant to <u>Section 4.01</u> or <u>6.12</u> shall for any reason (other than pursuant to the terms hereof or thereof) cease to create a valid and perfected (subject to Section 4.7(b) of the Security Agreement in the case of IP Rights) first priority Lien (subject to Permitted Prior Liens) on the Collateral purported to be covered thereby; or

(m) <u>Certain Amendments</u>. Any addition, amendment or other modification of any agreement or provision governing or related to the ability of any Project Company or

Company Group Party to make Restricted Payments, directly or indirectly, to the Borrower shall become effective if such provisions as added, amended or modified, taken as a whole, are materially more restrictive than such provisions as in effect on the date hereof; provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, no Event of Default pursuant to this clause (m) shall occur if immediately after giving effect to any such addition, amendment or other modification, the Borrower shall be in pro forma compliance with the covenants set forth in Section 7.11 for the most recently completed Measurement Period, such compliance to be calculated as if any Restricted Payments from such Company Group Party or Project Company, as applicable, to the Borrower had not been, and shall not be permitted by the terms of such provisions to be, made.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Article VIII, in the event that the Borrower fails to comply with the requirements of <u>Section 7.11</u>, until the expiration of the tenth day subsequent to the date the certificate calculating such compliance is required to be delivered pursuant to <u>Section 6.02(b)</u>, the Borrower shall have the right to issue Permitted Cure Securities for cash or otherwise receive cash contributions to the capital of the Borrower (collectively, the "<u>Cure Right</u>"), and upon the receipt by the Borrower of such cash (the "<u>Cure Amount</u>") pursuant to the exercise by the Borrower of such Cure Right compliance with the covenants set forth in <u>Section 7.11</u> shall be recalculated giving effect to the following pro forma adjustments:

(a) Borrower Cash Flow shall be increased, solely for the purpose of measuring compliance with <u>Section 7.11</u> and not for any other purpose under this Agreement, by an amount equal to the Cure Amount; and

(b) if, after giving effect to the foregoing recalculations, the Borrower shall then be in compliance with the requirements of Section 7.11, the Borrower shall be deemed to have satisfied the requirements of Section 7.11 as of the relevant date of determination with the same effect as though there had been no failure to comply therewith at such date, and the applicable breach or default of Sections 7.11 that had occurred shall be deemed cured for the purposes of this Agreement.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, (a) in each two-fiscal-quarter period there shall be at least one fiscal quarter in which the Cure Right is not exercised, (b) in each eight-fiscal-quarter period, there shall be a period of at least four consecutive fiscal quarters during which the Cure Right is not exercised, (c) the Cure Amount shall be no greater than the amount required for purposes of complying with <u>Section 7.11</u> as of the relevant date of determination and (d) no more than five (5) Cure Rights may be exercised in the aggregate.

8.02 <u>Remedies upon Event of Default</u>. If any Event of Default occurs and is continuing, the Administrative Agent shall, at the request of, or may, with the consent of, the Required Lenders, take any or all of the following actions:

(a) declare the commitment of each Revolving Credit Lender to make Revolving Credit Loans and any obligation of each L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions to be terminated, whereupon such commitments and obligation shall be terminated;

(b) declare the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Revolving Credit Loans, all interest accrued and unpaid thereon, and all other amounts owing or payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document to be immediately due and payable, without presentment, demand, protest or other notice of any kind, all of which are hereby expressly waived by the Borrower;

thereof); and

(c) require that the Borrower Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations (in an amount equal to 103% of the then Outstanding Amount

(d) exercise on behalf of itself, the Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers all rights and remedies available to it, the Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers under the Loan Documents or at law or in equity;

provided, however, that upon the occurrence of an Event of Default set forth in Section 8.01(f) with respect to any Loan Party under the Bankruptcy Code, the obligation of each Revolving Credit Lender to make Revolving Credit Loans and any obligation of each L/C Issuer to make L/C Credit Extensions shall automatically terminate, the unpaid principal amount of all outstanding Revolving Credit Loans and all interest and other amounts as aforesaid shall automatically become due and payable, and the obligation of the Borrower to Cash Collateralize the L/C Obligations as aforesaid shall automatically become effective, in each case without further act of the Administrative Agent or any Revolving Credit Lender.

8.03 <u>Application of Funds</u>. After the exercise of remedies provided for in Section 8.02 or any other Loan Document (or after the Revolving Credit Loans have automatically become immediately due and payable and the L/C Obligations have automatically been required to be Cash Collateralized as set forth in the proviso to Section 8.02), any amounts received on account of the Obligations shall be applied by the Administrative Agent in the following order:

<u>First</u>, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities, expenses and other amounts (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the Administrative Agent and amounts payable under <u>Article III</u>) payable to the Administrative Agent in its capacity as such;

Second, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting fees, indemnities and other amounts (other than principal, interest and Letter of Credit Fees) payable to the Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers (including fees, charges and disbursements of counsel to the respective Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers) arising under the Loan Documents and amounts payable under <u>Article III</u>, ratably among them in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause <u>Second</u> payable to them;

<u>Third</u>, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting accrued and unpaid Letter of Credit Fees and interest on the Revolving Credit Loans, L/C Borrowings and other Obligations arising under the Loan Documents, ratably among the Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause <u>Third</u> payable to them;

Fourth, to payment of that portion of the Obligations constituting unpaid principal of the Revolving Credit Loans, L/C Borrowings and Obligations then owing under Secured Hedge



Agreements and Secured Cash Management Agreements, ratably among the Revolving Credit Lenders, the L/C Issuers, the Hedge Banks and the Cash Management Banks in proportion to the respective amounts described in this clause Fourth held by them;

Fifth, to the Administrative Agent for the account of the L/C Issuers, to Cash Collateralize at 103% of the Outstanding Amount thereof that portion of L/C Obligations comprised of the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit; and

Last, the balance, if any, after all of the Obligations have been indefeasibly paid in full, to the Borrower or as otherwise required by Law.

Subject to <u>Section 2.03(c)</u>, amounts used to Cash Collateralize the aggregate undrawn amount of Letters of Credit pursuant to clause <u>Fifth</u> above and any other Cash Collateral provided in respect of L/C Obligations in accordance with the terms of this Agreement shall be applied to satisfy drawings under such Letters of Credit and other Obligations owing to the applicable L/C Issuer in respect of Letters of Credit issued by it as they occur. If any amount remains on deposit as Cash Collateral after all Letters of Credit have either been fully drawn or expired, such remaining amount shall be applied to the other Obligations, if any, in the order set forth above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Obligations arising under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements shall be excluded from the application described above if the Administrative Agent has not received written notice thereof, together with such supporting documentation as the Administrative Agent may request, from the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank, as the case may be. Each Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank not a party to the Credit Agreement that has given the notice contemplated by the preceding sentence shall, by such notice, be deemed to have acknowledged and accepted the appointment of the Administrative Agent pursuant to the terms of <u>Article IX</u> hereof for itself and its Affiliates as if a "Revolving Credit Lender" party hereto.

ARTICLE IX ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT

9.01 <u>Appointment and Authority</u>. (a) Each of the Revolving Credit Lenders and each L/C Issuer hereby irrevocably appoints Bank of America to act on its behalf as the Administrative Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents and authorizes the Administrative Agent to take such actions on its behalf and to exercise such powers as are delegated to the Administrative Agent by the terms hereof or thereof, together with such actions and powers as are reasonably incidental thereto. The provisions of this Article are solely for the benefit of the Administrative Agent, the Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers, and neither the Borrower nor any other Loan Party shall have rights as a third party beneficiary of any of such provisions.

(b) The Administrative Agent shall also act as the "collateral agent" under the Loan Documents, and each of the Revolving Credit Lenders (including in its capacities as a potential Hedge Bank and a potential Cash Management Bank) and each of the L/C Issuers hereby irrevocably appoints and authorizes the Administrative Agent to act as the agent of such Revolving Credit Lender and such L/C Issuer for purposes of acquiring, holding and enforcing

any and all Liens on Collateral granted by any of the Loan Parties to secure any of the Obligations, together with such powers and discretion as are reasonably incidental thereto. In this connection, the Administrative Agent, as "collateral agent," and any co-agents, sub-agents and attorneys-in-fact appointed by the Administrative Agent pursuant to Section 9.05 for purposes of holding or enforcing any Lien on the Collateral (or any portion thereof) granted under the Collateral Documents, or for exercising any rights and remedies thereunder at the direction of the Administrative Agent, shall be entitled to the benefits of all provisions of this <u>Article IX</u> and <u>Article XI</u> (including <u>Section 11.04(c)</u>), as though such co-agents, sub-agents and attorneys-in-fact were the "collateral agent" under the Loan Documents as if set forth in full herein with respect thereto.

9.02 <u>Rights as a Revolving Credit Lender</u>. The Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder shall have the same rights and powers in its capacity as a Revolving Credit Lender as any other Revolving Credit Lender and may exercise the same as though it were not the Administrative Agent and the term "Revolving Credit Lender" or "Revolving Credit Lenders" shall, unless otherwise expressly indicated or unless the context otherwise requires, include the Person serving as the Administrative Agent hereunder in its individual capacity. Such Person and its Affiliates may accept deposits from, lend money to, act as the financial advisor or in any other advisory capacity for and generally engage in any kind of business with the Borrower or any of its Subsidiaries or other Affiliate thereof as if such Person were not the Administrative Agent hereunder and without any duty to account therefor to the Revolving Credit Lenders.

9.03 <u>Exculpatory Provisions</u>. The Administrative Agent shall not have any duties or obligations except those expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Administrative Agent:

(a) shall not be subject to any fiduciary or other implied duties, regardless of whether a Default has occurred and is continuing;

(b) shall not have any duty to take any discretionary action or exercise any discretionary powers, except discretionary rights and powers expressly contemplated hereby or by the other Loan Documents that the Administrative Agent is required to exercise as directed in writing by the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Revolving Credit Lenders as shall be expressly provided for herein or in the other Loan Documents), provided that the Administrative Agent shall not be required to take any action that, in its opinion or the opinion of its counsel, may expose the Administrative Agent to liability or that is contrary to any Loan Document or applicable law;

(c) shall not, except as expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents, have any duty to disclose, and shall not be liable for the failure to disclose, any information relating to the Borrower or any of its Affiliates that is communicated to or obtained by the Person serving as the Administrative Agent or any of its Affiliates in any capacity;

(d) shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it (i) with the consent or at the request of the Required Lenders (or such other number or percentage of the Revolving Credit Lenders as shall be necessary, or as the Administrative Agent shall believe in

good faith shall be necessary, under the circumstances as provided in <u>Sections 11.01</u> and <u>8.02</u>) or (ii) in the absence of its own gross negligence or willful misconduct;

(e) shall be deemed not to have knowledge of any Default unless and until notice describing such Default is given to the Administrative Agent by the Borrower, a Revolving Credit Lender or an L/C Issuer; and

(f) shall not be responsible for or have any duty to ascertain or inquire into (i) any statement, warranty or representation made in or in connection with this Agreement or any other Loan Document, (ii) the contents of any certificate, report or other document delivered hereunder or thereunder or in connection herewith or therewith, (iii) the performance or observance of any of the covenants, agreements or other terms or conditions set forth herein or therein or the occurrence of any Default, (iv) the validity, enforceability, effectiveness or genuineness of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any other agreement, instrument or document, or the creation, perfection or priority of any Lien purported to be created by the Collateral Documents, (v) the value or the sufficiency of any Collateral, or (v) the satisfaction of any condition set forth in <u>Article IV</u> or elsewhere herein, other than to confirm receipt of items expressly required to be delivered to the Administrative Agent.

9.04 <u>Reliance by Administrative Agent</u>. The Administrative Agent shall be entitled to rely upon, and shall not incur any liability for relying upon, any notice, request, certificate, consent, statement, instrument, document or other writing (including any electronic message, Internet or intranet website posting or other distribution) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed, sent or otherwise authenticated by the proper Person. The Administrative Agent also may rely upon any statement made to it orally or by telephone and believed by it to have been made by the proper Person, and shall not incur any liability for relying thereon. In determining compliance with any condition hereunder to the making of a Revolving Credit Loan, or the issuance of a Letter of Credit, that by its terms must be fulfilled to the satisfaction of a Revolving Credit Lender or an L/C Issuer, the Administrative Agent may presume that such condition is satisfactory to such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer unless the Administrative Agent shall have received notice to the contrary from such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer prior to the making of such Revolving Credit Loan or the issuance of such Letter of Credit. The Administrative Agent may consult with legal counsel (who may be counsel for the Borrower), independent accountants and other experts selected by it, and shall not be liable for any action taken or not taken by it in accordance with the advice of any such counsel, accountants or experts.

9.05 <u>Delegation of Duties</u>. The Administrative Agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers hereunder or under any other Loan Document by or through any one or more sub-agents appointed by the Administrative Agent. The Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent may perform any and all of its duties and exercise its rights and powers by or through their respective Related Parties. The exculpatory provisions of this Article shall apply to any such sub-agent and to the Related Parties of the Administrative Agent and any such sub-agent.

9.06 <u>Resignation of Administrative Agent</u>. The Administrative Agent may at any time give notice of its resignation to the Revolving Credit Lenders, the L/C Issuers and the Borrower.

Upon receipt of any such notice of resignation, the Required Lenders shall have the right, in consultation with the Borrower, to appoint a successor, which shall be a financial institution with an office in the United States, or an Affiliate of any such financial institution with an office in the United States. If no such successor shall have been so appointed by the Required Lenders and shall have accepted such appointment within 30 days after the retiring Administrative Agent gives notice of its resignation, then the retiring Administrative Agent may, on behalf of the Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers, appoint a successor Administrative Agent meeting the qualifications set forth above; provided that if the Administrative Agent shall notify the Borrower and the Revolving Credit Lenders that no qualifying Person has accepted such appointment, then such resignation shall nonetheless become effective in accordance with such notice and (a) the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from its duties and obligations hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (except that in the case of any collateral security held by the Administrative Agent on behalf of the Revolving Credit Lenders or the L/C Issuers under any of the Loan Documents, the retiring Administrative Agent shall continue to hold such collateral security until such time as a successor Administrative Agent is appointed) and (b) all payments, communications and determinations provided to be made by, to or through the Administrative Agent shall instead be made by or to each Revolving Credit Lender and each L/C Issuer directly, until such time as the Required Lenders appoint a successor Administrative Agent as provided for above in this Section. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder, such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring (or retired) Administrative Agent, and the retiring Administrative Agent shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents (if not already discharged therefrom as provided above in this Section). The fees payable by the Borrower to a successor Administrative Agent shall be the same as those payable to its predecessor unless otherwise agreed between the Borrower and such successor. After the retiring Administrative Agent's resignation hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, the provisions of this Article and Section 11.04 shall continue in effect for the benefit of such retiring Administrative Agent, its sub-agents and their respective Related Parties in respect of any actions taken or omitted to be taken by any of them while the retiring Administrative Agent was acting as Administrative Agent.

Any resignation by Bank of America as Administrative Agent pursuant to this Section shall also constitute its resignation as an L/C Issuer. Upon the acceptance of a successor's appointment as Administrative Agent hereunder, (i) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring L/C Issuer, (ii) the retiring L/C Issuer shall be discharged from all of its duties and obligations hereunder or under the other Loan Documents, and (iii) the successor L/C Issuer shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to the retiring L/C Issuer to effectively assume the obligations of the retiring L/C Issuer with respect to such Letters of Credit.

9.07 <u>Non-Reliance on Administrative Agent and Other Revolving Credit Lenders</u>. Each Revolving Credit Lender and each L/C Issuer acknowledges that it has, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Revolving Credit Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it has deemed appropriate, made its own credit analysis and decision to enter into this Agreement. Each Revolving Credit

Lender and each L/C Issuer also acknowledges that it will, independently and without reliance upon the Administrative Agent or any other Revolving Credit Lender or any of their Related Parties and based on such documents and information as it shall from time to time deem appropriate, continue to make its own decisions in taking or not taking action under or based upon this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any related agreement or any document furnished hereunder.

9.08 <u>No Other Duties, Etc.</u> Anything herein to the contrary notwithstanding, none of the Arrangers or Co-Syndication Agents listed on the cover page hereof or elsewhere herein shall have any powers, duties or responsibilities under this Agreement or any of the other Loan Documents, except in its capacity, as applicable, as the Administrative Agent, a Revolving Credit Lender or an L/C Issuer hereunder.

9.09 <u>Administrative Agent May File Proofs of Claim</u>. In case of the pendency of any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or any other judicial proceeding relative to any Loan Party, the Administrative Agent (irrespective of whether the principal of any Revolving Credit Loan or L/C Obligation shall then be due and payable as herein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Administrative Agent shall have made any demand on the Borrower) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise

(a) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of the principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Revolving Credit Loans, L/C Obligations and all other Obligations that are owing and unpaid and to file such other documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Revolving Credit Lenders, the L/C Issuers and the Administrative Agent (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Revolving Credit Lenders, the L/C Issuers and the Administrative Agent under <u>Sections 2.03(i)</u> and (j), <u>2.08</u> and <u>11.04</u>) allowed in such judicial proceeding; and

(b) to collect and receive any monies or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same;

and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Revolving Credit Lender and each L/C Issuer to make such payments to the Administrative Agent and, if the Administrative Agent shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers, to pay to the Administrative Agent any amount due for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Administrative Agent and its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Administrative Agent under <u>Sections 2.08</u> and <u>11.04</u>.

Nothing contained herein shall be deemed to authorize the Administrative Agent to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Obligations or the rights of any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer to authorize the Administrative Agent to vote in respect of the claim of any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer or in any such proceeding. The Administrative Agent (upon the instruction of the

Required Lenders) is authorized to credit bid any Obligation held by any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer on a pro rata basis in a proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law without the prior consent of such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as applicable.

9.10 <u>Collateral Matters</u>. Each of the Revolving Credit Lenders (including in its capacities as a potential Cash Management Bank and a potential Hedge Bank) and each of the L/C Issuers irrevocably authorize the Administrative Agent, at its option and in its discretion, to release any Lien on any property granted to or held by the Administrative Agent under any Loan Document (i) upon termination of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Commitments and payment in full of all Obligations (other than (A) contingent indemnification obligations and (B) obligations and liabilities under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements as to which arrangements satisfactory to the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank shall have been made) and the expiration or termination of all Letters of Credit (other than Letters of Credit as to which other arrangements satisfactory to the Administrative Agent and the applicable L/C Issuer shall have been made), (ii) that is sold or to be sold as part of or in connection with any sale permitted hereunder or under any other Loan Document, or (iii) if approved, authorized or ratified in writing in accordance with Section 11.01.

Upon request by the Administrative Agent at any time, the Required Lenders will confirm in writing the Administrative Agent's authority to release or subordinate its interest in particular types or items of property. In each case as specified in this <u>Section 9.10</u>, the Administrative Agent will, at the Borrower's expense, execute and deliver to the applicable Loan Party such documents as such Loan Party may reasonably request to evidence the release of such item of Collateral from the assignment and security interest granted under the Collateral Documents or to subordinate its interest in such item, in each case in accordance with the terms of the Loan Documents and this <u>Section 9.10</u>.

9.11 Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements. No Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank that obtains the benefits of Section 8.03, the Guaranty or any Collateral by virtue of the provisions hereof or of the Guaranty or any Collateral Document shall have any right to notice of any action or to consent to, direct or object to any action hereunder or under any other Loan Document or otherwise in respect of the Collateral (including the release or impairment of any Collateral) other than in its capacity as a Revolving Credit Lender and, in such case, only to the extent expressly provided in the Loan Documents. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article IX to the contrary, the Administrative Agent shall not be required to verify the payment of, or that other satisfactory arrangements have been made with respect to, Obligations arising under Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements unless the Administrative Agent has received written notice of such Obligations, together with such supporting documentation as the Administrative Agent may request, from the applicable Cash Management Bank or Hedge Bank, as the case may be.

ARTICLE X CONTINUING GUARANTY

10.01 <u>Guarantee of Secured Obligations</u>. The Guarantor hereby absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably, guarantees, as primary obligor and not merely as surety, to the Administrative Agent, for the benefit of the Secured Parties and their respective successors,

indorsees, transferees and assigns, the prompt and complete payment and performance by the Borrower, when due (whether at the stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise) of the Secured Obligations. The Guarantor shall be liable under its guarantee set forth in this <u>Section 10.01</u>, without any limitation as to amount, for all present and future Secured Obligations, including specifically all future increases in the outstanding amount of the Revolving Credit Loans or other Secured Obligations and other future increases in the Secured Obligations, whether or not any such increase is committed, contemplated or provided for by the Loan Documents, the Secured Cash Management Agreements or the Secured Hedge Agreements on the Closing Date. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Guarantor's liability shall extend to all Secured Obligations (including, without limitation, interest, fees, costs and expenses) that would be owed by any other obligor on the Secured Obligations but for the fact that they are unenforceable or not allowable due to the existence of a proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law involving such other obligor because it is the intention of the Guarantor and Secured Parties that the Secured Obligations which are guaranteed by the Guarantor pursuant hereto should be determined without regard to any rule of law or order which may relieve the Borrower or the Guarantor of any portion of such Secured Obligations.

10.02 <u>Limitation on Obligations Guaranteed</u>. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, the right of recovery against the Guarantor under this <u>Article X</u> shall not exceed \$1.00 less than the lowest amount which would render the Guarantor's obligations under this <u>Article X</u> void or voidable under applicable law, including, without limitation, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar foreign, federal or state law to the extent applicable to the guaranty set forth herein and the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder. To effectuate the foregoing, the Administrative Agent and the Guarantor hereby irrevocably agree that the Secured Obligations of the Guarantor in respect of the guarantee set forth in this <u>Article X</u> at any time shall be limited to the maximum amount as will result in the Secured Obligations of the Guarantor with respect thereto hereof not constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance after giving full effect to the liability under such guarantee set forth in this <u>Article X</u> but before taking into account any liabilities under any other guarantee by the Guarantor. For purposes of the foregoing, all guarantees of the Guarantor other than the guarantee under this <u>Article X</u> will be deemed to be enforceable and payable after the guaranty under this <u>Article X</u>. To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, this <u>Section 10.02(a)</u> shall be for the benefit solely of creditors and representatives of creditors of the Guarantor and not for the benefit of the Guarantor or the holders of any Equity Interest in the Guarantor.

(b) The Guarantor agrees that Secured Obligations may at any time and from time to time be incurred or permitted in an amount exceeding the maximum liability of the Guarantor under <u>Section 10.02(a)</u> without impairing the guarantee contained in this <u>Article X</u> or affecting the rights and remedies of any Secured Party hereunder.

10.03 <u>Nature of Guarantee; Continuing Guarantee; Waivers of Defenses Etc.</u>

(a) The Guarantor understands and agrees that the guarantee contained in this <u>Article X</u> shall be construed as a continuing guarantee of payment and performance and not merely of collectability. The Guarantor waives diligence, presentment, protest, marshaling, demand for payment, notice of dishonor, notice of default and notice of nonpayment to or upon the Borrower with respect to the Secured Obligations. Without limiting the generality of the

foregoing, this Guaranty and the obligations of the Guarantor hereunder shall be valid and enforceable and shall not be subject to any reduction, limitation, impairment, set-off, defense, counterclaim, discharge or termination for any reason (other than a Discharge of the Secured Obligations).

(b) The Guarantor agrees that the Secured Obligations of the Guarantor hereunder are independent of any other guarantee of the Secured Obligations and when making any demand hereunder or otherwise pursuing its rights and remedies hereunder against the Guarantor, any Secured Party may, but shall be under no obligation to, make a similar demand on or otherwise pursue such rights and remedies as it may have against the Borrower or any other Person or against any collateral security or other guarantee for the Secured Obligations or any right of offset with respect thereto, and any failure by any Secured Party to make any such demand, to pursue such other rights or remedies or to collect any payments from the Borrower or any other Person or to realize upon any such collateral security or guarantee or to exercise any such right of offset, or any release of the Borrower or any other Person or any such collateral security of offset, shall not relieve the Guarantor of any obligation or liability hereunder, and shall not impair or affect the rights and remedies, whether express, implied or available as a matter of law, of any Secured Party against the Guarantor. For the purposes hereof "demand" shall include the commencement and continuance of any legal proceedings.

(c) No payment made by the Borrower, the Guarantor, any other guarantor or any other Person or received or collected by any Secured Party from the Borrower, the Guarantor, any other guarantor or any other Person by virtue of any action or proceeding or any set-off or appropriation or application at any time or from time to time in reduction of or in payment of the Secured Obligations shall be deemed to modify, reduce, release or otherwise affect the liability of the Guarantor hereunder which shall, notwithstanding any such payment, remain liable for the Secured Obligations until the Discharge of the Secured Obligations.

(d) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Guarantor agrees that its obligations under and in respect of the guarantee contained in this <u>Article X</u> and any security interest securing the Secured Obligations shall not be affected by, and shall remain in full force and effect without regard to, and hereby waives all rights, claims or defenses that it might otherwise have (now or in the future) with respect to each of the following (whether or not the Guarantor has knowledge thereof):

(i) the validity or enforceability of this Agreement or any other Loan Document or any Secured Hedge Agreement or Secured Cash Management Agreement, any of the Secured Obligations or any guarantee or right of offset with respect thereto at any time or from time to time held by any Secured Party;

(ii) any renewal, extension or acceleration of, or any increase in the amount of the Secured Obligations, or any amendment, supplement, modification or waiver of, or any consent to departure from, the Loan Documents or any Secured Hedge Agreement or Secured Cash Management Agreement;

(iii) any failure or omission to assert or enforce or agreement or election not to assert or enforce, delay in enforcement, or the stay or enjoining, by order



of court, by operation of law or otherwise, of the exercise or enforcement of, any claim or demand or any right, power or remedy (whether arising under any Loan Document, any Secured Hedge Agreement or any Secured Cash Management Agreement, at law, in equity or otherwise) with respect to the Secured Obligations or any agreement relating thereto, or with respect to any other guaranty of or security for the payment of the Secured Obligations;

(iv) any change, reorganization or termination of the corporate structure or existence of the Borrower or the Guarantor or any of their Subsidiaries and any corresponding restructuring of the Secured Obligations;

(v) any settlement, compromise, release, or discharge of, or acceptance or refusal of any offer of payment or performance with respect to, or any substitution for, the Secured Obligations, or any subordination of the Secured Obligations to any other obligations;

(vi) the validity, perfection, non-perfection or lapse in perfection, priority or avoidance of any security interest or lien, the release of any or all collateral securing, or purporting to secure, the Secured Obligations or any other impairment of such collateral;

(vii) any exercise of remedies with respect to any security for the Secured Obligations (including, without limitation, any collateral, including the Collateral, securing or purporting to secure any of the Secured Obligations) at such time and in such order and in such manner as the Administrative Agent and the Secured Parties may decide and whether or not every aspect thereof is commercially reasonable and whether or not such action constitutes an election of remedies and even if such action operates to impair or extinguish any right of reimbursement or subrogation or other right or remedy that the Guarantor would otherwise have, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing or any other provisions hereof, the Guarantor hereby expressly waives any and all benefits which might otherwise be available to the Guarantor under applicable law; and

(viii) any other circumstance whatsoever which may or might in any manner or to any extent vary the risk of the Guarantor as an obligor in respect of the Secured Obligations or which constitutes, or might be construed to constitute, an equitable or legal discharge of the Borrower or any the Guarantor for the Secured Obligations, or of the Guarantor under the guarantee contained in this <u>Article X</u> or of any security interest granted by the Guarantor, whether in a proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or in any other instance.

(e) In addition the Guarantor further waives any and all other defenses, set-offs or counterclaims (other than a defense of payment or performance in full hereunder) which may at any time be available to or be asserted by it, the Borrower or any Person against any Secured Party, including, without limitation, failure of consideration, breach of warranty, statute of frauds, statute of limitations, accord and satisfaction and usury, other than payment in full in cash of all Secured Obligations and a termination of all Revolving Credit Commitments.

10.04 Rights of Subrogation.

(a) Any right of subrogation of the Guarantor shall be enforceable solely after the Discharge of the Secured Obligations and solely against the Borrower, and not against the Secured Parties, and neither the Administrative Agent nor any other Secured Party shall have any duty whatsoever to warrant, ensure or protect any such right of subrogation or to obtain, perfect, maintain, hold, enforce or retain any collateral securing or purporting to secure any of the Secured Obligations, for any purpose related to any such right of subrogation. If subrogation is demanded by the Guarantor, then, after the Discharge of the Secured Obligations, the Administrative Agent shall deliver to the Guarantor, or to a representative of the Guarantor, an instrument satisfactory to the Administrative Agent transferring, on a quitclaim basis without any recourse, representation, warranty or any other obligations that may then exist that was not previously released or disposed of or acquired by the Administrative Agent.

(b) All rights and claims arising under this Section 10.04 or based upon or relating to any other right of indemnification or subrogation that may at any time arise or exist in favor of the Guarantor as to any payment on account of either (x) the Secured Obligations or (y) any other obligation that is secured by any collateral that also secures or purports to secure any of the Secured Obligations, in each case made by it or received or collected from its property, shall be fully subordinated to the Secured Obligations in all respects prior to the Discharge of the Secured Obligations. Until Discharge of the Secured Obligations, the Guarantor may not demand or receive any collateral security, payment or distribution whatsoever (whether in cash, property or securities or otherwise) on account of any such right or claim. If any such payment or distribution is made or becomes available to the Guarantor in any bankruptcy case, receivership, or insolvency or liquidation proceeding, such payment or distribution shall be delivered by the person making such payment or distribution directly to the Administrative Agent, for application to the payment of the Secured Obligations. If any such payment or distribution is received parties, and shall forthwith be transferred and delivered by the Guarantor to the Administrative Agent, in the exact form received and, if necessary, duly endorsed.

(c) The obligations of the Guarantor under this Agreement and the other Loan Documents, including its liability for the Secured Obligations and the enforceability of the security interests granted thereby, are not contingent upon the validity, legality, enforceability, collectability or sufficiency of any right of subrogation arising under this <u>Section 10.04</u> or otherwise. The invalidity, insufficiency, unenforceability or uncollectability of any such right shall not in any respect diminish, affect or impair any such obligation or any other claim, interest, right or remedy at any time held by any Secured Party against the Guarantor or its property. The Secured Parties make no representations or warranties in respect of any such right and shall have no duty to assure, protect, enforce or ensure any such right or otherwise relating to any such right.

10.05 <u>Payments</u>. The Guarantor hereby guarantees that payments hereunder will be paid to the Administrative Agent without set-off or counterclaim in Dollars in immediately available funds at the Administrative Agent's Office.

10.06 <u>Financial Condition of Borrower and Guarantor</u>. Any Credit Extension may be made to the Borrower or continued from time to time, and any Secured Hedge Agreements and Secured Cash Management Agreements may be entered into from time to time, in each case, without notice to or authorization from the Guarantor regardless of the financial or other condition of Borrower or the Guarantor at the time of any such grant or continuation or at the time such Secured Hedge Agreement or Secured Cash Management Agreement is entered into, as the case may be. No Secured Party shall have any obligation to disclose or discuss with the Guarantor its assessment, or the Guarantor's assessment, of the financial condition of the Borrower or the Guarantor. The Guarantor has adequate means to obtain information from the Borrower on a continuing basis concerning the financial condition of the Borrower and its ability to perform its obligations under the Loan Documents, Secured Cash Management Agreements and Secured Hedge Agreements, and the Guarantor assumes responsibility for being and keeping informed of the financial condition of Borrower and of all circumstances bearing upon the risk of nonpayment of the Secured Obligations. The Guarantor hereby waives and relinquishes any duty on the part of any Secured Party to disclose any matter, fact or thing relating to the business, operations or conditions of the Borrower or the Guarantor now known or hereafter known by any Secured Party.

10.07 <u>Bankruptcy, Etc.</u> The obligations of the Guarantor hereunder shall not be reduced, limited, impaired, discharged, deferred, suspended or terminated by any case or proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law, voluntary or involuntary, involving the Borrower or the Guarantor or by any defense which the Borrower or the Guarantor may have by reason of the order, decree or decision of any court or administrative body resulting from any such proceeding. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Guarantor will permit any trustee in bankruptcy, receiver, debtor in possession, assignee for the benefit of creditors or similar person to pay the Administrative Agent, or allow the claim of the Administrative Agent in respect of, any interest, fees, costs, expenses or other Secured Obligations accruing or arising after the date on which such case or proceeding is commenced.

10.08 <u>Duration of Guaranty</u>. The guarantee contained in this <u>Article X</u> shall remain in full force and effect until the Discharge of the Secured Obligations.

10.09 Reinstatement. If at any time payment of any of the Secured Obligations or any portion thereof is rescinded, disgorged or must otherwise be restored or returned by any Secured Party upon the insolvency, bankruptcy, dissolution, liquidation or reorganization of the Borrower or the Guarantor, or upon or as a result of the appointment of a receiver, intervenor or conservator of, or trustee or similar officer for, the Borrower or the Guarantor or any substantial part of its property, or otherwise, or if any Secured Party repays, restores, or returns, in whole or in part, any payment or property previously paid or transferred to the Secured Party in full or partial satisfaction of any Secured Obligation, because the payment or transfer or the incurrence of the obligation is so satisfied, is declared to be void, voidable, or otherwise recoverable under any state or federal law (collectively a "<u>Voidable Transfer</u>"), or because such Secured Party elects to do so on the reasonable advice of its counsel in connection with an assertion that the

payment, transfer or incurrence is a Voidable Transfer, then, as to any such Voidable Transfer and as to all reasonable costs, expenses and attorney's fees of the Secured Party related thereto, the liability of the Guarantor hereunder will automatically and immediately be revived, reinstated, and restored and will exist as though the Voidable Transfer had never been made.

10.10 <u>Keepwell</u>. Each Qualified ECP Guarantor hereby absolutely, unconditionally and irrevocably undertakes to provide such funds or other support as may be needed from time to time by each other Loan Party to honor all of its obligations under this Guaranty in respect of Swap Obligations (provided, however, that each Qualified ECP Guarantor shall only be liable under this <u>Section 10.10</u> for the maximum amount of such liability that can be hereby incurred without rendering its obligations under this <u>Section 10.10</u>, or otherwise under this Guaranty, as it relates to such Loan Party, voidable under applicable law relating to fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer, and not for any greater amount). The obligations of each Qualified ECP Guarantor under this <u>Section 10.10</u> constitute, and this <u>Section 10.10</u> shall be deemed to constitute, a "keepwell, support, or other agreement" for the benefit of each other Loan Party for all purposes of Section 1a(18)(A)(v)(II) of the Commodity Exchange Act.

ARTICLE XI MISCELLANEOUS

11.01 <u>Amendments, Etc.</u> No amendment or waiver of any provision of this Agreement or any other Loan Document, and no consent to any departure by any Loan Party therefrom, shall be effective unless in writing signed by the Required Lenders and the applicable Loan Party, as the case may be, and acknowledged by the Administrative Agent, and each such waiver or consent shall be effective only in the specific instance and for the specific purpose for which given; provided, however, that no such amendment, waiver or consent shall:

(a) waive any condition set forth in <u>Section 4.01</u> or, solely in the case of the initial Credit Extension, <u>Section 4.02</u>, without the written consent of each Revolving Credit Lender;

(b) extend or increase the Revolving Credit Commitment of any Revolving Credit Lender (or reinstate any Revolving Credit Commitment terminated pursuant to Section 8.02) without the written consent of such Revolving Credit Lender;

(c) extend the stated expiration date of any Letter of Credit beyond the Letter of Credit Expiration Date without the written consent of each Revolving Credit Lender that would be directly affected thereby;

(d) postpone any date fixed by this Agreement or any other Loan Document for any payment (excluding mandatory prepayments or payments of increased costs or indemnities) of principal, interest, fees or other amounts due to the Revolving Credit Lenders (or any of them) hereunder or under such other Loan Document without the written consent of each Revolving Credit Lender directly entitled to such payment;

(e) reduce the principal of, or the rate of interest specified herein on, any Revolving Credit Loan or L/C Borrowing, or (subject to clause (iii) of the second proviso to this <u>Section 11.01</u>) any fees or other amounts payable hereunder or under any other Loan Document without the written consent of each Revolving Credit Lender directly entitled to such amount; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that only the consent of the Required Lenders shall be necessary to amend the definition of "Default Rate" or to waive any obligation of the Borrower to pay interest or Letter of Credit Fees, or any other Obligations, at the Default Rate;

(f) change Section 2.12 or Section 8.03 in a manner that would alter the pro rata sharing of payments required thereby without the written consent of each Revolving Credit Lender;

(g) change any provision of this <u>Section 11.01</u> or the definition of "Required Lenders" or any other provision hereof specifying the number or percentage of Revolving Credit Lenders required to amend, waive or otherwise modify any rights hereunder or make any determination or grant any consent hereunder, or the last sentence of <u>Section 9.09</u> or clause (x) of the first sentence of <u>Section 11.06(a)</u> without the written consent of each Revolving Credit Lender;

(h) release all or substantially all of the Collateral in any transaction or series of related transactions without the written consent of each Revolving Credit Lender; or

(i) release all or substantially all of the value of the Guaranty without the written consent of each Revolving Credit Lender;

and <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that (i) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the applicable L/C Issuer in addition to the Revolving Credit Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of such L/C Issuer under this Agreement or any Issuer Document relating to any Letter of Credit issued or to be issued by it; (ii) no amendment, waiver or consent shall, unless in writing and signed by the Administrative Agent in addition to the Revolving Credit Lenders required above, affect the rights or duties of the Administrative Agent under this Agreement or any other Loan Document; and (iii) the Fee Letter and the Engagement Letter may be amended, or rights or privileges thereunder waived, in a writing executed only by the parties thereto. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no Defaulting Lender shall have any right to approve or disapprove any amendment, waiver or consent hereunder (and each such Defaulting Lender shall be deemed to have approved or disapproved of any such amendment, waiver or consent hereunder in the same proportion as the non-Defaulting Lenders), except that the Revolving Credit Commitment of such Revolving Credit Lender may not be increased or extended without the consent of such Revolving Credit Lender.

If any Revolving Credit Lender does not consent to a proposed amendment, waiver, consent or release with respect to any Loan Document that requires the consent of each Revolving Credit Lender or each directly and adversely affected Revolving Credit Lender, or of each Revolving Credit Lender directly entitled to a payment amount, or each affected Revolving Credit Lender, and that has been approved by the Required Lenders, or any Revolving Credit Lender rejects an Extension Offer in accordance with <u>Section 2.15</u> (a "<u>Non-Extending Lender</u>"), the Borrower may replace such non-consenting Revolving Credit Lender or Non-Extending

Lender in accordance with <u>Section 11.13</u>; <u>provided</u> that in the case of any non-consenting Revolving Credit Lender such amendment, waiver, consent or release can be effected as a result of the assignment contemplated by such Section (together with all other such assignments required by the Borrower to be made pursuant to this paragraph) and in the case of any Non-Extending Lender, the replacement lender shall accept the Extension Offer.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or any other Loan Document (including this Section 11.01), the consent of the Required Lenders shall not be required to make any changes necessary to be made in connection with any increase in the Revolving Credit Commitments hereunder in accordance with Section 2.13.

11.02 <u>Notices; Effectiveness; Electronic Communications</u>. (a) <u>Notices Generally</u>. Except in the case of notices and other communications expressly permitted to be given by telephone (and except as provided in subsection (b) below), all notices and other communications provided for herein shall be in writing and shall be delivered by hand or overnight courier service, mailed by certified or registered mail or sent by telecopier as follows, and all notices and other communications expressly permitted hereunder to be given by telephone shall be made to the applicable telephone number, as follows:

(i) if to Holdings, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent or any L/C Issuer, to the address, telecopier number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified for such Person on <u>Schedule 11.02</u>; and

(ii) if to any Revolving Credit Lender, to the address, telecopier number, electronic mail address or telephone number specified in its Administrative Questionnaire.

Notices and other communications sent by hand or overnight courier service, or mailed by certified or registered mail, shall be deemed to have been given when received; notices and other communications sent by telecopier shall be deemed to have been given when sent (except that, if not given during normal business hours for the recipient, shall be deemed to have been given at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient). Notices and other communications delivered through electronic communications to the extent provided in subsection (b) below shall be effective as provided in subsection (b).

(b) <u>Electronic Communications</u>. Notices and other communications to the Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers hereunder may be delivered or furnished by electronic communication (including e-mail and Internet or intranet websites) pursuant to procedures approved by the Administrative Agent, <u>provided</u> that the foregoing shall not apply to notices to any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer pursuant to <u>Article II</u> if such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, as applicable, has notified the Administrative Agent that it is incapable of receiving notices under such Article by electronic communications. The Administrative Agent or the Borrower may, in its discretion, agree to accept notices and other communications to it hereunder by electronic communications pursuant to procedures approved by it, <u>provided</u> that approval of such procedures may be limited to particular notices or communications.

Unless the Administrative Agent otherwise prescribes, (i) notices and other communications sent to an e-mail address shall be deemed received upon the sender's receipt of an acknowledgement from the intended recipient (such as by the "return receipt requested" function, as available, return e-mail or other written acknowledgement), <u>provided</u> that if such notice or other communication is not sent during the normal business hours of the recipient, such notice or communication shall be deemed to have been sent at the opening of business on the next Business Day for the recipient, and (ii) notices or communications posted to an Internet or intranet website shall be deemed received upon the deemed receipt by the intended recipient at its e-mail address as described in the foregoing clause (i) of notification that such notice or communication is available and identifying the website address therefor.

(c) The Platform. THE PLATFORM IS PROVIDED "AS IS" AND "AS AVAILABLE." THE AGENT PARTIES (AS DEFINED BELOW) DO NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OR COMPLETENESS OF THE BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE ADEQUACY OF THE PLATFORM, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIM LIABILITY FOR ERRORS IN OR OMISSIONS FROM THE BORROWER MATERIALS. NO WARRANTY OF ANY KIND, EXPRESS, IMPLIED OR STATUTORY, INCLUDING ANY WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY, FITNESS FOR *4* PARTICULAR PURPOSE, NON-INFRINGEMENT OF THIRD PARTY RIGHTS OR FREEDOM FROM VIRUSES OR OTHER CODE DEFECTS, IS MADE BY ANY AGENT PARTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE BORROWER MATERIALS OR THE PLATFORM. In no event shall the Administrative Agent or any of its Related Parties (collectively, the "Agent Parties") have any liability to Holdings, the Borrower, any Revolving Credit Lender, any L/C Issuer or any other Person for Iosses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses of any kind (whether in tort, contract or otherwise) arising out of the Borrower's or the Administrative Agent's transmission of Borrower Materials through the Internet, except to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or expenses are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by a final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Agent Party; provided, however, that in no event shall any Agent Party have any liability to Holdings, the Borrower, any Revolving Credit Lender, any L/C Issuer or any other Person for indirect, special, incidental, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages).

(d) <u>Change of Address, Etc.</u> Each of Holdings, the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and each L/C Issuer may change its address, telecopier or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the other parties hereto. Each Revolving Credit Lender may change its address, telecopier or telephone number for notices and other communications hereunder by notice to the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and each L/C Issuer. In addition, each Revolving Credit Lender agrees to notify the Administrative Agent from time to time to ensure that the Administrative Agent has on record (i) an effective address, contact name, telephone number, telecopier number and electronic mail address to which notices and other communications may be sent and (ii) accurate wire instructions for such Revolving Credit Lender. Furthermore, each Public Lender agrees to cause at least one individual at or on behalf of such Public Lender to at all times have selected the "Private Side Information" or similar designation on the content declaration screen of the Platform in order to enable such Public Lender or its delegate, in accordance with such Public Lender's compliance procedures and applicable Law, including United States Federal and state securities Laws, to make reference to Borrower Materials that are not made available through the

"Public Side Information" portion of the Platform and that may contain material non-public information with respect to the Borrower or its securities for purposes of United States Federal or state securities laws.

(e) <u>Reliance by Administrative Agent, L/C Issuers and Revolving Credit Lenders</u>. The Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuers and the Revolving Credit Lenders shall be entitled to rely and act upon any notices (including telephonic Committed Loan Notices) purportedly given by or on behalf of the Borrower even if (i) such notices were not made in a manner specified herein, were incomplete or were not preceded or followed by any other form of notice specified herein, or (ii) the terms thereof, as understood by the recipient, varied from any confirmation thereof. The Borrower shall indemnify the Administrative Agent, each L/C Issuer, each Revolving Credit Lender and the Related Parties of each of them from all losses, costs, expenses and liabilities resulting from the reliance by such Person on each notice purportedly given by or on behalf of the Borrower. All telephonic notices to and other telephonic communications with the Administrative Agent may be recorded by the Administrative Agent, and each of the parties hereto hereby consents to such recording.

11.03 <u>No Waiver; Cumulative Remedies; Enforcement</u>. No failure by any Revolving Credit Lender, any L/C Issuer or the Administrative Agent to exercise, and no delay by any such Person in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder or under any other Loan Document shall operate as a waiver thereof; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privileges herein provided, and provided under each other Loan Document, are cumulative and not exclusive of any rights, remedies, powers and privileges provided by law.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein or in any other Loan Document, the authority to enforce rights and remedies hereunder and under the other Loan Documents against the Loan Parties or any of them shall be vested exclusively in, and all actions and proceedings at law or in equity in connection with such enforcement shall be instituted and maintained exclusively by, the Administrative Agent in accordance with <u>Section 8.02</u> for the benefit of all the Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the foregoing shall not prohibit (a) the Administrative Agent from exercising on its own behalf the rights and remedies that inure to its benefit (solely in its capacity as Administrative Agent) hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, (b) any L/C Issuer from exercising the rights and remedies that inure to its benefit (solely in its capacity as an L/C Issuer) hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, (c) any Revolving Credit Lender from exercising setoff rights in accordance with <u>Section 11.08</u> (subject to the terms of <u>Section 2.12</u>), or (d) any Revolving Credit Lender from filing proofs of claim or appearing and filing pleadings on its own behalf during the pendency of a proceeding relative to any Loan Party under any Debtor Relief Law; and <u>provided</u>, <u>further</u>, that if at any time there is no Person acting as Administrative Agent hereunder and under the other Loan Documents, then (i) the Required Lenders shall have the rights otherwise ascribed to the Administrative Agent pursuant to <u>Section 8.02</u> and (ii) in addition to the matters set forth in clauses (b), (c) and (d) of the preceding proviso and subject to <u>Section 2.12</u>, any Revolving Credit Lender may, with the consent of the Required Lenders, enforce any rights and remedies available to it and as authorized by the Required Lenders.

Expenses; Indemnity; Damage Waiver. (a) Costs and Expenses. The Borrower shall pay (i) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred 11.04 by the Arrangers, the Administrative Agent and their respective Affiliates (including the reasonable and documented or invoiced fees and expenses of one counsel per relevant jurisdiction for the Arrangers and the Administrative Agent and one local counsel per relevant jurisdiction (which may include a single counsel acting in multiple jurisdictions) and one special counsel, including special regulatory counsel, per relevant jurisdiction), in connection with the Transactions and the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and any amendments, modifications or waivers of the provisions hereof or thereof (whether or not the Transactions or the other transactions contemplated hereby or thereby shall be consummated) and any ancillary documents in connection therewith, (ii) all reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by any L/C Issuer in connection with the issuance, amendment, renewal or extension of any Letter of Credit or any demand for payment thereunder and (iii) all out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Administrative Agent, any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer (including the fees and expenses of any counsel for the Administrative Agent, any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer), in connection with the enforcement or protection of its rights (A) in connection with this Agreement and the other Loan Documents and the Transactions, including its rights under this Section, and (B) in connection with Revolving Credit Loans made or Letters of Credit issued hereunder, including all such out-of-pocket expenses incurred during any workout, restructuring or negotiations in respect of such Revolving Credit Loans or Letters of Credit. The Borrower acknowledges that the Administrative Agent or the Arrangers may receive a benefit, including without limitation, a discount, credit or other accommodation, from counsel based on the fees such counsel may receive on account of their relationship with the Administrative Agent or the Arrangers.

(b) Indemnification by the Borrower. The Borrower shall indemnify the Arrangers, the Administrative Agent (and any sub-agent thereof), each Revolving Credit Lender and each L/C Issuer, and each Related Party of any of the foregoing Persons (each such Person being called an "Indemnitee") against, and hold each Indemnitee harmless from, any and all losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related expenses, joint or several, (including the fees and expenses of one counsel for the Indemnitees (except to the extent that an Indemnitee shall have been advised by counsel that there are actual conflicting interests or there exists the reasonable likelihood of a conflicting interest between such Indemnitee and another Indemnitee)) (in each case, other than with respect to those losses, claims, damages, liabilities and related expenses set forth in Sections 3.02, 3.04, and 3.05, which shall be governed by the relevant terms and conditions set forth therein) incurred by any Indemnitee or asserted against any Indemnitee by any third party or by the Borrower or any other Loan Party arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of (i) the execution or delivery of this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby or thereby, the performance by the parties hereto of their respective obligations hereunder or thereunder and the consummation of the Transactions and the other transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, (ii) any Revolving Credit Loan or Letter of Credit or the use or proposed use of the proceeds therefrom (including any refusal by any L/C Issuer to honor a demand for payment under a Letter of Credit if the documents presented in connection with such demand do not strictly comply with the terms of such Letter of Credit), (iii) any actual or alleged presence or release of Hazardous Materials on or from any property owned or

operated by Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Environmental Liability related in any way to Holdings or any of its Subsidiaries, or (iv) any actual or prospective claim, litigation, investigation, defense or proceeding relating to any of the foregoing, whether based on contract, tort or any other theory, whether brought by a third party or by the Borrower or any other Loan Party or any Affiliate thereof or any of the Borrower's or such Loan Party's or such Affiliate's directors, shareholders or creditors, and regardless of whether any Indemnitee is a party thereto; <u>provided</u> that such indemnity shall not, as to any Indemnitee, be available to the extent that such losses, claims, damages, liabilities or related expenses, (w) are determined by a court of competent jurisdiction by final and nonappealable judgment to have resulted from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee, (x) result from a claim brought by the Borrower or any other Loan Party against such Indemnitee for material breach of such Indemnitee's obligations hereunder or under any other Loan Document, if the Borrower or such Loan Party has obtained a final and nonappealable judgment in its favor on such claim as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. This Section 11.04(b) shall not apply with respect to Taxes other than any Taxes that represent losses, claims, damages, etc. arising from any non-Tax claim.

(c) <u>Reimbursement by Revolving Credit Lenders</u>. To the extent that the Borrower for any reason fails to indefeasibly pay any amount required under subsection (a) or (b) of this Section to be paid by it to the Administrative Agent (or any sub-agent thereof), any L/C Issuer or any Related Party of any of the foregoing, each Revolving Credit Lender severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent), such L/C Issuer or such Related Party, as the case may be, such Revolving Credit Lender's Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage (determined as of the time that the applicable unreimbursed expense or indemnity payment is sought) of such unpaid amount, <u>provided</u> that the unreimbursed expense or indemnified loss, claim, damage, liability or related expense, as the case may be, was incurred by or asserted against the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent) or any L/C Issuer in its capacity as such, or against any Related Party of any of the foregoing acting for the Administrative Agent (or any such sub-agent) or any L/C Issuer in connection with such capacity. The obligations of the Revolving Credit Lenders under this subsection (c) are subject to the provisions of <u>Section 2.11(d)</u>.

(d) <u>Waiver of Consequential Damages, Etc.</u> To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, no Loan Party shall assert, and each Loan Party hereby waives, any claim against any Indemnitee, on any theory of liability, for special, indirect, consequential or punitive damages (as opposed to direct or actual damages) arising out of, in connection with, or as a result of, this Agreement, any other Loan Document or any agreement or instrument contemplated hereby, the Transactions or the other transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, any Revolving Credit Loan or Letter of Credit or the use of the proceeds thereof. No Indemnitee shall be liable for any damages arising from the use by unintended recipients of any information or other materials distributed to such unintended recipients by such Indemnitee through telecommunications, electronic or other information transmission systems in connection with this Agreement or the other Loan Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby other than for direct or actual damages resulting from the gross negligence or willful misconduct of such Indemnitee as determined by a final and nonappealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(e) <u>Payments</u>. All amounts due under this Section shall be payable not later than ten Business Days after demand therefor.

(f) <u>Survival</u>. The agreements in this Section shall survive the resignation of the Administrative Agent and any L/C Issuer, the replacement of any Revolving Credit Lender, the termination of the Aggregate Revolving Credit Commitments and the repayment, satisfaction or discharge of all the other Obligations.

11.05 <u>Payments Set Aside</u>. To the extent that any payment by or on behalf of the Borrower is made to the Administrative Agent, any L/C Issuer or any Revolving Credit Lender, or the Administrative Agent, any L/C Issuer or any Revolving Credit Lender exercises its right of setoff, and such payment or the proceeds of such setoff or any part thereof is subsequently invalidated, declared to be fraudulent or preferential, set aside or required (including pursuant to any settlement entered into by the Administrative Agent, such L/C Issuer or such Revolving Credit Lender in its discretion) to be repaid to a trustee, receiver or any other party, in connection with any proceeding under any Debtor Relief Law or otherwise, then (a) to the extent of such recovery, the obligation or part thereof originally intended to be satisfied shall be revived and continued in full force and effect as if such payment had not been made or such setoff had not occurred, and (b) each Revolving Credit Lender and each L/C Issuer severally agrees to pay to the Administrative Agent upon demand its applicable share (without duplication) of any amount so recovered from or repaid by the Administrative Agent, plus interest thereon from the date of such demand to the date such payment is made at a rate per annum equal to the Federal Funds Rate from time to time in effect. The obligations of the Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers under clause (b) of the preceding sentence shall survive the payment in full of the Obligations and the termination of this Agreement.

11.06 <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. (a) <u>Successors and Assigns Generally</u>. The provisions of this Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, except that (x) neither the Borrower nor any other Loan Party may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Revolving Credit Lender and (y) no Revolving Credit Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder without the prior written consent of the Administrative Agent and each Revolving Credit Lender and (y) no Revolving Credit Lender may assign or otherwise transfer any of its rights or obligations hereunder except (i) to an assignee in accordance with the provisions of Section 11.06(b), (ii) by way of participation in accordance with the provisions of Section 11.06(d) or (iii) by way of pledge or assignment of a security interest subject to the restrictions of Section 11.06(f) (and any other attempted assignment or transfer by any party hereto shall be null and void). Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, shall be construed to confer upon any Person (other than the parties hereto, their respective successors and assigns permitted hereby, Participants to the extent provided in subsection (d) of this Section and, to the extent expressly contemplated hereby, the Indemnitees and the Related Parties of each of the Administrative Agent, the L/C Issuers and the Revolving Credit Lenders) any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under or by reason of this Agreement.

(b) <u>Assignments by Revolving Credit Lenders</u>. Any Revolving Credit Lender may at any time assign to one or more assignees all or a portion of its rights and obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Revolving Credit Commitment and the Revolving Credit Loans (including for purposes of this <u>Section 11.06(b)</u>, participations in L/C

Obligations) at the time owing to it); provided that any such assignment shall be subject to the following conditions:

(i) Minimum Amounts.

(A) in the case of an assignment of the entire remaining amount of the assigning Revolving Credit Lender's Revolving Credit Commitment and the Revolving Credit Loans at the time owing to it or in the case of an assignment to a Revolving Credit Lender, an Affiliate of a Revolving Credit Lender or an Approved Fund, no minimum amount need be assigned; and

(B) in any case not described in subsection (b)(i)(A) of this Section, the aggregate amount of the Revolving Credit Commitment (which for this purpose includes Revolving Credit Loans outstanding thereunder) or, if the Revolving Credit Commitment is not then in effect, the principal outstanding balance of the Revolving Credit Loans of the assigning Revolving Credit Lender subject to each such assignment, determined as of the date the Assignment and Assumption with respect to such assignment is delivered to the Administrative Agent or, if "Trade Date" is specified in the Assignment and Assumption, as of the Trade Date, shall not be less than \$5,000,000, unless each of the Administrative Agent and, so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Borrower otherwise consents (each such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that concurrent assignments to members of an Assignee Group and concurrent assignments from members of an Assignee Group to a single Eligible Assignee (or to an Eligible Assignee and members of its Assignee Group) will be treated as a single assignment for purposes of determining whether such minimum amount has been met;

(ii) <u>Proportionate Amounts</u>. Each partial assignment shall be made as an assignment of a proportionate part of all the assigning Revolving Credit Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement with respect to the Revolving Credit Loans or the Revolving Credit Commitment assigned;

(iii) <u>Required Consents</u>. No consent shall be required for any assignment except to the extent required by subsection (b)(i)(B) of this Section and, in addition:

(A) the consent of the Borrower (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required unless (1) an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing at the time of such assignment or (2) such assignment is to a Revolving Credit Lender, an Affiliate of a Revolving Credit Lender or an Approved Fund; provided that the Borrower shall be deemed to have consented to any such assignment unless it shall object thereto by written notice to the Administrative Agent within five (5) Business Days after having received notice thereof;

(B) the consent of the Administrative Agent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for assignments in respect of any Revolving Credit Commitment if such assignment is to a Person that is not a Revolving Credit Lender, an Affiliate of such Revolving Credit Lender or an Approved Fund with respect to such Revolving Credit Lender; and

(C) the consent of each L/C Issuer (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed) shall be required for any assignment.

(iv) <u>Assignment and Assumption</u>. The parties to each assignment shall execute and deliver to the Administrative Agent an Assignment and Assumption, together with a processing and recordation fee in the amount of \$3,500; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Administrative Agent may, in its sole discretion, elect to waive such processing and recordation fee in the case of any assignment. The assignee, if it is not a Revolving Credit Lender, shall deliver to the Administrative Agent an Administrative Questionnaire.

(v) <u>No Assignment to Certain Persons</u>. No such assignment shall be made (A) to any Loan Party or any Loan Party's Affiliates or Subsidiaries, (B) to any Defaulting Lender or any of its Subsidiaries, or any Person who, upon becoming a Revolving Credit Lender hereunder, would constitute any of the foregoing Persons described in this <u>clause (B)</u>, or (C) to a natural Person.

(vi) <u>Certain Additional Payments</u>. In connection with any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder, no such assignment shall be effective unless and until, in addition to the other conditions thereto set forth herein, the parties to the assignment shall make such additional payments to the Administrative Agent in an aggregate amount sufficient, upon distribution thereof as appropriate (which may be outright payment, purchases by the assignee of participations or subparticipations, or other compensating actions, including funding, with the consent of the Borrower and the Administrative Agent, the applicable pro rata share of Revolving Credit Loans previously requested but not funded by the Defaulting Lender, to each of which the applicable assignee and assignor hereby irrevocably consent), to (x) pay and satisfy in full all payment liabilities then owed by such Defaulting Lender to the Administrative Agent, any L/C Issuer or any Revolving Credit Lender hereunder (and interest accrued thereon) and (y) acquire (and fund as appropriate) its full pro rata share of all Revolving Credit Loans and participations in Letters of Credit in accordance with its Applicable Revolving Credit Percentage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that any assignment of rights and obligations of any Defaulting Lender hereunder shall become effective under applicable Law without compliance with the provisions of this paragraph, then the assignee of such interest shall be deemed to be a Defaulting Lender for all purposes of this Agreement until such compliance occurs.

Subject to acceptance and recording thereof by the Administrative Agent pursuant to subsection (c) of this Section, from and after the effective date specified in each Assignment and Assumption, the assignee thereunder shall be a party to this Agreement and, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, have the rights and obligations of a Revolving Credit Lender under this Agreement, and the assigning Revolving Credit Lender

thereunder shall, to the extent of the interest assigned by such Assignment and Assumption, be released from its obligations under this Agreement (and, in the case of an Assignment and Assumption covering all of the assigning Revolving Credit Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement, such Revolving Credit Lender shall cease to be a party hereto) but shall continue to be entitled to the benefits of <u>Sections 3.01</u>, <u>3.04</u>, <u>3.05</u> and <u>11.04</u> with respect to facts and circumstances occurring prior to the effective date of such assignment. Upon request, the Borrower (at its expense) shall execute and deliver a Revolving Credit Note to the assignee Revolving Credit Lender. Any assignment or transfer by a Revolving Credit Lender of rights or obligations under this Agreement that does not comply with this subsection shall be treated for purposes of this Agreement as a sale by such Revolving Credit Lender of a participation in such rights and obligations in accordance with <u>Section 11.06(d)</u>.

(c) <u>Register</u>. The Administrative Agent, acting solely for this purpose as an agent of the Borrower, shall maintain at the Administrative Agent's Office a copy of each Assignment and Assumption delivered to it and a register for the recordation of the names and addresses of the Revolving Credit Lenders, and the Revolving Credit Commitments of, and principal amounts (and stated interest) of the Revolving Credit Loans and L/C Obligations owing to, each Revolving Credit Lender pursuant to the terms hereof from time to time (the "<u>Register</u>"). The entries in the Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and the Borrower, the Administrative Agent and the Revolving Credit Lenders shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Register pursuant to the terms hereof as a Revolving Credit Lender hereunder for all purposes of this Agreement, notwithstanding notice to the contrary. The Register shall be available for inspection by the Borrower and any Revolving Credit Lender, at any reasonable time and from time to time upon reasonable prior notice.

(d) Participations. Any Revolving Credit Lender may at any time, without the consent of, or notice to, any Loan Party or the Administrative Agent, sell participations to any Person (other than a natural person or a Loan Party or any Loan Party's Affiliates or Subsidiaries) (each, a "<u>Participant</u>") in all or a portion of such Revolving Credit Lender's rights and/or obligations under this Agreement (including all or a portion of its Revolving Credit Loans (including such Revolving Credit Lender's participations in L/C Obligations) owing to it); provided that (i) such Revolving Credit Lender's obligations under this Agreement shall remain unchanged, (ii) such Revolving Credit Lender shall remain solely responsible to the other parties hereto for the performance of such obligations and (iii) the Loan Parties, the Administrative Agent, the Revolving Credit Lender's rights and obligations under this Agreement. Any agreement or instrument pursuant to which a Revolving Credit Lender sells such a participation shall provide that such Revolving Credit Lender shall retain the sole right to enforce this Agreement and to approve any amendment, modification or waiver of any provision of this Agreement; provided that such agreement or instrument may provide that such Revolving Credit Lender will not, without the consent of the Participant, agree to any amendment, waiver or other modification described in the first proviso to <u>Section 11.01</u> that affects such Participant. Subject to <u>subsection (e)</u> of this Section, the Borrower agrees that each Participant shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Sections 3.01, 3.04</u>, and <u>3.05</u> to the same extent as if it were a Revolving Credit Lender. To

the extent permitted by law, each Participant also shall be entitled to the benefits of <u>Section 11.08</u> as though it were a Revolving Credit Lender, <u>provided</u> such Participant agrees to be subject to <u>Section 2.12</u> as though it were a Revolving Credit Lender. Each Revolving Credit Lender that sells a participation shall, acting solely for this purpose as a non-fiduciary agent of the Borrower, maintain a register on which it enters the name and address of each Participant and the principal amounts (and stated interest) of each Participant's interest in the Revolving Credit Loans or other obligations under the Loan Documents (the <u>"Participant Register</u>"); provided that no Revolving Credit Lender shall have any obligation to disclose all or any portion of the Participant Register (including the identity of any Participant or any information relating to a Participant's interest in any commitments, loans, letters of credit or its other obligations under any Loan Document) to any Person except to the extent that such disclosure is necessary to establish that such commitment, loan, letter of credit or other obligation is in registered form under Section 5f.103-1(c) of the United States Treasury Regulations. The entries in the Participant Register shall be conclusive absent manifest error, and such Revolving Credit Lender shall treat each Person whose name is recorded in the Participant Register as the owner of such participation for all purposes of this Agreement notwithstanding any notice to the contrary. For the avoidance of doubt, the Administrative Agent (in its capacity as Administrative Agent) shall have no responsibility for maintaining a Participant Register.

(e) <u>Limitations upon Participant Rights</u>. A Participant shall not be entitled to receive any greater payment under <u>Section 3.01</u> or <u>3.04</u> than the applicable Revolving Credit Lender would have been entitled to receive with respect to the participation sold to such Participant. A Participant that would be a Foreign Revolving Credit Lender if it were a Revolving Credit Lender shall not be entitled to the benefits of <u>Section 3.01</u> unless the Borrower is notified of the participation sold to such Participant and such Participant agrees, for the benefit of the Borrower, to comply with <u>Section 3.01(e)</u> as though it were a Revolving Credit Lender.

(f) <u>Certain Pledges</u>. Any Revolving Credit Lender may at any time pledge or assign a security interest in all or any portion of its rights under this Agreement (including under its Revolving Credit Note, if any) to secure obligations of such Revolving Credit Lender, including any pledge or assignment to secure obligations to a Federal Reserve Bank; <u>provided</u> that no such pledge or assignment shall release such Revolving Credit Lender from any of its obligations hereunder or substitute any such pledgee or assignee for such Revolving Credit Lender as a party hereto.

(g) <u>Resignation as L/C Issuer after Assignment</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if at any time Bank of America assigns all of its Revolving Credit Commitment and Revolving Credit Loans pursuant to <u>Section 11.06(b)</u>. Bank of America may, upon 30 days' notice to the Borrower and the Revolving Credit Lenders, resign as an L/C Issuer. In the event of any such resignation as an L/C Issuer, the Borrower to appoint any such successor shall affect the resignation of Bank of America as an L/C Issuer. If Bank of America resigns as an L/C Issuer, it shall retain all the rights, powers, privileges and duties of an L/C Issuer hereunder with respect to all Letters of Credit issued by it hereunder and all L/C Obligations with respect thereto (including the right to require the Revolving Credit Lenders to make Base Rate Loans or fund risk participations in Unreimbursed Amounts pursuant to <u>Section 2.03(c)</u>). Upon the appointment of a successor L/C

Issuer, (a) such successor shall succeed to and become vested with all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties of the retiring L/C Issuer, and (b) the successor L/C Issuer shall issue letters of credit in substitution for the Letters of Credit, if any, outstanding at the time of such succession or make other arrangements satisfactory to Bank of America to effectively assume the obligations of Bank of America with respect to such Letters of Credit.

11.07 <u>Treatment of Certain Information; Confidentiality</u>. Each of the Administrative Agent, the Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers agrees to maintain the confidentiality of the Information (as defined below), except that Information may be disclosed (a) to its Affiliates and to its and its Affiliates' respective partners, directors, officers, employees, agents, trustees, advisors and representatives (it being understood that the Persons to whom such disclosure is made will be informed of the confidential nature of such Information and instructed to keep such Information confidential), (b) to the extent requested by any regulatory authority purporting to have jurisdiction over it (including any self-regulatory authority, such as the National Association of Insurance Commissioners), (c) to the extent required by applicable laws or regulations or by any subpoena or similar legal process, (d) to any other party hereto, (e) in connection with the exercise of any remedies hereunder or under any other Loan Document or any action or proceeding relating to this Agreement or any other Loan Document or the enforcement of rights hereunder or thereunder, (f) subject to an agreement containing provisions substantially the same as those of this Section, to (i) any assignee of or Participant in, or any prospective assignee of or Participant in, any of its rights or obligations under this advisors) to any swap or derivative transaction relating to the Loan Parties and their respective obligations, (g) with the consent of the Borrower, (h) to market data collectors, similar services providers to the lending industry, and service providers to the Administrative Agent and the Revolving Credit Lenders in connection with the administration and management of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents or (i) to the extent required by any regulatory, and service providers to the Administrative Agent and the Revolving Credit Lenders in connection with the administration relating to the Loan Parties and their respective oblig

For purposes of this Section, "<u>Information</u>" means all information received from any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof relating to any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof or their respective businesses, other than any such information that is available to the Administrative Agent, any Revolving Credit Lender or any L/C Issuer on a nonconfidential basis prior to disclosure by any Loan Party or any Subsidiary thereof, <u>provided</u> that, in the case of information received from a Loan Party or any such Subsidiary after the Closing Date, such information is clearly identified at the time of delivery as confidential. Any Person required to maintain the confidentiality of Information as provided in this Section shall be considered to have complied with its obligation to do so if such Person has exercised the same degree of care to maintain the confidentiality of such Information as such Person would accord to its own confidential information.

Each of the Administrative Agent, the Revolving Credit Lenders and the L/C Issuers acknowledges that (a) the Information may include material nonpublic information concerning a Loan Party or a Subsidiary, as the case may be, (b) it has developed compliance procedures

regarding the use of material non-public information and (c) it will handle such material non-public information in accordance with applicable Law, including United States Federal and state securities Laws.

11.08 <u>Right of Setoff</u>. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, each Revolving Credit Lender, each L/C Issuer and each of their respective Affiliates is hereby authorized at any time and from time to time, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, to set off and apply any and all deposits (general or special, time or demand, provisional or final, in whatever currency) at any time held and other obligations (in whatever currency) at any time owing by such Revolving Credit Lender, such L/C Issuer or any such Affiliate to or for the credit or the account of the Borrower or any other Loan Party against any and all of the obligations of the Borrower or such Loan Party now or hereafter existing under this Agreement or any other Loan Document to such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer, irrespective of whether or not such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer shall have made any demand under this Agreement or any other Loan Document and although such obligations of the Borrower or such Loan Party may be contingent or unmatured or are owed to a branch or office of such Revolving Credit Lender or such L/C Issuer and their respective Affiliates under this Section are in addition to other rights and remedies (including other rights of setoff) that such Revolving Credit Lender, such L/C Issuer or their respective Affiliates may have. Each Revolving Credit Lender and each L/C Issuer agrees to notify the Borrower and the Administrative Agent promptly after any such setoff and application, provided that the failure to give such notice shall not affect the validity of such setoff and application.

11.09 Interest Rate Limitation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any Loan Document, the interest paid or agreed to be paid under the Loan Documents shall not exceed the maximum rate of non-usurious interest permitted by applicable Law (the "Maximum Rate"). If the Administrative Agent or any Revolving Credit Lender shall receive interest in an amount that exceeds the Maximum Rate, the excess interest shall be applied to the principal of the Revolving Credit Loans or, if it exceeds such unpaid principal, refunded to the Borrower. In determining whether the interest contracted for, charged, or received by the Administrative Agent or a Revolving Credit Lender exceeds the Maximum Rate, such Person may, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, (a) characterize any payment that is not principal as an expense, fee, or premium rather than interest, (b) exclude voluntary prepayments and the effects thereof, and (c) amortize, prorate, allocate, and spread in equal or unequal parts the total amount of interest throughout the contemplated term of the Obligations hereunder.

11.10 <u>Counterparts; Integration; Effectiveness</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts (and by different parties hereto in different counterparts), each of which shall constitute an original, but all of which when taken together shall constitute a single contract. This Agreement and the other Loan Documents constitute the entire contract among the parties relating to the subject matter hereof and supersede any and all previous agreements and understandings, oral or written, relating to the subject matter hereof. Except as provided in Section 4.01, this Agreement shall become effective when it shall have been executed by the Administrative Agent and when the Administrative Agent shall have received counterparts hereof that, when taken together, bear the signatures of each of the other parties hereto. Delivery

of an executed counterpart of a signature page of this Agreement by telecopy or other electronic imaging means shall be effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart of this Agreement.

11.11 <u>Survival of Representations and Warranties</u>. All representations and warranties made hereunder and in any other Loan Document or other document delivered pursuant hereto or thereto or in connection herewith or therewith shall survive the execution and delivery hereof and thereof. Such representations and warranties have been or will be relied upon by the Administrative Agent and each Revolving Credit Lender, regardless of any investigation made by the Administrative Agent or any Revolving Credit Lender or on their behalf and notwithstanding that the Administrative Agent or any Revolving Credit Lender may have had notice or knowledge of any Default at the time of any Credit Extension, and shall continue in full force and effect as long as any Revolving Credit Loan or any other Obligation hereunder shall remain unpaid or unsatisfied or any Letter of Credit shall remain outstanding.

11.12 <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement or the other Loan Documents is held to be illegal, invalid or unenforceable, (a) the legality, validity and enforceability of the remaining provisions of this Agreement and the other Loan Documents shall not be affected or impaired thereby and (b) the parties shall endeavor in good faith negotiations to replace the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions with valid provisions the economic effect of which comes as close as possible to that of the illegal, invalid or unenforceable provisions. The invalidity of a provision in a particular jurisdiction shall not invalidate or render unenforceable such provision in any other jurisdiction.

11.13 <u>Replacement of Revolving Credit Lenders</u>. If any Revolving Credit Lender requests compensation under Section 3.04, or if the Borrower is required to pay any additional amount to any Revolving Credit Lender or any Governmental Authority for the account of any Revolving Credit Lender pursuant to Section 3.01 or if any Revolving Credit Lender is a Defaulting Lender or if any other circumstance exists hereunder that gives the Borrower the right to replace a Lender as a party hereto, then the Borrower may, at its sole expense and effort, upon notice to such Revolving Credit Lender and the Administrative Agent, require such Revolving Credit Lender to assign and delegate, without recourse (in accordance with and subject to the restrictions contained in, and consents required by, Section 11.06), all of its interests, rights and obligations under this Agreement and the related Loan Documents to an assignee that shall assume such obligations (which assignee may be another Revolving Credit Lender, if a Revolving Credit Lender accepts such assignment), provided that:

(a) the Borrower shall have paid to the Administrative Agent the assignment fee specified in <u>Section 11.06(b)</u>;

(b) such Revolving Credit Lender shall have received payment of an amount equal to the outstanding principal of its Revolving Credit Loans and L/C Advances, accrued interest thereon, accrued fees and all other amounts payable to it hereunder and under the other Loan Documents (including any amounts under <u>Section 3.05</u>) from the assignee (to the extent of such outstanding principal and accrued interest and fees) or the Borrower (in the case of all other amounts);

(c) in the case of any such assignment resulting from a claim for compensation under <u>Section 3.04</u> or payments required to be made pursuant to <u>Section 3.01</u>, such assignment will result in a reduction in such compensation or payments thereafter; and

(d) such assignment does not conflict with applicable Laws.

A Revolving Credit Lender shall not be required to make any such assignment or delegation if, prior thereto, as a result of a waiver by such Revolving Credit Lender or otherwise, the circumstances entitling the Borrower to require such assignment and delegation cease to apply. Each Revolving Credit Lender agrees that if the Borrower exercises its option hereunder to cause an assignment by such Revolving Credit Lender, such Revolving Credit Lender shall, promptly after receipt of written notice of such election, execute and deliver all documentation necessary to effectuate such assignment in accordance with <u>Section 11.06</u>. In the event that a Revolving Credit Lender shall be deemed to have executed and delivered such documentation as may be required to give effect to an assignment in accordance with <u>Section 11.06</u>.

11.14 <u>Governing Law; Jurisdiction; Etc.</u>

(a) <u>GOVERNING LAW</u>. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS SHALL BE GOVERNED BY, AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH, THE LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

(b) SUBMISSION TO JURISDICTION. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY SUBMITS, FOR ITSELF AND ITS PROPERTY, TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE COURTS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK SITTING IN NEW YORK COUNTY AND OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, AND ANY APPELLATE COURT FROM ANY THEREOF, IN ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY, OR FOR RECOGNITION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT, AND EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY AGREES THAT ALL CLAIMS IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING MAY BE HEARD AND DETERMINED IN SUCH NEW YORK STATE COURT OR, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, IN SUCH FEDERAL COURT; PROVIDED THAT SUIT FOR THE RECOGNITION OR ENFORCEMENT OF ANY JUDGMENT OBTAINED IN ANY SUCH NEW YORK STATE OR FEDERAL COURT MAY BE BROUGHT IN ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO AGREES THAT A FINAL JUDGMENT IN ANY SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE AND MAY BE ENFORCED IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS BY SUIT ON THE JUDGMENT OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER PROVIDED BY LAW. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT OR IN ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT SHALL AFFECT ANY RIGHT THAT THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT, ANY REVOLVING CREDIT LENDER OR ANY L/C ISSUER MAY OTHERWISE HAVE TO BRING ANY ACTION OR PROCEEDING RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT AGAINST THE

BORROWER OR ANY OTHER LOAN PARTY OR ITS PROPERTIES IN THE COURTS OF ANY JURISDICTION.

(c) <u>WAIVER OF VENUE</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY AND UNCONDITIONALLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY OBJECTION THAT IT MAY NOW OR HEREAFTER HAVE TO THE LAYING OF VENUE OF ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS IN ANY COURT REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SECTION. EACH OF THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, THE DEFENSE OF AN INCONVENIENT FORUM TO THE MAINTENANCE OF SUCH ACTION OR PROCEEDING IN ANY SUCH COURT.

(d) <u>SERVICE OF PROCESS</u>. EACH PARTY HERETO IRREVOCABLY CONSENTS TO SERVICE OF PROCESS IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR NOTICES IN <u>SECTION 11.02</u>. NOTHING IN THIS AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT THE RIGHT OF ANY PARTY HERETO TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY OTHER MANNER PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW.

11.15 Waiver of Jury Trial. EACH PARTY HERETO HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY ACTION, CLAIM, COUNTERCLAIM OR LEGAL PROCEEDING DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR ANY OTHER LOAN DOCUMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR ANY OTHER THEORY). EACH PARTY HERETO (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE, AGENT OR ATTORNEY OF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH OTHER PERSON WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF LITIGATION, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVERS AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS SECTION.

11.16 <u>No Advisory or Fiduciary Responsibility</u>. In connection with all aspects of each transaction contemplated hereby (including in connection with any amendment, waiver or other modification hereof or of any other Loan Document), each of the Borrower and Holdings acknowledges and agrees, and acknowledges its Affiliates' understanding, that: (i) (A) the arranging and other services regarding this Agreement provided by the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and the Co-Syndication Agents are arm's-length commercial transactions between the Borrower, Holdings and their respective Affiliates, on the one hand, and the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and the Co-Syndication Agents and the Co-Syndication Agents, on the other hand, that do not directly or indirectly give rise to, nor does any Loan Party rely on, any fiduciary duty on the party of any of the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers or the Co-Syndication Agents, (B) each of the Borrower and Holdings has consulted its own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent it has deemed appropriate, and none of the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers or the Co-

Syndication Agents is advising the Borrower or Holdings as to any legal, tax, investment, accounting or regulatory matters in any jurisdiction and (C) each of the Borrower and Holdings is capable of evaluating and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, risks and conditions of the Transactions and the other transactions contemplated hereby and by the other Loan Documents; (ii) (A) the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers and the Co-Syndication Agents each is and has been acting solely as a principal and, except as expressly agreed in writing by the relevant parties, has not been, is not, and will not be acting as an advisor, agent or fiduciary for the Borrower, Holdings or any of their respective Affiliates, or any other Person and (B) neither the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers nor the Co-Syndication Agents has any obligation to the Borrower, Holdings or any of their respective Affiliates with respect to the Transactions or the other transactions contemplated hereby except those obligations expressly set forth herein and in the other Loan Documents; and (iii) the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers, the Co-Syndication Agents and their respective Affiliates may be engaged in a broad range of transactions that involve interests that differ from those of the Borrower, Holdings and their respective Affiliates, and neither the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers nor the Co-Syndication Agents nor their respective Affiliates has any obligation to disclose any of such interests and transactions to, or furnish confidential information obtained by them from other companies to, the Borrower, Holdings or any of their respective Affiliates. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each of the Borrower and Holdings hereby waives and releases any claims that it may have against the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers or the Co-Syndication Agents with respect to any breach or alleged breach of agency or fiduciary duty in connection with any aspect of any transaction contemplated hereby, and agrees that none of the Administrative Agent, the Arrangers or the Co-Syndication Agents shall have any liability (whether direct or indirect) to the Borrower or Holdings in respect of such a fiduciary duty claim or to any Person asserting a fiduciary duty claim on behalf of or in right of the Borrower or Holdings, including the stockholders, employees or creditors thereof.

11.17 Electronic Execution of Assignments and Certain Other Documents. The words "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of like import in any Assignment and Assumption or in any amendment or other modification hereof (including waivers and consents) shall be deemed to include electronic signatures or the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity or enforceability as a manually executed signature or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as the case may be, to the extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, or any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

11.18 <u>USA PATRIOT Act</u> Each Revolving Credit Lender that is subject to the Act and the Administrative Agent (for itself and not on behalf of any Revolving Credit Lender) hereby notifies the Borrower that pursuant to the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act (Title III of Pub. L. 107-56 (signed into law October 26, 2001)) (the "Act"), it is required to obtain, verify and record information that identifies each Loan Party, which information includes the name and address of each Loan Party and other information that will allow such Revolving Credit Lender or the Administrative Agent, as applicable, to identify each Loan Party in accordance with the Act. The Borrower shall, promptly following a request by the Administrative Agent or any Revolving Credit Lender, provide all documentation and other information that the Administrative Agent or such Revolving Credit Lender requests in order to comply with its

ongoing obligations under applicable "know your customer" an anti-money laundering rules and regulations, including the Act.

11.19 <u>ENTIRE AGREEMENT</u>. THIS AGREEMENT AND THE OTHER LOAN DOCUMENTS REPRESENT THE FINAL AGREEMENT AMONG THE PARTIES AND MAY NOT BE CONTRADICTED BY EVIDENCE OF PRIOR, CONTEMPORANEOUS, OR SUBSEQUENT ORAL AGREEMENTS OF THE PARTIES. THERE ARE NO UNWRITTEN ORAL AGREEMENTS AMONG THE PARTIES.

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

NRG YIELD OPERATING LLC

By: /s/ David Crane Name: David Crane

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

NRG YIELD LLC

By: /s/ David Crane Name: David Crane Title: President and Chief Executive Officer BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as Administrative Agent

By: /s/ William Merritt Name: William Merritt

Name: William Merritt Title: Vice President

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., As a Revolving Credit Lender

By: /s/ William Merritt Name: William Merritt Title: Vice President BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., as an L/C Issuer

By: /s/ William Merritt Name: William Merritt

Title: Vice President

GOLDMAN SACHS BANK USA, as a Revolving Credit Lender

By: /s/ Mark Walton Name: Mark Walton Title: Authorized Signatory CITIBANK, N.A., as a Revolving Credit Lender

By: /s/ D. Scott McMurtry Name: D. Scott McMurtry Title: Vice President KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, as a Revolving Credit Lender

By: /s/ Sherrie I. Manson Name: Sherrie I. Manson Title: Senior Vice President

Schedule 2.01

Revolving Credit Commitments and Applicable Revolving Credit Lender Percentages

Revolving Credit Lender	Applicable Revolving Credit Lender Percentage	Revolving Credit Commitment
Bank of America, N.A.	48.50%	\$ 29,100,000
Citibank, N.A.	24.25%	\$ 14,550,000
Goldman Sachs Bank USA	24.25%	\$ 14,550,000
KeyBank National Association	3.00%	\$ 1,800,000
Total	100.00%	\$ 60,000,000

Schedule 2.03

L/C Commitments

L/C Issuer		L/C Commitment	
Bank of America, N.A.	\$	60,000,000	

NRG YIELD, INC. 2013 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

1. Purpose.

This plan shall be known as the NRG Yield, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (the "<u>Plan</u>"). The purpose of the Plan shall be to promote the long-term growth and profitability of NRG Yield, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and its Subsidiaries by (i) providing certain directors, officers and employees of, and certain other individuals who perform services for, or to whom an offer of employment has been extended by, the Company and its Subsidiaries with incentives to maximize shareholder value and otherwise contribute to the success of the Company and (ii) enabling the Company to attract, retain and reward the best available persons for positions of responsibility. Grants of Incentive Stock Options or Non-qualified Stock Options, stock appreciation rights ("<u>SARs</u>"), either alone or in tandem with options, restricted stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Awards, Deferred Stock Units, other stock based or cash based awards, or any combination of the foregoing (collectively, the "<u>Awards</u>") may be made under the Plan. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan, to the extent that any Award would be subject to Section 409A of the Code, no such Award may be granted if it would fail to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 409A of the Code and any regulations or guidance promulgated thereunder.

2. <u>Definitions</u>.

(a) "<u>Affiliate</u>" means each of the following: (a) any Subsidiary; (b) any Parent; (c) any corporation, trade or business (including, without limitation, a partnership or limited liability company) which is directly or indirectly controlled 50% or more (whether by ownership of stock, assets or an equivalent ownership interest or voting interest) by the Company or one of its Affiliates; (d) any trade or business (including, without limitation, a partnership or limited liability company) which directly controls 50% or more (whether by ownership of stock, assets or an equivalent ownership interest) of the Company; and (e) any other entity in which the Company or any of its Affiliates has a material equity interest and which is designated as an "Affiliate" by resolution of the Committee; provided that, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the Common Stock subject to any Award constitutes "service recipient stock" for purposes of Section 409A of the Code or otherwise does not subject the Award to Section 409A of the Code.

(b) "<u>Board</u>" means the board of directors of the Company.

(c) "<u>Cause</u>", unless otherwise defined in a Participant's Grant Agreement or in a Participant's written employment arrangements with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in effect on the date of grant (as amended from time to time thereafter), means the occurrence of one or more of the following events:

(i) Conviction of, or agreement to a plea of nolo contendere to, a felony, or any crime or offense lesser than a felony involving the property of the Company or a Subsidiary; or

- (ii) Conduct that has caused demonstrable and serious injury to the Company or a Subsidiary, monetary or otherwise; or
- (iii) Willful refusal to perform or substantial disregard of duties properly assigned, as determined by the Company; or

(iv) Breach of duty of loyalty to the Company or a Subsidiary or other act of fraud or dishonesty with respect to the Company or a Subsidiary; or

(v) Violation of the Company's code of conduct.

The definition of Cause set forth in a Participant's Grant Agreement shall control if such definition is different from the definition of Cause set forth in a Participant's written employment arrangements with the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

(d) "Change in Control" means, unless otherwise defined in a Participant's Grant Agreement, the occurrence of one of the following events:

(i) Any "person" (as that term is used in Sections 13 and 14(d)(2) of the Exchange Act or any successors thereto) becomes the "beneficial owner" (as that term is used in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act or any successor thereto), directly or indirectly, of 50% or more of the Company's capital stock entitled to vote in the election of directors, excluding any "person" who becomes a "beneficial owner" in connection with a Business Combination (as defined in paragraph (iii) below) which does not constitute a Change in Control under said paragraph (iii); or

(ii) Persons who on the effective date of the plan of reorganization of the Company (the "<u>Commencement Date</u>") constitute the Board (the "<u>Incumbent Directors</u>") cease for any reason, including without limitation, as a result of a tender offer, proxy contest, merger or similar transaction, to constitute at least a majority thereof; provided that, any person becoming a director of the Company subsequent to the Commencement Date shall be considered an Incumbent Director if such person's election or nomination for election was approved by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the Incumbent Directors; but provided further that, any such person whose initial assumption of office is in connection with an actual or threatened election contest relating to the election of members of the Board or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a "person" (as defined in Sections 13(d) and 14(d) of the Exchange Act) other than the Board, including by reason of agreement intended to avoid or settle any such actual or threatened contest or solicitation, shall not be considered an Incumbent Director; or

(iii) Consummation of a reorganization, merger or consolidation or sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "<u>Business Combination</u>"), in each case, unless, following such Business Combination, all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners of outstanding voting securities of the Company immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the combined voting power of the then outstanding voting securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, as the case may be, of the company resulting from such Business Combination (including, without limitation, a company which, as a

result of such transaction, owns the Company or all or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one or more subsidiaries) in substantially the same proportions as their ownership, immediately prior to such Business Combination, of the outstanding voting securities of the Company; or

(iv) The shareholders of the Company approve any plan or proposal for the liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the purposes of the Plan, the occurrence of the Registration Date or any change in the composition of the Board within one year following the Registration Date shall not be considered a Change in Control.

In addition, with respect to any Award that is characterized as "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, an event shall not be considered to be a Change in Control under the Plan for purposes of payment of such Award unless such event is also a "change in ownership," a "change in effective control" or a change in ownership of a substantial portion of the assets" of the Company within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code.

(e) "<u>Code</u>" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

(f) "<u>Committee</u>" means the Compensation Committee of the Board or such other committee which shall consist solely of two or more members of the Board, each of whom is (i) an "outside director" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation §1.162-27(e)(3); (ii) a non-employee director under Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act and (iii) an "independent director" under the rules of any national securities exchange on which the Common Stock is listed for trading; provided that, if for any reason the Committee shall not have been appointed by the Board to administer the Plan, all authority and duties of the Committee under the Plan shall be vested in and exercised by the Board, and the term "Committee" shall be deemed to mean the Board for all purposes herein.

(g) "<u>Common Stock</u>" means the Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Company, and any other shares into which such stock may be changed by reason of a recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation or any other change in the corporate structure or capital stock of the Company.

(h) "<u>Company</u>" shall have the meaning given to such term in Section 1 above.

(i) "<u>Consultant</u>" means any natural person who is an advisor or consultant to the Company or its Affiliates.

(j) "<u>Disability</u>", unless otherwise defined in a Participant's Grant Agreement, means a disability that would entitle an eligible Participant to payment of monthly disability payments under any Company long-term disability plan or as otherwise determined by the Committee.

(k) "<u>Effective Date</u>" shall have the meaning set forth in Section 25.

(1) "<u>Eligible Employees</u>" means each employee of the Company or an Affiliate .

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

(n) "Fair Market Value" of a share of Common Stock of the Company means, as of the date in question, and except as otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement entered into pursuant to agreements in effect as of the Commencement Date, the officially-quoted closing selling price of the stock (or if no selling price is quoted, the bid price) on the principal securities exchange on which the Common Stock is then listed for trading (including for this purpose the Nasdaq National Market) (the "Market") for the applicable trading day (or if there no closing price on such day because the Market is not open on such day, the last preceding day on which the Market was open) or, if the Common Stock is not then listed or quoted in the Market, the Fair Market Value shall be the fair value of the Common Stock determined in good faith by the Board and, in the case of an Incentive Stock Option, in accordance with Section 422 of the Code; provided, however, that when shares received upon exercise of an option are immediately sold in the open market, the net sale price received may be used to determine the Fair Market Value of any shares used to pay the exercise price or applicable withholding taxes and to compute the withholding taxes.

(o) "<u>Family Member</u>" has the meaning given to such term in General Instructions A.1(a)(5) to Form S-8 under the Securities Act.

(p) "<u>Grant Agreement</u>" means the written (whether in print or electronic form) agreement that each Participant to whom an Award is made under the Plan is required to enter into with the Company containing the terms and conditions of such grant as are determined by the Committee and consistent with the Plan.

(q) "Incentive Stock Option" means an option conforming to the requirements of Section 422 of the Code and any successor thereto.

(r) "<u>Lead Underwriter</u>" has the meaning set forth in Section 18.

(s) "Lock-Up Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 18.

(t) "<u>Non-Employee Director</u>" means a director or a member of the Board of the Company or any Affiliate who is not an active employee of the Company or any Affiliate.

(u) "<u>Non-qualified Stock Option</u>" means any stock option other than an Incentive Stock Option.

(v) "Other Cash-Based Award" means an Award granted pursuant to Section 12 of the Plan and payable in cash at such time or times and subject to such terms and conditions as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

(w) "<u>Other Stock-Based Award</u>" means an Award under of this Plan that is valued in whole or in part by reference to, or is payable in or otherwise based on, Common Stock, including, without limitation, an Award valued by reference to an Affiliate.

(x) "<u>Parent</u>" means any parent corporation of the Company within the meaning of Section 424(e) of the Code.

(y) "<u>Participant</u>" means any director, officer or employee of, or other individual performing services for, or to whom an offer of employment has been extended by, the Company or any Subsidiary who has been selected by the Committee to participate in the Plan (including a Participant located outside the United States).

(z) "<u>Performance Award</u>" means an Award granted to a Participant pursuant to Section 9, hereof contingent upon achieving certain Performance Goals.

(aa) "<u>Performance Cycle</u>" shall have the meaning provided in Section 9.

(bb) "<u>Performance Goals</u>" means goals established by the Committee as contingencies for Awards to vest and/or become exercisable or distributable based on one or more of the performance goals set forth in Section 9.

(cc) "Person" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, firm, joint venture, association, joint-stock company, trust, incorporated organization, governmental or regulatory or other entity.

(dd) "<u>Plan</u>" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.

(ee) "<u>Proceeding</u>" has the meaning set forth in Section 27.

(ff) "<u>Registration Date</u>" means the date on which the Company sells its Common Stock in a bona fide, firm commitment underwriting pursuant to a registration statement under the Securities Act.

(gg) "Restricted Stock" means an Award of Shares under this Plan that is subject to restrictions under Section 8.

(hh) "<u>Restricted Stock Unit</u>" or "<u>Unit</u>" means an Award of hypothetical Share units under this Plan that are convertible to Shares in accordance with Section 8.

(ii) "<u>Restriction Period</u>" has the meaning set forth in Section 8(d) with respect to Restricted Stock.

(jj) "<u>Retirement</u>" means, (i) for any non-director, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, (A) termination of service as a non-director after at least 10 years of service by such non-director and (B) attaining at least 55 years of age, and (ii) for any director, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, termination of service as a director after at least five years of Board service by such director.

(kk) "<u>Rule 16b-3</u>" means Rule 16b-3 under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act as then in effect or any successor provision.

(II) "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. Reference to a specific section of the Securities Act or regulation thereunder shall include such section or regulation, any valid regulation or

interpretation promulgated under such section, and any comparable provision of any future legislation or regulation amending, supplementing or superseding such section or regulation.

(mm) "Stock Appreciation Right" shall mean the right pursuant to an Award granted under Section 7.

(nn) "Stock Option" or "Option" means any option to purchase shares of Common Stock granted to Participants granted pursuant to Section 6.

(oo) "Subsidiary" means a corporation or other entity of which outstanding shares or ownership interests representing 50% or more of the combined voting power of such corporation or other entity entitled to elect the management thereof, or such lesser percentage as may be approved by the Committee, are owned directly or indirectly by the Company.

(pp) "Termination" means a Termination of Consultancy, Termination of Directorship or Termination of Employment, as applicable.

(qq) "<u>Termination of Consultancy</u>" means: (a) that the Consultant is no longer acting as a consultant to the Company or an Affiliate; or (b) when an entity which is retaining a Participant as a Consultant ceases to be an Affiliate unless the Participant otherwise is, or thereupon becomes, a Consultant to the Company or another Affiliate at the time the entity ceases to be an Affiliate. In the event that a Consultant becomes an Eligible Employee or a Non-Employee Director upon the termination of his or her consultancy, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, no Termination of Consultancy shall be deemed to occur until such time as such Consultant is no longer a Consultant, an Eligible Employee or a Non-Employee Director. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may otherwise define Termination of Consultancy in the Grant Agreement or, if no rights of a Participant are reduced, may otherwise define Termination of Consultancy thereafter, provided that any such change to the definition of the term "Termination of Consultancy" does not subject the applicable Award to Section 409A of the Code.

(rr) "<u>Termination of Directorship</u>" means that the Non-Employee Director has ceased to be a director of the Company; except that if a Non-Employee Director becomes an Eligible Employee or a Consultant upon the termination of his or her directorship, his or her ceasing to be a director of the Company shall not be treated as a Termination of Directorship unless and until the Participant has a Termination of Employment or Termination of Consultancy, as the case may be.

(ss) "<u>Termination of Employment</u>" means: (a) a termination of employment (for reasons other than a military or personal leave of absence granted by the Company) of a Participant from the Company and its Affiliates; or (b) when an entity which is employing a Participant ceases to be an Affiliate, unless the Participant otherwise is, or thereupon becomes, employed by the Company or another Affiliate at the time the entity ceases to be an Affiliate. In the event that an Eligible Employee becomes a Consultant or a Non-Employee Director upon the termination of his or her employment, unless otherwise determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion, no Termination of Employment shall be deemed to occur until such time as such Eligible Employee is no longer an Eligible Employee, a Consultant or a Non-Employee Director. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may otherwise define Termination of Employment in the Grant Agreement or, if no rights of a Participant are reduced, may otherwise define

Termination of Employment thereafter, provided that any such change to the definition of the term "Termination of Employment" does not subject the applicable Award to Section 409A of the Code.

(tt) "<u>Transfer</u>" means: (a) when used as a noun, any direct or indirect transfer, sale, assignment, pledge, hypothecation, encumbrance or other disposition (including the issuance of equity in a Person), whether for value or no value and whether voluntary or involuntary (including by operation of law), and (b) when used as a verb, to directly or indirectly transfer, sell, assign, pledge, encumber, charge, hypothecate or otherwise dispose of (including the issuance of equity in a Person) whether for value and whether voluntarily or involuntarily (including by operation of law). "Transferred" and "Transferable" shall have a correlative meaning.

(uu) "<u>Transition Period</u>" means the period beginning with the Effective Date and ending as of the earlier to occur of: (i) the date of the first regularly scheduled meeting of the shareholders occurring more than twelve (12) months after the Registration Date; (ii) the expiration of the Plan; or (iii) the expiration of the applicable transition period as provided in Treasury Regulation Section 1.162-27(f)(4)(iii).

3. <u>Administration</u>.

(a) The Plan shall be administered and interpreted by the Committee. To the extent required by applicable law, rule or regulation, it is intended that each member of the Committee shall qualify as (a) a "non-employee director" under Rule 16b-3, (b) an "outside director" under Section 162(m) of the Code, and (c) an "independent director" under the rules of any national securities exchange or national securities association, as applicable. If it is later determined that one or more members of the Committee do not so qualify, actions taken by the Committee prior to such determination shall be valid despite such failure to qualify. In no event, however, shall the Committee modify the distribution terms in any Award or Grant Agreement that has a feature for the deferral of compensation if such modification would result in taxes, additional interest and/or penalties pursuant to Code Section 409A.

(b) Subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall be authorized to:

(i) select persons to participate in the Plan;

(ii) determine the form and substance of grants made under the Plan to each Participant, and the conditions and restrictions, if any, subject to which such grants will be made;

- (iii) determine the form and substance of the Grant Agreements reflecting the terms and conditions of each grant made under the Plan;
- (iv) certify that the conditions and restrictions applicable to any grant have been met;
- (v) modify the terms of grants made under the Plan;
- (vi) interpret the Plan and Grant Agreements entered into under the Plan,

(vii) determine the duration and purposes for leaves of absence which may be granted to a Participant on an individual basis without constituting a termination of employment or services for purposes of the Plan;

(viii) make any adjustments necessary or desirable in connection with grants made under the Plan to eligible Participants located outside the United States;

(ix) adopt, amend, or rescind rules and regulations for the administration of the Plan, including, but not limited to, correcting any defect or supplying any omission, or reconciling any inconsistency in the Plan or in any Grant Agreement, in the manner and to the extent it shall deem necessary or advisable, including so that the Plan and the operation of the Plan complies with Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act, the Code to the extent applicable and other applicable law and make such other determinations for carrying out the Plan as it may deem appropriate; and

(x) exercise such powers and perform such acts as are deemed necessary or advisable to promote the best interests of the Company with respect to the Plan.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee shall not take any of the following actions without shareholder approval, except as provided in <u>Section 20</u>: (i) reduce the exercise price following the grant of an option or SAR; (ii) exchange an option or SAR which has an exercise price that is greater than the Fair Market Value of a Share for cash or Shares or (iii) cancel an option or SAR in exchange for a replacement option or another Award with a lower exercise price. Decisions of the Committee on all matters relating to the Plan, any Award granted under the Plan and any Grant Agreement shall be in the Committee's sole discretion and shall be conclusive and binding on the Company, all Participants and all other parties, unless an arbitration or other provision is expressly provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement. The validity, construction, and effect of the Plan and any rules and regulations relating to the Plan shall be determined in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and rules and regulations promulgated pursuant thereto. No member of the Committee or by any officer of the Company shall be liable for any action taken or omitted to be taken by such member, by any other member of the Committee or by any officer of the Company in connection with the performance of duties under the Plan, except for such person's own willful misconduct or as expressly provided by statute.

(d) The expenses of the Plan shall be borne by the Company. The Plan shall not be required to establish any special or separate fund or make any other segregation of assets to assume the payment of any Award under the Plan, and rights to the payment of such Awards shall be no greater than the rights of the Company's general creditors.

4. <u>Shares Available for the Plan</u>.

(a) Subject to adjustments as provided in <u>Section 20</u>, an aggregate of 978,750 shares of Common Stock (the "<u>Shares</u>") may be issued pursuant to the Plan. Such Shares may be in whole or in part authorized and unissued or held by the Company as treasury shares. If any grant under the Plan expires or terminates unexercised, becomes unexercisable or is forfeited as to any Shares, or is tendered or withheld as to any Shares in payment of the exercise price of the grant

or the taxes payable with respect to the exercise, then such unpurchased, forfeited, tendered or withheld Shares shall thereafter be available for further grants under the Plan unless, in the case of options granted under the Plan, related SARs are exercised. With respect to SARs that are settled in Common Stock, upon settlement, only the number of shares of Common Stock delivered to a Participant upon the exercise of the SARs shall count against the number of Shares issued under the Plan. Any Award under the Plan settled in cash shall not be counted against the foregoing maximum share limitations. The maximum number of shares with respect to which Incentive Stock Options may be granted shall be 500,000. Shares issued under Awards granted in assumption, substitution or exchange for previously granted awards of a company acquired by the Company ("<u>Substitute Awards</u>") shall not reduce Shares available under Plan. Available shares under a stockholder approved plan of an acquired company (as appropriately adjusted to reflect such acquisition) may be used for Awards under this Plan and shall not reduce the number of Shares available under this Plan, except as required by the rules of any applicable stock exchange.

(b) To the extent required by Section 162(m) of the Code for Awards under the Plan to qualify as "performance-based compensation," the following individual Participant limitations shall apply:

(i) The maximum number of shares of Common Stock subject to any Award of Stock Options, or Stock Appreciation Rights, or shares of Restricted Stock, or Other Stock-Based Awards for which the grant of such Award or the lapse of the relevant Restriction Period is subject to the attainment of Performance Goals in accordance with Section 8(d) which may be granted under this Plan during any fiscal year of the Company to each Eligible Employee or Consultant shall be 500,000 shares per type of Award (which shall be subject to any further increase or decrease pursuant to Section 22), provided that the maximum number of shares of Common Stock for all types of Awards does not exceed 500,000 (which shall be subject to any further increase or decrease pursuant to Section 22) during any fiscal year of the Company.

(ii) There are no annual individual Eligible Employee or Consultant share limitations on Restricted Stock for which the grant of such Award or the lapse of the relevant Restriction Period is not subject to attainment of Performance Goals in accordance with Section 8(d).

(iii) The maximum number of shares of Common Stock subject to any Performance Award which may be granted under this Plan during any fiscal year of the Company to each Eligible Employee or Consultant shall be 500,000 shares (which shall be subject to any further increase or decrease pursuant to Section 22 with respect to any fiscal year of the Company.

(iv) The maximum number of shares of Common Stock subject to any Award which may be granted under this Plan during any fiscal year of the Company to each Non-Employee Director shall be 300,000 shares (which shall be subject to any further increase or decrease pursuant to Section 22).

(v) The maximum value of a cash payment made under a Performance Award which may be granted under the Plan with respect to any fiscal year of the Company to any Participant shall be \$5,000,000. The maximum value of a cash payment made under a Performance Award which may be granted under the Plan with respect to any fiscal year of the Company to any Non-Employee Director shall be \$1,000,000.

(vi) The individual Participant limitations set forth in this Section 4(b) (other than Section) shall be cumulative; that is, to the extent that shares of Common Stock for which Awards are permitted to be granted to an Eligible Employee or a Consultant during a fiscal year are not covered by an Award to such Eligible Employee or Consultant in a fiscal year, the number of shares of Common Stock available for Awards to such Eligible Employee or Consultant shall automatically increase in the subsequent fiscal years during the term of the Plan until used.

(c) Without limiting the generality of the foregoing provisions of this <u>Section 4</u> or any other section of this Plan, the Committee may, at any time or from time to time, and on such terms and conditions (that are consistent with and not in contravention of the other provisions of this Plan) as the Committee may determine, enter into Grant Agreements (or take other actions with respect to the Awards) for new Awards containing terms (including, without limitation, exercise prices) more (or less) favorable than the then-outstanding Awards.

5. <u>Participation</u>.

Participation in the Plan shall be limited to the Participants. Nothing in the Plan or in any Grant Agreement shall confer any right on a Participant to continue in the employ of the Company or any Subsidiary as a director, officer or employee of or in the performance of services for the Company or shall interfere in any way with the right of the Company to terminate the employment or performance of services or to reduce the compensation or responsibilities of a Participant at any time. By accepting any Award under the Plan, each Participant and each person claiming under or through him or her shall be conclusively deemed to have indicated his or her acceptance and ratification of, and consent to, any action taken under the Plan by the Company, the Board or the Committee.

Awards may be granted to such persons and for such number of Shares as the Committee shall determine, subject to the limitations contained herein (such individuals to whom grants are made being sometimes herein called "optionees" or "grantees," as the case may be). Determinations made by the Committee under the Plan need not be uniform and may be made selectively among eligible individuals under the Plan, whether or not such individuals are similarly situated. A grant of any type made hereunder in any one year to an eligible Participant shall neither guarantee nor preclude a further grant of that or any other type to such Participant in that year or subsequent years.

6. <u>Incentive and Non-qualified Options</u>.

The Committee may from time to time grant to eligible Participants Incentive Stock Options, Non-qualified Stock Options, or any combination thereof; provided that, the Committee may grant Incentive Stock Options only to eligible employees of the Company or its Subsidiaries

(as defined for this purpose in Section 424(f) of the Code or any successor thereto). In any one calendar year, the Committee shall not grant to any one Participant options to purchase a number of Shares of Common Stock in excess of 500,000 shares of Common Stock. The options granted under the Plan shall be evidenced by a Grant Agreement and shall take such form as the Committee shall determine, subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan.

It is the Company's intent that Non-qualified Stock Options granted under the Plan not be classified as Incentive Stock Options, that Incentive Stock Options be consistent with and contain or be deemed to contain all provisions required under Section 422 of the Code and any successor thereto, and that any ambiguities in construction be interpreted in order to effectuate such intent. If an Incentive Stock Option granted under the Plan does not qualify as such for any reason, then to the extent of such non-qualification, the stock option represented thereby shall be regarded as a Non-qualified Stock Option duly granted under the Plan; provided that, such stock option otherwise meets the Plan's requirements for Non-qualified Stock Options.

(a) <u>Price</u>. The price per Share deliverable upon the exercise of each option shall be established by the Committee, except that in the case of the grant of any option, the exercise price may not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock as of the date of grant of the option except for Substitute Awards, which shall have the exercise price as determined by the Committee provided that such exercise price does not cause the Substitute Award to become subject to Code Section 409A and the Committee takes into consideration any third-party voting guidelines. In the case of the grant of any Incentive Stock Option to an employee who, at the time of the grant, owns more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, the exercise price may not be less than 110% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock as of the date of grant of the option, in each case unless otherwise permitted by Section 422 of the Code or any successor thereto.

(b) <u>Payment</u>. Options may be exercised, in whole or in part, upon payment of the exercise price of the Shares to be acquired. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, payment shall be made (i) in cash (including check, bank draft, money order or wire transfer of immediately available funds), (ii) by delivery of outstanding shares of Common Stock with a Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to the aggregate exercise price payable with respect to the options' exercise, (iii) by means of any cashless exercise procedures approved by the Committee and as may be in effect on the date of exercise, (iv) by withholding shares of Common Stock otherwise deliverable upon exercise of the Option having a Fair Market Value equal to the exercise price or (v) by any combination of the foregoing.

In the event a grantee is permitted to, and elects to pay the exercise price payable with respect to an option pursuant to clause (ii) above, (A) only a whole number of share(s) of Common Stock (and not fractional shares of Common Stock) may be tendered in payment, (B) such grantee must present evidence acceptable to the Company that he or she has owned any such shares of Common Stock tendered in payment of the exercise price (and that such tendered shares of Common Stock have not been subject to any substantial risk of forfeiture) for at least six months prior to the date of exercise or such longer period as determined from time to time by the Committee, and (C) Common Stock must be delivered to the Company. Delivery for this purpose may, at the election of the grantee, be made either by (A) physical delivery of the

certificate(s) for all such shares of Common Stock tendered in payment of the exercise price, accompanied by duly executed instruments of transfer in a form acceptable to the Company, (B) direction to the grantee's broker to transfer, by book entry, such shares of Common Stock from a brokerage account of the grantee to a brokerage account specified by the Company, or (C) the attestation of the grantee's shares of Common Stock. When payment of the exercise price is made by delivery of Common Stock, the difference, if any, between the aggregate exercise price payable with respect to the option being exercised and the Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock tendered in payment (plus any applicable taxes) shall be paid in cash. No grantee may tender shares of Common Stock having a Fair Market Value exceeding the aggregate exercise price payable with respect to the option being exercised (plus any applicable taxes).

(c) Terms of Options. The term during which each option may be exercised shall be determined by the Committee, but if required by the Code, no option shall be exercisable in whole or in part more than ten years from the date it is granted, and no Incentive Stock Option granted to an employee who at the time of the grant owns more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries shall be exercisable more than five years from the date it is granted. All rights to purchase Shares pursuant to an option shall, unless sooner terminated, expire on the date designated by the Committee. The Committee shall determine the date on which each option shall become exercisable and may provide that an option shall become exercisable in installments. The Committee may provide that upon the last day of the term of an Option whose exercise price is less than the fair market value of the underlying Share on such date, such Option may be automatically exercised and the Participant shall receive a number of Shares equal in value to the excess of the fair market value of a Share over the exercise price of such Option, less any applicable withholding taxes. The Shares constituting each installment may be purchased in whole or in part at any time after such installment becomes exercisable, subject to such minimum exercise requirements as may be designated by the Committee. Prior to the exercise of an option and delivery of the Shares represented thereby, the optione shall have no rights as a shareholder with respect to any Shares covered by such outstanding option (including any dividend or voting rights). If an Option (other than an Incentive Stock Option) expires on a day that the Participant cannot exercise the Option because such an exercise would violate an applicable federal, state, local, or foreign law, the expiration date shall be tolled, at the discretion of the Committee, to the date no later than 30 days after the date the exercise of such Option would no longer vi

(d) <u>Limitations on Grants</u>. If required by the Code, the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined as of the grant date) of Shares for which an Incentive Stock Option is exercisable for the first time during any calendar year under all equity incentive plans of the Company and its Subsidiaries (as defined in Section 422 of the Code or any successor thereto) may not exceed \$100,000.

(e) <u>Non-Transferability</u>. No Stock Option shall be Transferable by the Participant other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution, and all Stock Options shall be exercisable, during the Participant's lifetime, only by the Participant. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee may determine, in its sole discretion, at the time of grant or thereafter that a Non-Qualified Stock Option that is otherwise not Transferable pursuant to this Section is

Transferable to a Family Member in whole or in part and in such circumstances, and under such conditions, as specified by the Committee. A Non-Qualified Stock Option that is Transferred to a Family Member pursuant to the preceding sentence (i) may not be subsequently Transferred other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution and (ii) remains subject to the terms of this Plan and the applicable Grant Agreement. Any shares of Common Stock acquired upon the exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option by a permissible transferee of a Non-Qualified Stock Option or a permissible transferee pursuant to a Transfer after the exercise of the Non-Qualified Stock Option shall be subject to the terms of this Plan and the applicable Grant Agreement.

(f) <u>Other Terms and Condi</u>tions. The Committee may include a provision in a Grant Agreement providing for the automatic exercise of a Non-Qualified Stock Option on a cashless basis on the last day of the term of such Option if the Participant has failed to exercise the Non-Qualified Stock Option as of such date, with respect to which the Fair Market Value of the shares of Common Stock underlying the Non-Qualified Stock Option exceeds the exercise price of such Non-Qualified Stock Option on the date of expiration of such Option, subject to Section 14. Stock Options may contain such other provisions, which shall not be inconsistent with any of the terms of the Plan, as the Committee shall deem appropriate.

(g) <u>Termination; Forfeiture</u>.

(i) <u>Death</u>. Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if a Participant ceases to be a director, officer or employee of, or to perform other services for, the Company or any Subsidiary due to his or her death, all of the Participant's Awards shall become fully vested and all of the Participant's options shall become exercisable and shall remain so for a period of one year from the date of such death, but in no event after the expiration date of the options.

(ii) <u>Disability</u>. Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if a Participant ceases to be a director, officer or employee of, or to perform other services for, the Company or any Subsidiary due to Disability, (A) all of the Participant's options that were exercisable on the date of Disability shall remain exercisable for, and shall otherwise terminate and thereafter be forfeited at the end of, a period of one year after the date of Disability, but in no event after the expiration date of the options, and (B) all of the Participant's Awards that were not fully vested (or, with respect to the Participant's options, exercisable) on the date of Disability shall be forfeited immediately upon such Disability; provided, however, that such Awards may become fully vested (and, with respect to the Participant's options, exercisable) in the discretion of the Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Disability giving rise to the termination of employment is not within the meaning of Section 22(e)(3) of the Code or any successor thereto, Incentive Stock Options not exercised by such Participant within 90 days after the date of termination of employment will cease to qualify as Incentive Stock Options and will be treated as Non-qualified Stock Options under the Plan if required to be so treated under the Code.

(iii) <u>Retirement</u>. Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if a Participant ceases to be an officer or employee of, or to perform other services for, the Company or any Subsidiary upon the occurrence of his or her Retirement, (A) all of the

Participant's options that were exercisable on the date of Retirement shall remain exercisable for, and shall otherwise terminate and thereafter be forfeited at the end of, a period of two years after the date of Retirement, but in no event after the expiration date of the options, and (B) all of the Participant's Awards that were not fully vested (or, with respect to the Participant's options, exercisable) on the date of Retirement shall be forfeited immediately upon such Retirement; provided, however, that such Awards may become fully vested (and, with respect to the Participant's options, exercisable) in the discretion of the Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Incentive Stock Options not exercised by such Participant within 90 days after Retirement will cease to qualify as Incentive Stock Options and will be treated as Non-qualified Stock Options under the Plan if required to be so treated under the Code.

Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if a Participant ceases to be a director of the Company or any Subsidiary upon the occurrence of his or her Retirement, all of the Participant's Awards shall become fully vested and all of the Participant's options shall become exercisable and shall remain so for a period of two years after the date of Retirement, but in no event after the expiration date of the options.

(iv) <u>Discharge for Cause</u>. Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if a Participant ceases to be a director, officer or employee of, or to perform other services for, the Company or a Subsidiary due to Cause, or if a Participant does not become a director, officer or employee of, or does not begin performing other services for, the Company or a Subsidiary for any reason, all of the Participant's Awards shall be forfeited immediately and all of the Participant's options shall expire and be forfeited immediately, whether or not then exercisable, upon such cessation or non-commencement.

(v) <u>Other Termination</u>. If a Participant ceases to be a director, officer or employee of, or to otherwise perform services for, the Company or a Subsidiary for any reason other than death, Disability, Retirement or Cause (each such termination referred to as an "Other Termination"), (A) all of the Participant's options that were exercisable on the date of such cessation shall remain exercisable for, and shall otherwise terminate and thereafter be forfeited at the end of, a period of 90 days after the date of such cessation, but in no event after the expiration date of the options, and (B) all of the Participant's Awards that were not fully vested (or, with respect to the Participant's options, exercisable) on the date of such cessation shall be forfeited immediately upon such cessation. For the avoidance of doubt, an Other Termination with recall rights shall be considered an Other Termination to which this Section 6(g)(v) applies.

7. <u>Stock Appreciation Rights</u>.

The Committee shall have the authority to grant SARs under this Plan, either alone or to any optionee in tandem with options (either at the time of grant of the related option or thereafter by amendment to an outstanding option). SARs shall be subject to such terms and conditions as the Committee may specify. In any one calendar year, the Committee shall not grant to any one Participant SARs with respect to a number of Shares of Common Stock in excess of 500,000 shares of Common Stock.

The exercise price of an SAR must equal or exceed the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of grant of the SAR except for Substitute Awards, which shall have

the exercise price as determined by the Committee provided that such exercise price does not cause the Substitute Award to become subject to Code Section 409A and the Committee takes into consideration any third-party voting guidelines. Prior to the exercise of the SAR and delivery of the Shares represented thereby, the Participant shall have no rights as a shareholder with respect to Shares covered by such outstanding SAR (including any dividend or voting rights).

SARs granted in tandem with options shall be exercisable only when, to the extent and on the conditions that any related option is exercisable. The exercise of an option shall result in an immediate forfeiture of any related SAR to the extent the option is exercised, and the exercise of an SAR shall cause an immediate forfeiture of any related option to the extent the SAR is exercised.

Upon the exercise of an SAR, the Participant shall be entitled to a distribution from the Company in an amount equal to the difference between the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on the date of exercise and the exercise price of the SAR or, in the case of SARs granted in tandem with options, any option to which the SAR is related, multiplied by the number of Shares as to which the SAR is exercised. Such distribution shall be in cash and/or Shares having a Fair Market Value equal to such amount, or any combination thereof as chosen by the Committee.

All SARs will be exercised automatically on the last day prior to the expiration date of the SAR or, in the case of SARs granted in tandem with options, any related option, so long as the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock on that date exceeds the exercise price of the SAR or any related option, as applicable. An SAR granted in tandem with options shall expire at the same time as any related option expires and shall be transferable only when, and under the same conditions as, any related option is transferable. Unless otherwise determined by a Participant's Grant Agreement, each SAR shall be subject to the termination and forfeiture provisions as set forth in <u>Section 6.e.</u>

8. <u>Restricted Stock; Restricted Stock Units</u>.

(a) The Committee may at any time and from time to time grant Shares of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units under the Plan to such Participants and in such amounts as it determines. Each Share of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Unit shall be equivalent in value to one share of Common Stock and shall entitle the Participant to receive from the Company at the end of the vesting period (the "Vesting Period") applicable to such unit the Fair Market Value of one share of Common Stock, unless the Participant has elected at a time that complies with Code Section 409A to defer the receipt of shares of Common Stock.

(b) Each grant of Restricted Stock Units or Shares of Restricted Stock shall be evidenced by a Grant Agreement which shall specify the applicable restrictions on such Units or Shares, the duration of such restrictions, and the time or times at which such restrictions shall lapse with respect to all or a specified number of shares that are part of the grant; provided, however, except for maximum aggregate Awards of Restricted Stock of 5% of the aggregate Shares authorized by Section 4, if the vesting condition for any Award, other than an Incentive Stock Option or Non-qualified Stock Option, that is settled in Common Stock (including Awards

of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units) (a "<u>Full Value Award</u>"), relates (x) exclusively to the passage of time and continued employment, such time period shall not be less than 36 months, with thirty-three and one-third percent ($33 \frac{1}{3}\%$) of the Award vesting every 12 months from the date of the Award, subject to Section 6(g) and (y) to the attainment of specified performance goals, such Full Value Award shall vest over a Performance Cycle of not less than one (1) year. Except for maximum aggregate Awards of Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units of 5% of the aggregate Shares authorized by Section 4, the Committee shall not waive or modify any vesting condition for a Full Value Award after such vesting condition has been established with respect to such Award.

(c) Except as otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement, the Participant will be required to pay the Company the aggregate par value of any Shares of Restricted Stock within ten days of the date of grant, unless such Shares of Restricted Stock are treasury shares. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, certificates representing Shares of Restricted Stock granted under the Plan will be held in escrow by the Company on the Participant's behalf during any period of restriction thereon and will bear an appropriate legend specifying the applicable restrictions thereon, and the Participant will be required to execute a blank stock power therefor.

(d) If the grant of Restricted Stock Units or Restricted Stock or the lapse of restrictions is based on the attainment of Performance Goals, the Committee shall establish the objective Performance Goals and the applicable vesting percentage of the Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units applicable to each Participant or class of Participants in writing prior to the beginning of the applicable fiscal year or at such later date as otherwise determined by the Committee and while the outcome of the Performance Goals are substantially uncertain. Such Performance Goals may incorporate provisions for disregarding (or adjusting for) changes in accounting methods, corporate transactions (including, without limitation, dispositions and acquisitions) and other similar type events or circumstances. With regard to an Award of either Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units that is intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Code, to the extent any such provision would create impermissible discretion under Section 162(m) of the Code or otherwise violate Section 162(m) of the Code, such provision shall be of no force or effect.

(e) Restricted Stock Units may be granted without payment of cash or consideration to the Company. Except as otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement, on the date the Restricted Stock Units become fully vested and nonforfeitable, the Participant shall receive, upon payment by the Participant to the Company of the aggregate par value of the shares of Common Stock underlying each fully vested Restricted Stock Unit, stock certificates evidencing the conversion of Restricted Stock Units into shares of Common Stock.

(f) The Participant shall not be permitted to Transfer shares of Restricted Stock awarded under this Plan during the period or periods set by the Committee (the "<u>Restriction Period</u>") commencing on the date of such Award, as set forth in the Restricted Stock Grant Agreement and such agreement shall set forth a vesting schedule and any events which would accelerate vesting of the shares of Restricted Stock. Within these limits, based on service, attainment of Performance Goals pursuant to this Section 8(d) and/or such other factors or criteria as the Committee may determine in its sole discretion, the Committee may condition the

grant or provide for the lapse of such restrictions in installments in whole or in part, or may accelerate the vesting of all or any part of any Restricted Stock Award and/or waive the deferral limitations for all or any part of any Restricted Stock Award. If the grant of shares of Restricted Stock or the lapse of restrictions is based on the attainment of Performance Goals, the Committee shall establish the objective Performance Goals and the applicable vesting percentage of the Restricted Stock applicable to each Participant or class of Participants in writing prior to the beginning of the applicable fiscal year or at such later date as otherwise determined by the Committee and while the outcome of the Performance Goals are substantially uncertain. Such Performance Goals may incorporate provisions for disregarding (or adjusting for) changes in accounting methods, corporate transactions (including, without limitation, dispositions) and other similar type events or circumstances. With regard to a Restricted Stock Award that is intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Code, to the extent any such provision would create impermissible discretion under Section 162(m) of the Code or otherwise violate Section 162(m) of the Code, such provision shall be of no force or effect.

(g) Except as otherwise provided in Section 8(d) or in any Grant Agreement, with respect to Shares of Restricted Stock, during such period of restriction the Participant shall have all of the rights of a holder of Common Stock, including but not limited to the rights to receive dividends and to vote, and any stock or other securities received as a distribution with respect to such Participant's Shares of Restricted Stock shall be subject to the same restrictions as then in effect for the Shares of Restricted Stock, provided that any dividends on Shares of Restricted Stock that vest based upon the satisfaction of any performance conditions shall be accumulated and paid at the time the underlying performance conditions are satisfied. Except as otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement, with respect to the Restricted Stock Units, during such period of restriction the Participant shall not have any rights as a shareholder of the Company; provided that, unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, the Participant shall have the right to receive accumulated dividends or distributions with respect to the corresponding number of Shares underlying each Restricted Stock Unit at the end of the Vesting Period, unless such Restricted Stock Units are converted into Deferred Stock Units, in which case such accumulated dividends or distributions shall be paid by the Company to the Participant at such time as the Deferred Stock Units are converted into shares of Common Stock.

(h) Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, each unit or Share of Restricted Stock shall be subject to the termination and forfeiture provisions as set forth in Section 6(g).

9. <u>Performance Awards</u>.

Performance Awards may be granted to Participants at any time and from time to time as determined by the Committee. The Committee shall determine the size and composition of Performance Awards granted to a Participant and the appropriate period over which performance is to be measured (a "<u>Performance Cycle</u>"). Performance Awards may include (i) specific dollar-value target awards (ii) performance units, the value of each such unit being determined by the Committee at the time of issuance, and/or (iii) performance Shares, the value of each such Share being equal to the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock. In any one calendar year, the Committee shall not grant to any one Participant Performance Awards (i) payable in Common Stock for an amount in excess of 500,000 shares of Common Stock, or (ii) for Performance

Awards payable in Other Securities or a combination of Common Stock and Other Securities, with a maximum amount payable thereunder of more than the Fair Market Value of 500,000 shares of Common Stock determined either on the date of grant of the award or the date the award is paid, whichever is greater.

The value of each Performance Award may be fixed or it may be permitted to fluctuate based on a performance factor (e.g., return on equity) selected by the Committee; provided that, payment of any Performance Award that is intended to qualify as "qualified performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation §1.162-27(e) shall be based solely on the satisfaction of pre-established, objective goals determined with reference to one or more of the following performance factors: return on equity; earnings per share; return on gross or net assets; return on gross or net revenue; pre- or after-tax net income; earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; operating income; revenue growth; consolidated pre-tax earnings; net or gross revenues; net earnings; earnings before interest and taxes; cash flow; earnings per share; fleet in-market availability; safety criteria; environmental criteria; revenue growth; cash flow from operations; diluted or basic; return on sales; earnings per share from continuing operations, diluted or basic; earnings from continuing operations; net asset turnover; capital expenditures; income before income taxes; gross or operating margin; return on total assets; return on invested capital; return on investment; return on revenue; market share; economic value added; cost of capital; expense reduction levels; stock price; productivity; customer satisfaction; employee satisfaction; and total shareholder return for the applicable Performance Cycle, all as computed in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (if relevant) as in effect from time to time and as applied by the Company in the preparation of its financial statements and subject to such other special rules and conditions as the Compensation Committee may establish at any time ending on or before the 90th day of the applicable Performance Cycle. These performance factors may be absolute or relative (to prior performance of the Company or to the performance of one or more other entities or external indices) and may be expressed in terms of a progression within a specified range. The foregoing criteria shall have any reasonable definitions that the Committee may specify, which may include or exclude any or all of the following items, as the Committee may specify: extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring items; effects of accounting changes; effects of currency fluctuations; effects of financing activities (e.g., effect on earnings per share of issuing convertible debt securities); expenses for restructuring, productivity initiatives or new business initiatives; non-operating items; acquisition expenses; and effects of divestitures.

The Committee shall establish Performance Goals and objectives for each Performance Cycle on the basis of such criteria and objectives as the Committee may select from time to time, including, without limitation, the performance of the Participant, the Company, one or more of its Subsidiaries or divisions or any combination of the foregoing. During any Performance Cycle, the Committee shall have the authority to adjust the Performance Goals and objectives for such cycle for such reasons as it deems equitable.

The Committee shall determine the portion of each Performance Award that is earned by a Participant on the basis of the Company's performance over the Performance Cycle in relation to the Performance Goals for such cycle. The earned portion of a Performance Award may be paid out in Shares, Other Company Securities or any combination thereof, as the Committee may determine.

A Participant must be a director, officer or employee of, or otherwise perform services for, the Company or its Subsidiaries at the end of the Performance Cycle in order to be entitled to payment of a Performance Award issued in respect of such cycle; provided, however, unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, each Performance Award shall be subject to the termination and forfeiture provisions as set forth in Section 6(g).

Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if there is a Change in Control of the Company, the Committee shall determine the level at which a Participant's Performance Awards shall become vested upon such Change in Control.

10. Deferred Stock Units.

Deferred Stock Units (A) may be granted to Participants at any time and from time to time as determined by the Committee, and (B) shall be issued to Participants who elected prior to the date the Restricted Stock Units were granted to defer delivery of shares of Common Stock that would otherwise be due by virtue of the lapse or waiver of the vesting requirements of their Restricted Stock Units. All elections with respect to Deferred Stock Units shall be made in accordance with the election and distribution timing rules in Code Section 409A.

Except as otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement, Deferred Stock Units shall be granted without payment of cash or other consideration to the Company but in consideration of services performed for or for the benefit of the Company or any Subsidiary by such Participant. Payment of the value of Deferred Stock Units shall be made by the Company in shares of Common Stock; provided that, the Participant shall receive a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the number of matured or earned Deferred Stock Units. Upon payment in respect of a Deferred Stock Unit, such unit shall be terminated and thereafter forfeited. Payments in respect of Deferred Stock Units shall be made only at the end of the Deferral Period applicable to such units, the duration of which Deferral Period shall be determined by the Committee at the time of grant of such Deferred Stock Units and set forth in the applicable Grant Agreement (or by the Participant in the case of an election to defer the receipt of Common Stock beyond the Vesting Period).

Except as otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement, during such Deferral Period the Participant shall not have any rights as a shareholder of the Company; provided that, unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, the Participant shall have the right to receive accumulated dividends or distributions with respect to the corresponding number of shares of Common Stock underlying each Deferred Stock Unit at the end of the Deferral Period when such Deferred Stock Units are converted into shares of Common Stock.

Unless otherwise provided in the Participant's Grant Agreement or related election form, if a Participant dies while serving as a director, officer or employee of the Company or its Subsidiary prior to the end of the Deferral Period, the Participant shall receive payment in respect to such Participant's Deferred Stock Units which would have matured or been earned at the end of such Deferral Period as if the applicable Deferral Period had ended as of the date of such Participant's death.

Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement or related election form, if a Participant ceases to be a director, officer or employee of, or to otherwise perform services for, the Company or its Subsidiaries upon his or her Disability or Retirement prior to the end of the Deferral Period, the Participant shall receive payment in respect of such Participant's Deferred Stock Units at the end of such Deferral Period.

Unless otherwise provided in the Participant's Grant Agreement or related election form, at such time as a Participant ceases to be, or in the event a Participant does not become, a director, officer or employee of, or otherwise performing services for, the Company or its subsidiaries for any reason other than Disability, Retirement or death, such Participant shall immediately forfeit any unvested Deferred Stock Units which would have matured or been earned at the end of such Deferral Period.

11. Other Stock-Based Awards.

Generally. The Committee is authorized to grant to Participants Other Stock-Based Awards that are payable in, valued in whole or in part (a) by reference to, or otherwise based on or related to shares of Common Stock, including but not limited to, shares of Common Stock awarded purely as a bonus and not subject to any restrictions or conditions, shares of Common Stock in payment of the amounts due under an incentive or performance plan sponsored or maintained by the Company or an Affiliate, stock equivalent units, and Awards valued by reference to book value of shares of Common Stock. Other Stock-Based Awards may be granted either alone or in addition to or in tandem with other Awards granted under the Plan. Subject to the provisions of this Plan, the Committee shall have authority to determine the Participants, to whom, and the time or times at which, such Awards shall be made, the number of shares of Common Stock to be awarded pursuant to such Awards, and all other conditions of the Awards. The Committee may also provide for the grant of Common Stock under such Awards upon the completion of a specified Performance Cycle. The Committee may condition the grant or vesting of Other Stock-Based Awards upon the attainment of specified Performance Goals as the Committee may determine, in its sole discretion; provided that to the extent that such Other Stock-Based Awards are intended to comply with Section 162(m) of the Code, the Committee shall establish the objective Performance Goals for the grant or vesting of such Other Stock-Based Awards based on a Performance Cycle applicable to each Participant or class of Participants in writing prior to the beginning of the applicable Performance Cycle or at such later date as permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code and while the outcome of the Performance Goals are substantially uncertain. Such Performance Goals may incorporate, if and only to the extent permitted under Section 162(m) of the Code, provisions for disregarding (or adjusting for) changes in accounting methods, corporate transactions (including, without limitation, dispositions and acquisitions) and other similar type events or circumstances. To the extent any such provision would create impermissible discretion under Section 162(m) of the Code or otherwise violate Section 162(m) of the Code, such provision shall be of no force or effect.

(b) <u>Terms and Conditions</u>. Other Stock-Based Awards made pursuant to this Section 9 shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

(i) <u>Non-Transferability</u>. Subject to the applicable provisions of the Grant Agreement and this Plan, shares of Common Stock subject to Awards made under this Section 9

may not be Transferred prior to the date on which the shares are issued, or, if later, the date on which any applicable restriction, performance or deferral period lapses.

(ii) <u>Dividends</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee at the time of Award, subject to the provisions of the Grant Agreement and this Plan, the recipient of an Award under this Section 9 shall not be entitled to receive, currently or on a deferred basis, dividends or dividend equivalents with respect to the number of shares of Common Stock covered by the Award, as determined at the time of the Award by the Committee, in its sole discretion.

(iii) <u>Vesting</u>. Any Award under this Section 9 and any Common Stock covered by any such Award shall vest or be forfeited to the extent so provided in the Grant Agreement, as determined by the Committee, in its sole discretion.

(iv) <u>Price</u>. Common Stock issued on a bonus basis under this Section 9 may be issued for no cash consideration; Common Stock purchased pursuant to a purchase right awarded under this Section 9 shall be priced, as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion.

12. Other Cash Based Awards.

The Committee may from time to time grant Other Cash-Based Awards to Participants in such amounts, on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, including no consideration or such minimum consideration as may be required by applicable law, as it shall determine in its sole discretion. Other Cash-Based Awards may be granted subject to the satisfaction of vesting conditions or may be awarded purely as a bonus and not subject to restrictions or conditions, and if subject to vesting conditions, the Committee may accelerate the vesting of such Awards at any time in its sole discretion. The grant of an Other Cash-Based Award shall not require a segregation of any of the Company's assets for satisfaction of the Company's payment obligation thereunder **.**

13. Grant of Dividend Equivalent Rights.

The Committee may include in a Participant's Grant Agreement a dividend equivalent right entitling the grantee to receive amounts equal to all or any portion of the dividends that would be paid on the shares of Common Stock covered by such Award if such Shares had been delivered pursuant to such Award. In the event such a provision is included in a Grant Agreement, the Committee shall determine whether such payments shall be made in cash, in shares of Common Stock or in another form, whether they shall be conditioned upon the exercise of the Award to which they relate, the time or times at which they shall be made, and such other terms and conditions as the Committee shall deem appropriate. Any dividend equivalent rights that may be granted on account of Awards that vest based upon the satisfaction of any performance conditions may only be paid if the underlying performance conditions of the Award are satisfied.

14. <u>Withholding Taxes</u>.

(a) <u>Participant Election</u>. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, a Participant may elect to deliver shares of Common Stock (or have the Company withhold Shares acquired upon exercise of an option or SAR or deliverable upon grant or vesting of Restricted

Stock or vesting of Restricted Stock Units or Deferred Stock Units or the receipt of Common Stock, as the case may be) to satisfy, in whole or in part, the amount the Company is required to withhold for taxes in connection with the exercise of an option or SAR or the delivery of Restricted Stock upon grant or vesting or the receipt of Common Stock, as the case may be. Such election must be made on or before the date the amount of tax to be withheld is determined. Once made, the election shall be irrevocable. The fair market value of the shares to be withheld or delivered will be the Fair Market Value as of the date the amount of tax to be withheld is determined. In the event a Participant elects to deliver or have the Company withhold shares of Common Stock pursuant to this Section 14(a), such delivery or withholding must be made subject to the conditions and pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 6(b) with respect to the delivery or withholding of Common Stock in payment of the exercise price of options.

(b) <u>Company Requirement</u>. The Company may require, as a condition to any grant or exercise under the Plan or to the delivery of certificates for Shares issued hereunder, that the grantee make provision for the payment to the Company, either pursuant to Section 14(a) or this Section 14(b), of federal, state or local taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to any grant, delivery or vesting of Shares. The Company, to the extent permitted or required by law, shall have the right to deduct from any payment of any kind (including salary or bonus) otherwise due to a grantee, an amount equal to any federal, state or local taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to any grant or delivery of Shares under the Plan. The Company shall in no event be liable for any taxes whatsoever (including, without limitation, taxes under Code Section 409A) associated with the grant, vesting, exercise, or settlement of any Award granted pursuant to this Plan, other than the Company's share of any payroll taxes.

15. Grant Agreement; Vesting.

Each employee to whom an Award is made under the Plan shall enter into a Grant Agreement with the Company that shall contain such provisions, including without limitation vesting requirements, consistent with the provisions of the Plan, as may be approved by the Committee. Unless the Committee determines otherwise and except as otherwise provided herein in connection with a Change of Control or certain occurrences of Termination, no Award under this Plan may be exercised, and no restrictions relating thereto may lapse, within six months of the date such Award is made.

16. <u>Transferability</u>.

No Award granted under the Plan shall be transferable by a Participant other than (a) by will or the laws of descent and distribution, (b) to a Participant's Family Member by gift or a qualified domestic relations order as defined by the Code or (c) to a charitable organization, but in each case only with Committee approval or as provided in a Grant Agreement. Unless otherwise provided in any Grant Agreement, an Option, SAR or Performance Award may be exercised only by the optionee or grantee thereof; by his or her Family Member if such person has acquired the option, SAR or Performance Award by gift or qualified domestic relations order; by the executor or administrator of the estate of any of the foregoing or any person to whom the Option is transferred by will or the laws of descent and distribution; or by the guardian or legal representative of any of the foregoing; provided that, Incentive Stock Options may be exercised by any Family Member, guardian or legal representative only if permitted by the Code and any regulations thereunder. All provisions of this Plan shall in any event continue to apply to any Award granted under the Plan and transferred as permitted by this Section 16, and any transferree of any such Award shall be bound by all provisions of this Plan as and to the same extent as the applicable original grantee.

17. Listing, Registration and Qualification.

If the Committee determines that the listing, registration or qualification upon any securities exchange or under any law of Shares subject to any Award is necessary or desirable as a condition of, or in connection with, the granting of same or the issue or purchase of Shares thereunder, no such option or SAR may be exercised in whole or in part, no such Performance Award, Restricted Stock Unit or Deferred Stock Unit may be paid out, and no Shares may be issued, unless such listing, registration or qualification is effected free of any conditions not acceptable to the Committee.

18. Lock-Up Period.

As a condition to the grant of an Award, if requested by the Company and the lead underwriter of any public offering of the Common Stock (the "Lead Underwriter"), a Participant shall irrevocably agree not to sell, contract to sell, grant any option to purchase, transfer the economic risk of ownership in, make any short sale of, pledge or otherwise transfer or dispose of, any interest in any Common Stock or any securities convertible into, derivative of, or exchangeable or exercisable for, or any other rights to purchase or acquire Common Stock (except Common Stock included in such public offering or acquired on the public market after such offering) during such period of time following the effective date of a registration statement of the Company filed under the Securities Act that the Lead Underwriter shall specify (the "Lock-Up Period"). The Participant shall further agree to sign such documents as may be requested by the Lead Underwriter to effect the foregoing and agree that the Company may impose stop-transfer instructions with respect to Common Stock acquired pursuant to an Award until the end of such Lock-Up Period.

19. <u>Transfer of Employee</u>.

The transfer of an employee from the Company to a Subsidiary, from a Subsidiary to the Company, or from one Subsidiary to another Subsidiary shall not be considered a Termination of Employment; nor shall it be considered a Termination of Employment if an employee is placed on military or sick leave or such other leave of absence which is considered by the Committee as continuing intact the employment relationship.

20. <u>Section 162(m) of the Code</u>.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, (i) prior to the Registration Date and during the Transition Period, the provisions of the Plan requiring compliance with Section 162(m) of the Code for Awards intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" shall only apply to the extent required by Section 162(m) of the Code, and (ii) the provisions of the Plan requiring compliance with Section 162(m) of the Code shall not

apply to Awards granted under the Plan that are not intended to qualify as "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code.

21. <u>Post-Transition Period</u>.

Following the Transition Period, any Award granted under the Plan that is intended to be "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Code, shall be subject to the approval of the material terms of the Plan by a majority of the stockholders of the Company in accordance with Section 162(m) of the Code and the treasury regulations promulgated thereunder.

22. Adjustments.

(a) In the event that any reorganization, recapitalization, stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, combination of shares, merger, consolidation, distribution of assets, or any other change in the corporate structure or shares of the Company affects Shares such that an adjustment is appropriate in order to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of Participants under the Plan, the Committee shall make such equitable adjustments in any or all of the following in order to prevent such dilution or enlargement of rights: the number and kind of Shares or other property available for issuance under the Plan (including, without limitation, the total number of Shares available for issuance under the Plan pursuant to Section 4), the number and kind of Awards or other property covered by Awards previously made under the Plan, and the exercise price of outstanding options and SARs. Any such adjustment shall be final, conclusive and binding for all purposes of the Plan. In the event of any merger, consolidation or other reorganization in which the Company is not the surviving or continuing corporation or in which a Change in Control is to occur, all of the Company's obligations regarding any Awards that were granted hereunder and that are outstanding on the date of such event shall, on such terms as may be approved by the Committee prior to such event, be assumed by the surviving or continuing corporation or canceled in exchange for property (including cash).

(b) Without limitation of the foregoing, in connection with any transaction of the type specified by Section 2(d)(iii) in the definition of a Change in Control, the Committee may (i) cancel any or all outstanding options under the Plan in consideration for payment to the holders thereof of an amount equal to the portion of the consideration, if any, that would have been payable to such holders pursuant to such transaction if their options had been fully exercised immediately prior to such transaction, less the aggregate exercise price that would have been payable therefor, or (ii) if the amount that would have been payable to the option holders pursuant to such transaction if their options had been fully exercised immediately prior thereto would be equal to or less than the aggregate exercise price that would have been payable therefor, or no consideration or payment of any kind. Payment of any amount payable pursuant to the preceding sentence may be made in cash or, in the event that the consideration to be received in such transaction includes securities or other property, in cash and/or securities or other property in the Committee's discretion.

(c) <u>Change in Control</u>. Unless otherwise provided in a Participant's Grant Agreement, if there is a Change in Control of the Company, all of the Participant's Awards shall become fully vested upon such Change in Control (and, with respect to the Participant's options,

exercisable upon such Change in Control and shall remain so until the expiration date of the options), whether or not the Participant is subsequently terminated.

(d) <u>Clawback.</u> If the Company is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to the material noncompliance of the Company with any financial reporting requirement under the securities laws, then any Participant who has been paid an Award under this Plan based upon or affected by the restated financial report shall be required, at the discretion of the Board, to reimburse the Company for all or any portion of such Award.

23. <u>Amendment and Termination of the Plan</u>.

The Board or the Committee, without approval of the shareholders, may amend or terminate the Plan at any time, except that no amendment shall become effective without prior approval of the shareholders of the Company if (i) shareholder approval would be required by applicable law or regulations, including if required by any listing requirement of the principal stock exchange or national market on which the Common Stock is then listed, (ii) such amendment would remove from the Plan a provision which, without giving effect to such amendment, is subject to shareholder approval, or (iii) such amendment would directly or indirectly increase the Share limits set forth in Section 4 of the Plan.

24. Amendment or Substitution of Awards under the Plan.

The terms of any outstanding Award under the Plan may be amended from time to time by the Committee in any manner that it deems appropriate (including, but not limited to, acceleration of the date of exercise of any Award and/or payments thereunder or of the date of lapse of restrictions on Shares); provided that, except as otherwise provided in Section 22, no such amendment shall adversely affect in a material manner any right of a Participant under the Award without his or her written consent, and provided further that, the Committee shall not reduce the exercise price of any options or SARs awarded under the Plan without approval of the shareholders of the Company. The Committee may, in its discretion, permit holders of Awards under the Plan to surrender outstanding Awards in order to exercise or realize rights under other awards, or in exchange for the grant of new awards, or require holders of Awards to surrender outstanding Awards as a condition precedent to the grant of new awards under the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee shall not take any of the following actions without shareholder approval, except as provided in Section 22: (i) reduce the exercise price following the grant of an option or SAR; (ii) exchange an option or SAR which has an exercise price that is greater than the Fair Market Value of a Share for cash or Shares or (iii) cancel an option or SAR in exchange for a replacement option or another Award with a lower exercise price. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, in no event shall the Committee amend the distribution terms in any Award or Grant Agreement that has a feature for the deferral of compensation if such amendment would result in taxes, additional interest and/or penalties pursuant to Code Section 409A.

25. <u>Termination Date</u>

The date of commencement of the Plan shall be July 16, 2013 (the "Effective Date").

Unless previously terminated upon the adoption of a resolution of the Board terminating the Plan, the Plan shall terminate on the tenth anniversary of the earlier of the date that the Plan is adopted or date the of stockholder approval. No termination of the Plan shall materially and adversely affect any of the rights or obligations of any person, without his or her written consent, under any Award or other incentives theretofore granted under the Plan.

26. <u>Severability</u>.

Whenever possible, each provision of the Plan shall be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of the Plan is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision shall be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of the Plan.

27. Jurisdiction; Waiver of a Jury Trial.

Any suit, action or proceeding with respect to this Plan or any Grant Agreement, or any judgment entered by any court of competent jurisdiction in respect of any thereof, shall be resolved only in the courts of the State of Delaware or the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and the appellate courts having jurisdiction of appeals in such courts. In that context, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Company and each Participant shall irrevocably and unconditionally (a) submit in any proceeding relating to this Plan or any Grant Agreement, or for the recognition and enforcement of any judgment in respect thereof (a "Proceeding"), to the exclusive jurisdiction of appeals from any of the foregoing, and agree that all claims in respect of any such Proceeding shall be heard and determined in such Delaware State court or, to the extent permitted by law, in such federal court, (b) consent that any such Proceeding may and shall be brought in such courts and waives any objection that the Company and each Participant may now or thereafter have to the venue or jurisdiction of any such Proceeding in any such court or that such Proceeding was brought in an inconvenient court and agree not to plead or claim the same, (c) waive all right to trial by jury in any Proceeding (whether based on contract, tort or otherwise) arising out of or relating to this Plan or any Grant Agreement, (d) agree that service of process in any such Proceeding may be effected by mailing a copy of such process by registered or certified mail (or any substantially similar form of mail), postage prepaid, to such party, in the case of a Participant, at the Participant's address shown in the books and records of the Company or, in the case of the Company's principal offices, attention General Counsel, and (e) agree that nothing in this Agreement shall affect the right to effect service of process in any other manner permitted by the laws of the State of Delaware.

28. <u>Governing Law</u>.

The Plan shall be governed by the corporate laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any choice of law provisions that might otherwise refer construction or interpretation of the Plan to the substantive law of another jurisdiction.

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